

Appendix 5

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Stephen Culleton

From: Gill Harrison <gillharrison@live.co.uk>
Sent: 18 July 2013 06:53
To: Stephen Culleton
Subject: Licence application Number 13/01310/LAPLA

Dear Steven,

I am writing to support the above application. I have received an anonymous flyer listing reasons to protest against the Red Lion Public House's wish to extend their licencing hours. I am a resident of Wheelton and I disagree with all the comments made on the flyer. I think the application might help to keep our local pub going by generating a bit of new custom. The village is quiet during the day so parking would not be a problem. I very much doubt that noise levels would increase and I'm sure our deceased hero's from the wars wouldn't mind as they probably used the pub themselves. Also, the children should be in school/ nursery for 9:00 am and I doubt that there would be a hectic rush of customers to the pub at that time. As a night shift worker who works weekends it would be very nice to be able to pop in there occasionally before I go off to sleep! Thank You. Gillian Harrison.

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217 Blackburn Road

Wheelton. PR6 8EY

18/07/2013.

Mr S Culleton.

Licencing Team.

Re: Licence application Number: 13/01310/LAPLA

Dear Mr Culleton,

I am writing to support the above application. I have received an anonymous flyer (Please see attached) listing reasons to protest against the Red Lion Public House's wish to extend their licencing hours. I am a resident of Wheelton of some twenty odd years and I disagree with all the comments made on the flyer. I think the application might help to keep our local pub going by generating a bit of new custom. The village is quiet during the day so parking would not be a problem. I very much doubt that noise levels would increase and I'm sure our deceased hero's from the wars wouldn't mind as they probably used the pub themselves. Local children should be in school/ nursery for 9:00 am and I doubt that there would be a hectic rush of customers to the pub at that time. As for the smokers, it would be nice to do away with them altogether but I think we have done away with hanging, unless there is a new law pending. As a night shift worker who works weekends it might be very nice to be able to pop in there occasionally before I go off to sleep!

However, should the proprietor of The Red Lion pub be focussing on sales of tea, coffee etc. to passing walkers, I do understand that rival businesses might feel threatened and be unhappy about this application. Personally, I think that the walkers of the Chorley area should make the decision about where and what they imbibe and a bit of rivalry might improve services in the village. All in all, I think this protest might just be a storm in a teacup. Whether this new competition is legal grounds to deny the application would be up to you and your team to decide.

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,

Gillian R Harrison

Gillian Harrison.

Red Lion - Wheelton

Licence Application



Act Now

to avoid the risk of

Noise, Nuisance and Anti Social Behaviour ?

It's a sad reflection of our times that so many of our local pubs are struggling to remain viable. The response however should not be to risk making these establishments a potential focus for activities they were never designed to cater for and creating problems and nuisance where none existed before.

The current licence application for Red Lion is not appropriate in its current form and we need to let those within the Council know that before making a decision on this application.

The current licence application seeks permission for drink, live and recorded music from 9 am till 1 am every day of the week.

I hope you will agree that whilst wanting to support the provision of local facilities, businesses and amenities this application is simply not appropriate for the following reasons:

- The pub sits at the heart of the village amidst and immediately adjacent to very many family homes with young children and accommodation for older residents at Ryecroft and Ryefield
- The pub sits immediately opposite the village War Memorial gardens, a place of peace and a place where we remember our family and friends lost in conflict
- A planning application for a new facility with such uses across such hours would be unlikely to be approved in this location
- There are already recognised local parking issues in the village and the pub is located close to a significant pinch point for vehicles including, and in particular, public service vehicles. More visiting vehicles will inevitably have to park throughout the village as the car park has space for less than 10 cars. This will potentially cause more widespread disturbance as visitors leave in the early hours of the morning
- There are school and nursery facilities close by where any activity not wholly confined within the premises could have an impact
- The village and in particular the highway immediately adjacent the Red Lion act as a pick up point for a large number of local schools which means that twice each day large numbers of school children of all ages are in attendance waiting for or leaving local school buses.

- Levels of background noise in this location are currently low and the effect of introducing regular music events will seriously impact on the residential amenity of the area and potentially be harmful to the quality of family life for local residents. The building is old and will inevitably 'leak' noise through it's windows and each time the doors are opened
- Increased numbers of customers leaving the premises to smoke outside at the front entrance will add further noise nuisance and potential litter to this central location

Please act now and record your objection to this application in its current form. An e-mail or letter will be fine but MUST mention that this application goes against the Council's licensing objectives and that you are concerned about the level of public nuisance that might be created. Contact Chorley Council and let them have your comments by 24th July

by email to:

Stephen.culleton@chorley.gov.uk

or in writing to:

Mr S Culleton, Licensing Team, Chorley Borough Council, Civic Offices, Union Street, Chorley.

