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From: Giles Maddex [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2017 12:31
To: Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Licence application objection, The Radcliffe Walsworth Rd

Dear sir,

I wish to register my concerns regarding the likely adverse affects relating to the above licence application.

The extended opening hours applied for being midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 11.30 on Sunday are longer than other premises in the area, as well as those in the town centre. As a result this would draw late-night drinkers on their way to the station from town centre pubs who have already been consuming alcohol for the usual period. They would then exit at midnight and pass through the area causing nuisance for residents and the risk of trouble at the railway station.

Problems already experienced by residents and at the station caused by intoxicated persons passing through on the way to the station or east of Hitchin include criminal damage to front of buildings, windows, fences and cars, litter, broken glass, urination and excrement in front gardens and pathways, and late night noise from fights and alcohol-related disorder. Police cameras have had to be installed at either end of Walsworth Rd as a result of these problems. To delay and extend this public nuisance four days of the week seems quite inappropriate.

Although included in the Town Centre classification for various purposes, this area is far removed and almost exclusively residential. Late night noise on a weekday and Sunday could be detrimental to school age children living nearby and on the routes away from this pub.

There is no car park now on this property so non-pedestrians would be calling taxis to wait and collect on this busy junction by a pedestrian crossing giving concerns for road and pedestrian safety.

I would like to see the licence application granted with only the usual opening hours until 11pm as operated by other pubs. Charles Wells' similarly branded "Pizza pots and pints" pub in Baldock has late night opening on Saturday only, and that pub is located amongst other town centre pubs in a non-residential area.

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