

## Objection to Licensing Application for Nascot Arms

**Your Reference: 14/00468/LAPR**

Name: John and Diane Ramsey

Address: 9 Stamford Road, Watford, Herts WD17 4QS

Email: }

Telephone:

Name of premises: Nascot Arms

Address of Premises: 11 Stamford Road, Watford, Herts

Stamford Road is a quiet residential area, with a small playground and is part of the Nascot Conservation Area. Many of the buildings are Victorian with single-brick external walls. We object to the application on the basis that it breaks the licensing objective for the Prevention of Public Nuisance:

1. It should be noted that there are already existing breaches of this licensing objective (prevention of public nuisance) that are ignored:
  - Drinking alcohol occurs outside the Nascot Arms on the public pavement and outside the Stamford Road Playground.
  - There is significant litter outside the Nascot Arms, caused mainly by cigarette butts but also by bottles and glasses left outside.
  - Restrictive parking means drivers pick-up and drop-off people in the middle of the road, leaving their engine running and music playing. This is particularly true of taxis who beep their horns, rather than park and collect their passengers.
  - People are understandably more boisterous as the time gets later. However, making noise outside the Nascot Arms whilst drinking or leaving is made at levels that easily permeate single-brick external walls which are the character of the terraced cottages in the immediate vicinity of the pub. In addition, most of the houses in Stamford Road, Nascot Place and Cole Road have no front garden, their doors directly opening to the pavement. This means that noise directly enters the house rather than be slightly protected by a front garden.
2. The extension of opening hours to 00.30 from Sunday to Thursday will make the noise pollution, litter and parking significantly worse, due to increased street activity, both pedestrian and vehicular, and further disrupt the residents' enjoyment of a

peaceful area.

3. The extension of late night refreshment to 00.30 on all days will also increase street activity, both pedestrian and vehicular, and therefore worsen the existing noise pollution, litter and parking significantly. This will also further disrupt residents' enjoyment of a peaceful area.
4. The application also applies to extend: on and off-premises alcohol sales; opening hours; and provision of late night refreshment "from the end of the permitted hours on New Year's Eve until the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day" which, as I understand means opening all night. I find this completely unacceptable, and it will make the noise pollution, litter and parking significantly worse, due to increased street activity, both pedestrian and vehicular, and further disrupt the residents' enjoyment of a peaceful area.

Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014