You can view the application:

<http://planning.chorley.gov.uk/online-applications/advancedSearchResults.do;jsessionid=219FE5EF3AAC11063529638D685E9AA3?action=firstPage>

or search the Chorley Council web site for - Licence application Number: 13/01310/LAPLA

Copy your letter to your local councillor: marie.gray@chorley.gov.uk;
chris.france@chorley.gov.uk; alison.hansford@chorley.gov.uk

You can also copy any response to the Chair of the Licensing committee at Chorley Council:
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Matthew Swift

From: Cllr Alison Hansford
Sent: 24 July 2013 16:04
To: Matthew Swift
Subject: Red Lion Representation

Hello Matthew

I am quite happy with this now i think it covers everything needed in relation to the comments & concerns I had.

The only thing I inserted I'm not sure if it should be in as I couldn't remember if I put it in before when you said it would be covered elsewhere was food hygiene as I thought food came under this application. If its wrong just omit it for me please.

Enjoy your weekend & thank you

Alison

Cllr.A.M.Hansford

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I wish to make the following representation to the application for a premises licence for the premises at 196 Blackburn Road, Wheelton, PR6 8EU, made by Special Ale Services Ltd.

I understand that the application requests the same licensable hours as issued in the licence previously held at the premises. Whilst I do not in principal oppose the granting of a premises licence to the applicant and I fully support rural businesses, I do feel that the hours applied for do not promote the licensing objectives. I feel that the hours should be reduced to 10.30 am - 11.30pm with a half hour extension for drinking time only Monday to Friday and on Saturday & Sunday this would be 10.00am -12.30pm with the half hour drinking time again.

The Red Lion is situated in a densely populated area and in compliance with the prevention of public nuisance this will ensure local residents are not disturbed later into the evening from people leaving the premises & area.

I have no problem with the proposed hours for New Years Eve / Day.

Furthermore, I do not feel that the information contained within Section M of the application does enough to promote the licensing objectives of;

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

As such I believe it is appropriate to make the following amendments to the operating schedule to ensure that the objectives are robustly underpinned.

Staff trained in drug awareness, I feel doesn't go far enough and this should include a zero tolerance drug policy with notices displayed. Hourly checks of the toilets would also include looking for drug use.

All staff would be trained on starting their role then refresher training carried out annually.

Upon leaving the premises all customers will leave the area quietly and there would be signage along with requests to ask people to dispose of any litter in appropriate place within the curtilage of the premises.

All refuse & bottles should be disposed of by the licensee or their representative so as not to disturb residents & no disposal between the hours of 11.00pm - 7.00am on any day.

Under comments regarding doors & windows these should not be closed as & when appropriate but at specific identified times such as 10.00pm, the beer garden should not be used after 10.30pm, doors and windows should also be closed during the course of all regulated entertainment.

There is also I feel along with a first aid kit, a need for a trained first aider on site at all times along with health and safety and food hygiene training of which none is mentioned.

Photographic proof of people under the age of 20 should be changed in favour of adopting the nationally recognised Challenge 21 or Challenge 25 campaign, notices should also be displayed on the premises to promote whichever policy is in place.

A child should be accompanied by a responsible adult as suggested and no child under the age of 14 will be allowed to remain on the premises after 9pm.

Only toughened glass or plastic cups are to be used in the beer garden, signs shall also be posted at the exits requesting that customers do not take glasses and bottles away from the premises.

Sent from my iPad

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Matthew Swift

From: Stephen Culleton
Sent: 26 July 2013 11:48
To: Matthew Swift
Subject: FW: 13/01310/LAPLA - Objection to Red Lion Application (Tamsin Dunlop aged 8)

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From: Kim Wisdom [<mailto:ksfw195@gmail.com>]
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To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Kim Snape; Cllr Marion Lowe
Subject: 13/01310/LAPLA - Objection to Red Lion Application (Tamsin Dunlop aged 8)

Please can red lion not play music when it is late. My friend's grandma's and grandpa's in Ryecroft find it annoying when it is noisy and goes on and on till really late (one o'clock in the morning when I am meant to be asleep). When I go to bed, because I live opposite red lion it keeps me awake so I can't get any sleep at all. My teacher says I look really tired when I go to school for I have bags under my eyes.

Tamsin Dunlop aged eight

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From: Kim Wisdom [<mailto:ksfw195@gmail.com>]
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Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Kim Snape; Cllr Marion Lowe
Subject: Licence Application Number 13/01310/LAPLA - Red Lion, Wheelton

Dear Mr Cullerton,

As local residents (195 Blackburn Road, Heapey) we OBJECT to this licence application in its current form.

