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Dear Sir,

**Re: Licensing Application 14/00468/LAPR Variation in The Nascot Arms Premises License**

Please take note of my opposition to approval of the above application. My main reason for doing so is one of public nuisance, but there is also an objection in the 'protecting children from harm' area.

**Public Nuisance.**

Firstly, the Nascot Arms lacks any car parking facilities and, as this is essentially a residential area, street parking is already at a premium; any extension of the opening hours would inevitably result in expansion of car parking to neighbouring roads thus spreading the late-night noise nuisance.

Secondly, the Nascot Arms does not have any form of off street smoking area therefore those who smoke are forced to go out into the street; inevitably this leads to conversation and noise which could lead to interference with those living in immediate housing.

Thirdly, the smokers contribute to litter on the pedestrian footway.

Fourth, in hot weather because the public house lacks air conditioning it has to open its windows to cool its customers, and this could lead to noise interference for those living nearby.

Finally, the kitchen lacks filtration of cooking smells, and already the area is pervaded by the smell of food being cooked. Any extension of the opening hours would increase the effect of this. One only has to enter Stamford Road down-wind of the Nascot Arms when the restaurant is open, and you are immediately aware of the smell of cooking food.

**Child Protection**

The Nascot Arms is directly across the road from the Stamford Road children's play area and it is used by parents who drink while their children play. Occasionally alcohol is consumed in the play area; it is a form of 'beer garden'. It is seen as a social asset in the community and the public house allows the children to use its toilet facilities. The public house also provides plastic 'glasses' to avoid broken glass in the play area. However, it would be unlikely that late-night customers, who visit the play park, would be provided with safety drinking glasses and there could be a danger of resulting broken glass in the play area. Occasionally, partially consumed alcohol can be found in the play park already, and there could be a danger of more of this if the Nascot Arms opening hours were extended.

Yours faithfully,

C..A. Spanner (Mr)

