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WATFORD WD17 4QT

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Dear Sirs/Madams,

Nascot Arms – Extension to trading hours

I wish to register the strongest possible objection to any extension to the already over generous trading hours of Nascot Arms, 11 Stamford Rd. WD17 4QS on grounds of

1. Public Nuisance consisting of litter, additional traffic, occupation of parking space and noise. Local residents pay for parking permits but they are useless at night until the pub closes. Regarding noise, the pub is not free standing, like e.g. the Essex Arms, but is an end-terrace building. Local buildings lack even the protection of a front garden to insulate them from noise in the pub and surrounding streets. I estimate that at least 39 residences lie within 60 metres of the pub.
2. Public Safety. Traffic flow in Stamford Rd. and the entrance to Nascot Place is often impeded by illegal parking or waiting while drivers collect takeaway food. Any emergency vehicle would be unable to make progress.

I enclose a copy of a letter to the M.P. for Watford.

Yours Faithfully,

W.E. Miller

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Watford Borough Council Licensing Authority

Town Hall, WATFORD WD17 3EY

AS. This is a residential area. The town centre boasts an increasing provision for late night refreshment. Other local pubs in less sensitive areas have stricter licensing hours than Nascot Arms currently. Let the locals get some sleep.

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Dear Mr. Harrington,

I write in opposition to a proposal by the brewery, Greene King, to alter the trading hours of my local pub, Nascot Arms, 11 Stamford Rd., WATFORD WD17 4QS. I don't know what influence you can exert on the Licensing Officer, but the proposals – especially to permit trading to half an hour after midnight seven days a week – are entirely inappropriate to this area.

This is a secluded residential area of Victorian terrace cottages, mostly straight off the road with no front garden. Anyone leaving the pub, usually not in silence, walks under our bedroom windows. There have been occasions when I have had to move to my back room during late opening at weekends. The prospect of this seven nights a week is intolerable. 12.30 closing means it is at least 1.00a.m. before customers and their cars have left the area and the pub staff have stopped throwing empty bottles in the bins. The take-away food service will accentuate this.

A neighbouring pub supplying food and drink in a residential area, The Essex Arms, Langley Way in the Cassiobury Estate, has closing time of 10.30p.m. on Sunday, 11.00p.m. Mon. To Thur and 11.30p.m. on Fri and Sat. Nascot Arms has around 40 residences within 60 metres of the pub; Essex Arms may have 2. It is a free standing building surrounded by substantial garden and car park. Neighbouring buildings are insulated from road noise by sizeable front gardens. There is a strong case for saying that the existing hours at Nascot Arms are too long; any extension would indicate total disregard for the interests of residents in favour of the commercial greed of Greene King.

I have received no personal notification of these proposals from the Licensing Officer despite living within 30m of the pub. A notice in small black print on dark blue paper appeared in the pub windows in the last week of April. No other local seems to have read it until I distributed the letter enclosed urging my neighbours to object on grounds of public nuisance to the Licensing Officer by 23<sup>rd</sup> May. I have received the support of local councillor Mark Watkin and have also informed the local residents association. If you can assist in any way I would be grateful. You may in any event wish to know what is proposed.

Yours sincerely,

W.E. Miller

cc Licensing Officer; Mark Watkin; Jeanette Aron; Mark Hofman