We understand that the current application is seeking permission for the supply of alcohol and the provision of live and recorded music from 09:00 to 01:00 the following day on every legally available day of the year on the basis of a TENs (Temporary Event Notices) application.

Neither the applicant nor the landlord has made any attempt to liaise with the local community in advance of submitting this application so that our concerns might be heard and, if practicable, addressed.

We understand that relevant representation may be made on:

- A) the prevention of crime and disorder
- B) public safety
- C) the prevention of public nuisance
- D) the protection of children from harm

Our principal representation is on C), the prevention of public nuisance.

The Red Lion pub sits at the heart of our village. it is adjacent to and amongst many family homes with young children, and dedicated homes for elderly residents. As a consequence of late evening, heavily amplified music on a number of occasions under the regime of more recent tenants of the Red Lion, we and our now late primary school age daughter have already endured quite a few disrupted nights' sleep before work and school the following morning and we know others have been similarly inconvenienced. The lateness and extent of the applicant's proposals and the lack of restriction on amplification are, consequently, unacceptable in that they raise the very real risk of public nuisance to many of us enjoying our own homes and family life.

One of the most annoying aspects of the noise is the irregular pulsing caused when patrons open the front door to congregate at the entrance to smoke/chat. This is so irregular that it is impossible to attenuate to.

We also live directly opposite the Red Lion bus stop, so an additional nuisance has been intoxicated pub customers congregating at the bus stop to catch the last bus home towards Chorley, or failing that telephoning/waiting for taxis/lifts. Whilst it is good that they are not drink-driving, we could really do without all the accompanying shouting and raucous laughter towards midnight and beyond. There is no escape for us as we cannot move our home/beds.

B) Public Safety

Lack of parking is a major issue within this village, never designed for cars, is already compounded by the Physiotherapy Clinic directly opposite the Red Lion, most especially when they offer evening clinics. The Red Lion car park has extremely limited capacity & we would query where vehicle-borne patrons would park without causing additional nuisance to local residents & particularly the local bus companies & school services, which stop outside and opposite the Red Lion. We would suggest that you seek the opinion of the Police/Highways Authority and bus companies regarding the parking situation & public safety.

Yours sincerely

David Dunlop & Kim Wisdom

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19 July 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: 13/01310/LAPLA - The Red Lion, 196 Blackburn Road, Wheelton, Chorley, PR6 8EU -application by Special Ale Services Ltd.

Further to the above application I would like to formally object to it being granted in full. My objections are based upon the Revised Guidance Sect. 182. **Please note I am objecting to the granting of this licence as an individual not as a Parish Councillor for Wheelton.**

To set my objections in context I have no wish to see the Red Lion closed as a Public House or even potentially as a restaurant, but as someone who lives immediately behind the Red Lion I have witnessed first hand over many years the excessive persistent noise nuisance emanating from the pub and its beer garden with customers leaving in the early hours of the morning screaming, shouting, swearing and banging car doors. I have also had to listen to music playing loudly from cars whilst the owners sit in the beer garden, excessive noise and swearing all on either a Saturday or Sunday afternoon(s) and early evening especially between April and October. The applicant for the above licence states in his application (Part3 Operating Schedule) that the premises is a public house situated in a small village; in the temporary events application he also recognises that the pub is situated in a residential area-these two points emphasise the unique nature of the village and the pubs location. One other major factor comes to play here and that is the physical design of the car park and its surrounding stone walls-this acts almost as a amphitheatre for funnelling and amplifying noise upwards and outwards (Please see appendix I as to how this occurs). This should be considered when considering this application.

Specifically I object to the licence being granted for the following reasons:

1. Public Nuisance -Sect 182 parts 2.14, 2.18, 2.19 and 2.22

There has been persistent noise nuisance from the premises as early as 12 noon in the afternoon during the summer when the beer garden is being used but unmonitored until midnight plus- again unmonitored by previous landlords. This as mentioned above consists of music being played from car stereos, shouting, swearing and general

abuse. High level noise nuisance occurs when customers leave the public house shouting, swearing and banging car doors whilst shouting good bye to each other. I accept that the ambient background noise is lower in a village, but this then exacerbates what happens at the premises. Clearly under the Guidance (2.18) this level of noise nuisance "is disproportionate and unreasonable" to myself as a local resident, it stops my family going to sleep and even wakes them up later as others leave the premises thereby affecting our well being. Similarly, the constant low level nuisance mainly emanating from the use of the beer garden causes my family great concern and stress when they should be enjoying the benefits of using their own garden without such noise nuisance surrounding them from the Red Lion establishment.

