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17 Nascot Place
Watford, Herts WD17 4QT

Watford Borough Council Licensing Authority
Town Hall
Watford
WD17 3EY

20 May 2014

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Dear Sirs

Re: Application to vary the Premises Licence – The Nascot Arms, Stamford Road

I am writing to express my concern in respect of the above.

I have lived here for just over a year now and I must admit, the level of noise coming from the pub has increased during that year with raucous laughter coming from the area of the pub late into the evening – 7 days a week.

The above scenario currently happens now, so to extend any premises licence would simply prolong this disturbance. I live at the far end of Nascot Place and I hear the noise emitted from the pub. I feel extremely sorry for neighbours living next to and opposite the Nascot Arms as it must be a complete intrusion on their basic right to live in a peaceful neighbourhood.

Thankfully, I have as yet never heard people fighting outside the pub or seen any violence or such trouble and I hope I never do.

Greene King are only wishing to extend the premise licence purely for monetary gain and are not showing any consideration to the residents who live in very close proximity to this pub which I believe is already open long enough, every day.

In truth, they only wish to increase the hours a child can be permitted on the premises so that their parents can continue drinking alcohol that little bit longer with their child in sight – that's responsible isn't it?

I appreciate Greene King may wish to renovate the pub which is being carried out at this moment – ironically for them, more than anything while the pub is closed for several weeks it has actually shown just how much noise and congestion it does generate – and that's without the proposed, extended hours! The current tranquillity in terms of noise and congestion is undeniably palpable.

I believe the current opening hours are quite sufficient and if visitors to the Nascot Arms want to extend their drinking and jollity they should go into Watford Town Centre where there are more than enough bars that stay open later – why inconvenience decent residents of a little community in Nascot Place?

As an addendum, Nascot Place is only a very small cul-de-sac with limited access to residents. The surrounding area becomes extremely congested with visitors to the pub constantly, 7 days a week parking on double yellow lines and using the end of the road as a turning point.

This has resulted in residents cars being knocked and dented in what becomes a 6 to 7 point turn in a very restricted area.

The fact that inconsiderate visitors to the Nascot Arms park their vehicles in every available inch of space including on double yellow lines on the corner of Stamford Road and Nascot Place, prevents residents from exiting Nascot Place safely and without full visibility.

I would like to point out that there is a children's playground directly opposite the pub and Nascot Place which in itself creates a potentially dangerous situation for children and adults crossing the road to and from the pub and playground.

The Nascot Arms is a very well established pub and I am sure that the majority of resident in Nascot Place have been there on more than one occasion, however I believe all concerned with the pub and the way it is run should first and foremost act considerately towards the residents of Nascot Place.

This is why I am expressing my view that the extended opening hours should NOT be accepted.

Yours faithfully

Frances Nicholas

Steve Dunkley

REPRESENTATION FORM

This representation is made by the following person/organisation/body in relation to the licensing application for the premises detailed below

Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent	FRANCES NICHOLAS /STEPHEN DUNKLEY
Organisation name/name of body you represent (if appropriate)	N/A
Postal and email address	17 Nascot Place Watford WD17 4ST
Contact telephone number	

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	NASCOT ARMS, 11 STAMFORD ROAD
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	As Above

Your representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 4)

Licensing Objective	Yes Or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder		
Public safety		
To prevent public nuisance	YES	
To protect children from harm		

Please suggest any conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. (see note 7)	
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Signed:

Date: 20.5.14

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NOTES

1. Please complete the form in black ink or type only.
2. If you do make a representation you will be expected to attend a meeting of the Licensing Authority's Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding. If you do not attend, the Committee will consider any representations that you have made.
3. This form must be returned within the statutory period of 28 days from the date the application was submitted to the licensing authority. (Received by 23 May 14)
4. You must live, work or represent a body which is situated within the Borough of Watford in order to make representations.
5. The representation must relate to one or more of the four licensing objectives; nothing else can be taken into account. The objectives are:
 - a. Crime and disorder: This relates to any crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour related to the management of the premises. The licence holder cannot be responsible for the conduct of individuals once they leave the premises;
 - b. Public safety: This relates to the safety of the public on the premises – such as fire safety, lighting and first aid;
 - c. Prevention of public nuisance: This can relate to hours of operation, noise and vibration, noxious smells, light pollution, and litter; NUISANCE FROM NO CAR PARKING SPACES
 - d. Protection of children from harm: This relates to protecting children from the activities carried out on the premises whilst they are on the premises. The law already provides special protections for children, such as making it illegal for children under 18 to buy alcohol.
6. Your representation will be passed to the applicant, to allow them the opportunity of addressing your concerns. Your representation will be published in the report available to the Licensing Committee, which will be publicly available. Names and addresses will only be withheld from the Committee report at your request.
7. Note that it is not acceptable to lobby a Councillor who is a member of the Licensing Committee.
8. The licensing authority has a pool of "model" conditions that can be referred to at www.watford.gov.uk under 'Licensing Policy 2011 – 2013n'.
9. Please return this form when completed to:

Watford Licensing Authority, Town Hall, WATFORD
Hertfordshire, WD17 3EX

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