

Chez Burton
Representations by other persons

Paul Watts
1 Maltings Court Mansfield Road Baldock Herts SG7 6EB

Dear Sirs

We wish to object to the proposed extending open hours of the above Licensed property in THE GARDEN AREA.

As stated in our previous objection letter dated 5th March 2022, our house is at the back of this restaurant and overlooks the rear garden referred to in this application.

Our property is less than 15 meters away from the garden. All the windows from our property overlook the garden. We live on the first and second floor. Our bedroom is on the second floor and has Velux windows. These will be open at night on hot evenings.

We were happy with the comprise reached last year at the Licensing meeting we it was agreed that the garden would be open until 22:00 hours. Now the request is to be open until 12 midnight 6 days a week and 22:30 on Sunday.

In the warmer weather we will be able to hear every noise from the garden. It is human nature that as people have more to drink, their voices increase in volume and sound travels upwards.

[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Paul watts

David & Stephanie Taylor
3 Maltings Court, Mansfield Road, Baldock, Herts, SG7 6EB

Dear Sir/Madam

We **STRONGLY OBJECT** to the above application for the following reasons:

Chez Burton is surrounded by at least **SEVEN** residential properties whose bedroom windows all overlook the garden area of the restaurant; it is of the upmost importance that you should consider what the affect of granting this variation would have on the residents who live in such close proximity.

The most significant area of concern is the disturbance caused by customers drinking and talking in the garden area with soft background music playing **UNTIL MIDNIGHT**. This would result in a significant, harmful noise intrusion at a time of the night when we would be attempting to sleep.

It is essential that you please take into account the detrimental affect this would have on us all and the quality of our lives if this variation of the licence were to be approved.

Yours faithfully

David & Stephanie Taylor

Maria Free

3 Barns Courtyard Mansfield Road Baldock SG7 6FE

I live directly beside the garden of Chez Burton, I currently have noise from the garden which I have accepted, however a proposal to midnight is unacceptable, I work full time and would have no peace or quality of life. How would I be expected to sleep, I hear every conversation in my garden and house currently but knowing it will stop at around 10. 10.30 means I can get some peace and sleep, I have to be up at 6am Most people drinking at midnight would not consider the neighbours. This garden was always a residential garden because it is surrounding residential gardens, I totally object because it would seriously affect my life and value of property.

Thank you for your email, I have attached some photos of my garden to the left of the wall looking out of my bedroom window.

If a licence is granted allowing the garden to stay open until 12pm and alcohol being consumed how can I living in a residential property expect to have any peace, I work long hours in a stressful job this would have implications on my mental health, as drinking in a garden to that hour will cause noise [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I am already getting noise that stops me from enjoying my garden, increasing the hours will increase alcohol consumption increasing noise.

I have grandchildren that stay over if you allow drinking to 12pm I would no longer be in a position to let them stay.

I appreciate any business wanting to extend drinking hours but it should not be in the detriment of neighbours living in very close proximity.

Brian McAleer

2 Barns Courtyard Mansfield Road Baldock SG7 6FE

REF. Chez Burton 48, Hight Street Baldock SG7 6BJ.

I have seen the proposed plans to extend the hours to Chez Burton.

It has come to my attention that Chez Burton have proposed to extending the hours in the rear garden.

I think that 10.30 is more than acceptable, any later this will interfere with my life and well being, I already hear a lot of noise from the garden that affects me from not wanting to sit outside as it is in very close proximity to my garden. allowing the noise to continue until midnight would affect my well being. This proposed garden area was until Chez Burton took over a private residential garden. [REDACTED]

Karen and Robin Watts
2 Maltings Court, Baldock

1st May 2023

FAO: The North District Council Licensing Committee

Re: Objection to Chez Burton restaurant requesting to lift the current curfew that was imposed last year.

We oppose the application that Chez Burton has made to have the garden open till 11pm and beyond thereby removing the 10pm curfew that was put in place last year by the licensing sub-committee. We object to this happening due to the proximity of our home to the Chez Burton garden. We are concerned about the noise pollution and disturbance that this would cause if it were to go ahead. The Maltings Court houses were built so that our bedroom windows and living areas faced away from the White Lion pub, so we would not be disturbed but now we must put up with the Chez Burton garden, which can get quite noisy. The 10pm curfew was put in place so that this would not impact on the residents. We accept that we live close to the High Street and have to put up with a degree of disturbance associated with this, but this must be managed in such away to limit its impact beyond which is reasonable.

Since the opening of the Chez Burton garden, we have felt uncomfortable and unhappy in our own home. We don't live on the High Street but we now feel that the High Street is intruding into our lives which we didn't ask for. Looking out over the Chez Burton garden is not a pleasant experience with people gawping up at us whilst we are going about our daily lives, we feel exposed and on show. With the garden closing to customers at 10pm, we at least know that we can get some respite and we will be able to go to bed at a reasonable time without too much disturbance. Although sometimes the garden lights are left on for several days at a time which is rather annoying. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Watts family have lived here for years, many more years than Chez Burton. (It was a baker then a sweet shop before it was a restaurant). All this leaves you feeling quite vulnerable in your own home, and we no longer want to live here. Our 1-year-old grandson comes to stay on a Friday and or Saturday night. It concerns us that he too will be disturbed if the garden is permitted to stay open later than 10pm.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The garden opened for patrons in July 2022, so not that long ago and in his application Mr Burton states that customers are "dissatisfied" because they have to start removing guests at "9.30pm". Patrons are made aware of the curfew in the garden upon arriving at the restaurant and are therefore able to make an informed choice as to whether to sit outside or not. He states that this causes loss of sales therefore he is struggling to make a profit. The garden is also open from lunchtime onwards on Fridays and Saturdays, weather permitting, so he is able to make use of the garden during the day. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr Burton is also now utilising his Pavement Licence at the front of the restaurant. Even though he stated in the hearing last year that he cannot use that space due to the position of the zebra crossing, he did manage to put out a few tables and chairs at the front of his restaurant which were used by patrons. The reason for mentioning all this is to show that this application is unreasonable and that we've all had to make compromises and to lift the curfew would be unjust.

Yours sincerely,

Karen and Robin Watts