Given the applicant would like the premises to be open from 9.00 am until 1.00 am I would ask that the licence be restricted to the hours of 11.00 am until 11.00 pm (including closing time) weekdays. At weekends the licence be available from 10.00 am until 11.30 pm.

Similarly if Special Ale Services Ltd are going to trade their product from the premises, where will the barrels be stored, because if stored in the car park area that will reduce the already meagre parking facilities as well as possibly meaning a repositioning of the beer garden nearer to my property increasing the likelihood of greater noise nuisance.

2. Safety and prevention of Public Nuisance. Sect 182 part 2.22

In the above application Section M (a) it is stated that staff will be required to be trained in the parts of the 2003 Act that are relevant to them. However, part of the same act says that the licensee and staff have a responsibility for ensuring drunken clients do not become a nuisance, perform anti-social acts etc., which can be provoked after leaving licenced premises. Clearly, from the above information, noise is most prevalent late at night and affects those who are trying to go to sleep in their own homes. Under b) Prevention of Crime and Disorder the applicant states that an extra 30 mins will allow for adequate dispersion of customers leaving the premises at closing times – local knowledge clearly demonstrates that does not apply to this locality as there has never been to my knowledge any monitoring of drunken customers leaving the premises at such times. In many cases they leave as a group. The applicant states in d) that live music will end at 11.00 pm (except on New Years Eve and Day) and that all doors and windows will be kept closed when and where necessary. It is my understanding that all windows should have been shut when any music was played and already imposed I understand from a previous planning application some years ago. Even with a Temporary Events Licence, windows have been left open with the resulting noise nuisance. It is suggested that a notice, strategically placed at the exits for customers to be quiet as they leave, will solve the issue of late night noise; there is a commitment that staff will be vigilant and monitor this. History, as with every other previous licensee, has suggested otherwise. If live music is to end at 11.00 pm and the Beer Garden is to shut at 11.00 pm – how are these two potentially different groups going to migrate to different parts of the site without making a significant noise. The Act recognises that Temporary Events Licences can generate more noise than normal, however given that noise is a common factor in causing nuisance and exacerbating public safety this needs to be carefully considered by yourselves.

I would ask that the live music be restricted to the hours of 8.00 to 10.30 pm and the beer garden closes at 10.30 pm every day of the week

3. Physical space at the Red Lion

In the Temporary Events application it is clearly stated that the licensee believes that the premises has the capacity for 100 customers, I and most locals would state that, that is a wildly optimistic figure. I have to make the assumption that he is using those figures for his permanent licence. Why is it he only has car parking spaces for max 7 cars yet can have 100 customers maximum at any one time? See **Appendix 2**

When another local public house applied to have an extension built they were required to have 31 car parking spaces

In an already overcrowded area for parking and at a strategically important cross roads why is it the Law wont allow the Council to consider residents safety at this point just as much as customers. I appreciate more than most, it is considered under two different elements of legislation i.e. planning and licensing, but it appears incongruous to me that safety only appears to apply to the customer rather than residents.

If the applicant is also trading as a brewer what timing restrictions are to be placed on him for storage, retrieval and dispatch of his kegs of beer etc?

I would ask that the licence be considered only in conjunction with an order for a minimum number of car parking spaces and this determines the number of customers he can have pro rata

As can be seen I am trying to be constructive by offering solutions that benefit my neighbours, other residents and my family, because by the applicants own admission Wheelton is a residential area and why should we have to suffer persistent low level and extreme noise nuisance. I have been reluctant to make any official complaint to the Borough Council in the past because of being a Parish Councillor but I genuinely feel enough is enough of having sleepless nights and not being able to enjoy the peace and well being of my own garden. Appendix 3 shows how over time I have collected some data-but I could easily have added much more.

I do not want to see the Red Lion close but neither do I want to have disturbed days and nights because of its existence.

