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15 Stamford Road Watford Herts WD17 4QS

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Watford Borough Council Town Hall Watford Herts WD17 3EX

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Dear Sirs

APPLICATION TO VARY THE PREMISES LICENCE
NASCOT ARMS, 11 STAMFORD ROAD, WATFORD, WD17 4QS

I write to express my concerns and objections about the changes to the licence of the Nascot Arms public house.

My objections are for the following reasons:-

Crime and Disorder

Whilst the pub is currently very well managed by the existing licensee, Mr Craig Fabian, I have an extreme concern that any future change of Licence Holder could seriously affect the local area.

Evidence to support this is; having been a resident in Nascot for 24 years, I have personally witnessed the demise of the Bedford Arms from a well run local venue under the management of Mr Alan Freeman (my Father In Law at that time) into a thug led violent drug den; which had a very negative impact on the local community and eventually resulted in its closure, despite many attempts by the brewery to salvage it.

My fear, which is very real, is that should Mr Fabian move on at some point, a similar situation could arise whereby we have undesirable characters coming into the pub and surrounding area to engage in unlawful activities such as anti-social behaviour, drugs, violence and public disorder.

The extended sale of alcohol to 00:00am and late night refreshment until 00:30am could potentially increase antisocial behaviour, particularly bearing in mind the street lights are turned off at 00:00 hrs and the street is plunged into darkness. This could ultimately result in unfavourable activities which would impact on quality of life and the ethos of our local community, which is currently exceptionally good.

I feel the pub is integral to our community, it brings together a variety of people, residents and families from all walks of life and more recently a younger age group which enables the pub and local economy to prosper. However, I would ask the Council to consider the sustained quality of life for the local residents in the immediate and long term future.

Yours faithfully,

Susan Hill Resident

Sent via email plus hard copy delivered by hand to the Council