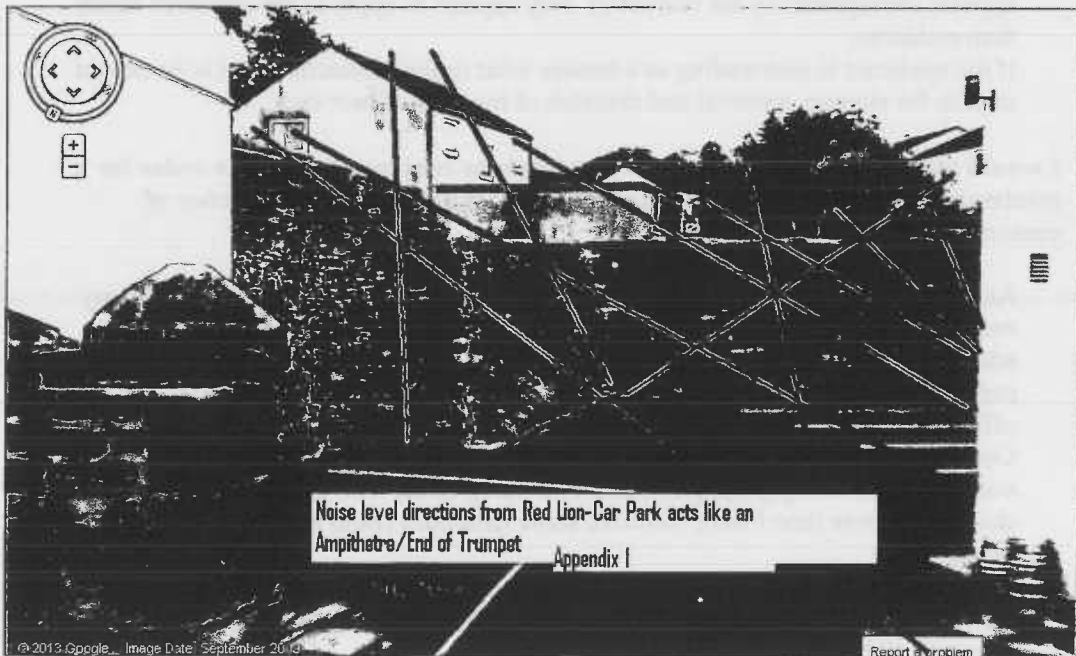
I am signing this on behalf of my family, not just myself, and would hope you take into account the above points when considering this application.



Terry Dickenson
Resident

Cc: Stephen Culleton CBC, Licensing Team ✓

Cllr Chris France
Cllr Alison Hansford
CC Kim Snape

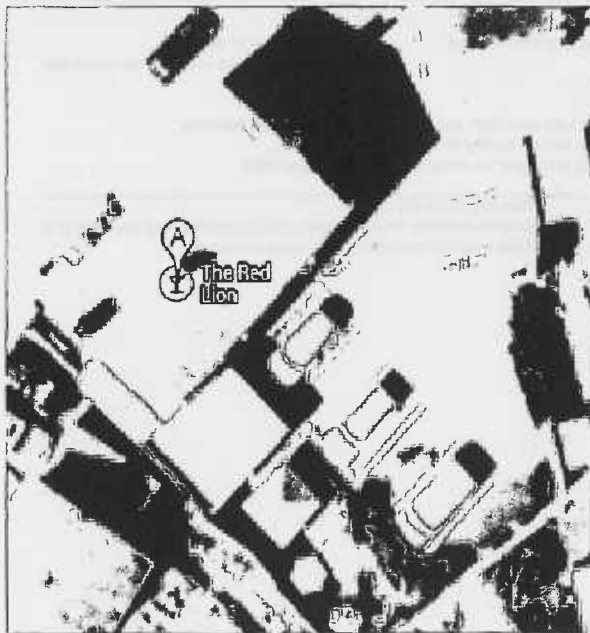


Noise level directions from Red Lion-Car Park acts like an Amphitheatre/End of Trumpet

Appendix I

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Report a problem



Appendix 2 Car Park

APPENDIX 3

Noise nuisance at Red Lion

Date	Type of Nuisance	Time noticed	Any Meeting
21-Jul	Loud shouting/talking	2.30 am	Recorded
03-Aug	Loud shouting/talking	1.46 am	Recorded
04-Aug	Loud shouting	1.15 am	Recorded
05-Aug			Visited Red Lion saw Jessica!
14-Sep	Loud shouting/talking	1.15 am	Made her aware of concerns
15-Sep	Loud shouting by two adults	10.30 pm	Said her licence was until 1.30 am every day
19/09/2008	Loud shouting, abuse and jeering	12.37 pm	Recorded
20/09/2008	Above moved into street after leaving, shouting abuse	1.45 am	Visited Red Lion saw Olaf! Apparently knew of the noise, because Golden Lion people waiting for others from Wheeton, Said he was Sorry and would be seeing Golden Lion lot!!!!
29-Nov-08	Shouting and loud noises	1.45 am	Recorded
07/06/2013	Loud shouting/talking	1.20 am	Recorded
15/06/2013	Very loud shouting and music	12 midnight	Recorded
11/07/2013	Low level noise	11.00 pm	Recorded

17/07/2013

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18 JUL 2013

The Licensing Authority
Chorley Council Licensing Section
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17th. July 2013

Dear Sirs,

Licensing Application , The Red Lion 196 Blackburn Road Wheelton Chorley.

I write in connection to the above application by Special Ale Services Ltd., and as a resident directly adjoining the property I wish to lodge with you my submission and objections relevant to this application.

The Red Lion premises, comprising building and yard are situated in a residential village location. The yard area is surrounded on three sides by walls and gables varying in height from approximately 4 to 8 metres. As the building is at the lowest accessible point of Wheelton village, any sounds emanating from the structure or the yard area are magnified and amplified to levels which are unacceptable to adjoining residents, the yard and car park area acting as an amphitheatre.

Historically there have been numerous occasions where cars parked have been parked in the yard with radios blaring whilst their occupants are consuming beverages in the outside "beer garden" area.

The application requests a license for live music performances and recorded music between the hours of 0900 and 0100 seven days a week. As this is a densely residential area, I consider the allowance of such hours to be a risk of serious disturbance to myself, my family and local residents. This disturbance will in fact be greater late at night and into the early hours of the morning as the ambient noise levels will be lower.

In the past, these noise levels have been such that my family have been unable to open the windows of our house especially during the Summer months, and in fact can be heard over and above our normal TV listening levels.

In Section H of the application, a request for a license for a comedy stand-up 7 days a week with an availability from 0900 until 0100 hours is requested. If the comedian is good at his art, the likelihood of loud applause and cheering is probable, and will add to the levels of noise to be endured.

In Section I, a request for late night refreshment from 0900 to 0100 hours, seven days a week has been applied for. Does this mean therefore, that we have to accept the odours of cooking and the attendant noise as people eat outside on a warm evening, or congregate in the car park and "beer garden".

In Section J, the application for the supply of alcohol from 0900 until 0100 hours, 7 days per week implies the availability during the whole of this period. If opened during this period it is probable that there would be an increase in the number of persons using the premises, with the attendant increase in vehicular traffic and parking noise that this would entail.

In Section M, item b, the applicant states that providing a 30 minute extension to opening hours after the end of alcohol sales will promote the prevention of crime and disorder. Historically this has meant that up to and after 01 30am, 7 days a week, persons have been leaving The Red Lion with all attendant noise and disturbance. The Licensing Authority are requested to consider that this extension would cause serious nuisance and should not be allowed.

In Section M, item d, it is stated that live music will end at 2300 hours and that doors and windows will be kept closed "when and where necessary". I fail to see how this closure can be achieved on a hot Summer night in a crowded building, with the additional heat generated by amplification and sound equipment. The building windows appear to be of single glazed, sash construction. Historically, this has failed to retain the sound of loud music, with particular reference to drum and bass, which sounds, transmit forcibly.

All of the applications submitted indicate that the activities will be carried out indoors. The Special Events Licenses recently issued by Chorley Borough Council allow for a maximum premises occupation of 100 person in total. Having in the past visited The Red Lion, I find it unlikely that it can accommodate that number. This implies by default, that customers would overspill into the yard / car park area and indeed also onto Blackburn Road. I can find no limit placed on numbers, on the current application. I would be pleased to be advised of the capacity of the building.

With regards to noise, it is known that the applicant has at his previous premises held certain activities which involve the storage of large quantities of barrels. I should be pleased if The Licensing Authority could establish whether it is intended now or at any time in the future to undertake similar activities at The Red Lion and respond accordingly.

The Statement of Licensing Policy shows consideration as to whether appropriate car parking is readily accessible to premises and whether the use / parking of vehicles would cause a demonstrable adverse impact on the amenity of residents. I would object to the license under that clause for the following reasons:

- 1 The car park has a capacity of approximately six vehicles.
- 2 The entry to the car park is located on a busy three way junction with a busy bus route and a blind corner to the left of the entrance. To the right of the entrance, Victoria Street is normally occupied by residents vehicles.
- 3 The front of the building also has vehicles normally parked on the pavement.
- 4 All of the roadways entering the three way junction have double yellow parking restrictions.
- 5 On the opposite side of the road there is a bus stop.

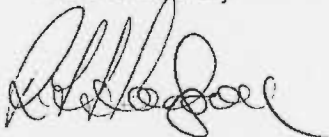
The village of Wheelton has, particularly at evenings and weekends serious parking congestion to the extent that parking restrictions are frequently ignored, causing dangerous situations to occur. The opening hours of The Red Lion as proposed, would significantly cause a demonstrable adverse impact on the amenity of residents.

In his application, the applicant states in Part 3, that "this premises is a public house situated in a small village location". In view of this, I would object to the license under the objective of crime and disorder. Whilst in Section M the applicant has considered his responses I fail to see how the historical evidence of disorder can be ignored. Beer bottles have been thrown onto my property over the boundary wall and instances of persons urinating on private property have also been recorded. There have been instances of Red Lion customers shrieking and howling late at night in the bus stop adjacent to neighbouring properties.

I would suggest that licensing this kind of behaviour is not conducive to a public house situated in a small village situation.

In conclusion I consider that this application goes against the Councils licensing objectives and should be rejected or seriously modified in order to consider our observations. The impact of a license as applied for, would be injurious to my family, their health and well-being. This license would also be detrimental to a small rural residential village which would have difficulty in accepting premises with license hours more in keeping with a city centre position. I object to the number of hours for opening, the lateness of those opening hours and the entertainment proposed within those hours and would ask that the Licensing Authority give due diligence to the points raised in this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. F. Hodgson', written in a cursive style.

Robert F. Hodgson
Local Resident.

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Dear Mr Culleton

**License Application – Special Ale Services - Late Night entertainment
At the Red Lion Public House, Lower Wheelton, PR6 8HG**

We understand that the above has made an application for a late night entertainment license.

We have to strongly oppose this application for the following reasons, of which there are many:

We would make it clear however, that we have no problem with it being a normal Village Pub, which it always has been. The only problems we have ever encountered have been when live music events and late night parties have gone on, so to have to endure it permanently would be abhorrent.

1. Due to acoustics of the village and the situation of the pub at the bottom of a hill, the noise is worse than it would be on a straight road. The reverberation means that even voices in the beer garden can be heard quite clearly from our house, and others close by. The last live music event (June 2013) before the establishment closed, made us feel as if we were attending a music festival, we endured it knowing it was likely to be a leaving/closing party.
2. In the past, when there have been live events in the summer time, due to the noise levels, we have had to close our doors and windows and go inside unable to entertain family/friends as the noise and language overheard is too rowdy.

3. In the past, there have been acts of vandalism (unproven, but coincidental), i.e. stolen milk from steps, smashed milk bottles, an ornamental tree was set alight, stolen stone pots. We have also endured scratched and bumped vehicles.
4. It would be difficult to entertain in our own homes and would dramatically interfere with our quality of life, as we have to close all doors and windows and turn our own television/music up louder, which is not always appropriate.
5. It would affect property values and saleability.
6. People move(d) to the area because of its quiet village atmosphere, this goes against village life completely.
7. We work long hours and often need to go to bed early, a late license would significantly disturb us and have adverse effects on our health. Of the same nature, there are small children living close by who would have to endure loud thudding music whilst in bed, also elderly people both across the road and behind the pub, some of which are in sheltered accommodation who would suffer greatly from the noise.
8. When the venue closes, this is when the anti-social element could escalate, i.e. there are no means of dispersing the crowds, no buses at that time, so there would be an increase in taxi traffic, and people hanging around. The local police station has now also closed and the nearest deployment in an emergency would be four miles away.
9. Car park is very small, (accommodating only 8 vehicles at a push) the overspill already interferes with residents parking which is already insufficient without extra vehicle activity.
10. The extra traffic would cause congestion and therefore more likely to be hazardous to pedestrians, of which there is a lot being a semi-rural location.

All the above points are relevant to us as residents of the village and neighbours to the public house.

There is no scale to the most and least important points above, they are all equally as important and serious as each other to us. We are already anxious as to the outcome and this information has really unsettled us. It would be a living nightmare to have this later license agreed, you may think this is over dramatic, but we would invite you round to hear it for yourself if indeed this was to proceed.

Yours sincerely



Pauline Manton & Stephen Loughlin

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Copy To
COUNCILLOR MARIE GRAY.

211 BRACKBURN RD
HEAPEY
CHORLEY

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22-7-13

Re. RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE WHEELTON
LICENCE APPLICATION NO 13/01310/LAPLA.

Dear Sir/Madame

We live very close to the RED LION PUB and feel very strongly about the proposed licence application that seeks permission for a live & recorded music licence from 0.900 HRS TO 0.100 HRS the following day plus seven days per week and 52 weeks per year.

The granting of such an open licence as stated would seriously increase noise and nuisance and anti-social behaviour & traffic problems to a point where crime & disorder, public safety, public nuisance & possible harm to the village children could ensue.

We therefore submit this our objection to the licence application 13/01310/LAPLA.

Two very concerned residents
MR W B Walker
MRS. M Walker

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Paul Carter

From: Cllr Marion Lowe
Sent: 25 July 2013 18:21
To: Stephen Culleton
Subject: FW: Licence Application 13/01310/LAPLA - Consultation response
Attachments: Licence Objection - Red Lion.doc

Categories: Red Category

From: keith molloy [<mailto:kmolloy123@btinternet.com>]
Sent: 23 July 2013 20:18
To: stephen.cullen@chorley.gov.uk
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Alison Hansford; Cllr Christopher France; anthony.bushell@lancashire.pnn.police.uk; Cllr Marion Lowe
Subject: Licence Application 13/01310/LAPLA - Consultation response

Dear Mr Culleton

Please find attached a document which outlines our objections as residents of Wheelton, Chorley to the granting of Licence Application 13/01310/LAPLA for the Red Lion Inn, 196, Blackburn Road, Wheelton, Chorley in it's present format.

In raising these objections we believe that the application, if granted, will not comply with Chorley Borough Council's Licensing Policy Objectives in respect of Public Safety and Public Nuisance. Please could you confirm that you have received this correspondence and that our objections have been noted within the required timescale? Could you also please let us know the outcome and decision on this application once considered.

Keith and Eirian Molloy
185 Blackburn Road
Heapey
Chorley
Lancs
PR88EP

tel 01254 831578
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KEITH AND EIRIAN MOLLOY,
185, BLACKBURN ROAD,
HEAPEY,
CHORLEY.
PR6 8EP.
23RD JULY, 2013.

MR S CULLETON,
LICENSING SECTION,
CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL,
CIVIC CENTRE,
UNION STREET,
CHORLEY.

Dear Sir,

RE. Licence Application 13/01310/LAPLA: Red Lion Inn, 196, Blackburn Road.

We wish to formally object to the granting of the above application as we believe it will negatively impact on aspects of both public nuisance and public safety, as contained in the Council's current Licensing Policy.

As village residents of almost 21 years, we recognise the value and importance of a successful and thriving public house in supporting our village community and we would want to offer our support to such a venture. However, our village is primarily occupied by working people with young families and older people and we strongly feel that the current application neither caters for nor respects the community directly surrounding it.

Furthermore, we are aware that certain licensable activities have recently been deregulated by Government and that small venues, offering live music up to 11pm, no longer require a specific licence. That suggests to us that the Government intend live music, **provided after 11pm**, to be the exception, rather than the norm on 7 days a week. Granting the current application, from 9am-1am, 7 days a week would clearly be going against current Government policy.

With regard to the specific concerns around public nuisance and public safety, which would inevitably occur if the activities in the current application were to be taking place across the specified hours, we would like to state the following:

Public Nuisance Issues

- The pub sits at the heart of the village amidst and immediately adjacent to very many family homes with young children and accommodation for older residents at Ryecroft and Ryefield

- Levels of background noise in this location are currently low and the effect of introducing regular music events will seriously impact on the residential amenity of the area and potentially be harmful to the quality of family life for local residents. The building is old , has poor acoustic insulation and will inevitably 'leak' noise through it's windows and also each time the doors are opened. This is a particular concern as music events at the pub in recent months have proved to be excessively loud and intrusive; an escalation of such activity has the potential to lead to statutory noise nuisance complaints, which the Council have the opportunity to mitigate by imposing suitable licensing conditions.
- The pub sits immediately opposite the village War Memorial gardens, a place of peace and a place where we remember our family and friends lost in conflict
- A planning application for a new facility with such uses across such hours would be unlikely to be approved in this location
- Increased numbers of customers leaving the premises to smoke outside at the front entrance will add further noise nuisance and potential litter to this central location. This already happens and is likely to deteriorate.

Public Safety Issues

- There are already recognised local parking issues in the village and the pub is located close to a significant pinch point for vehicles including, and in particular, public service vehicles. More visiting vehicles will inevitably have to park throughout the village as the car park has space for less than 10 cars. This will potentially cause more widespread disturbance as visitors leave in the early hours of the morning and potential conflict with village residents.
- There are school and nursery facilities close by where any activity not wholly confined within the premises could have an impact
- The village, and in particular the highway immediately adjacent the Red Lion, acts as a pick up point for a large number of local schools which means that twice each day large numbers of school children of all ages are in attendance, waiting for or leaving local school buses. The pub's location simply does not lend itself to safe access and egress of more vehicles in close proximity to such established uses.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Keith Molloy and Eirian Molloy

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alison.hansford@chorley.gov.uk
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Stephen Culleton

From: jean sidebotham <jeansidebotham@hotmail.com>
Sent: 21 July 2013 14:24
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Alison Hansford; Cllr Marion Lowe
Subject: Red Lion, Wheelton

Dear Mr Culleton

Licence Application No: 13/01310/LAPLA - Red Lion, Wheelton

We wish to raise strong objections to this application. As we understand it the application seeks permission for drink, live and recorded music from 9am to 1am every day of the week. We feel that this is wholly inappropriate in a small mainly residential village. We are happy to support local businesses and a village pub is entirely acceptable but only with a 'traditional' pub licence and with normal opening hours. We would ask that you take into account the following points when considering this application:

- The Red Lion is situated in the centre of the village and is surrounded on all sides by residential properties many of which are family homes with young children. It is also in quite close proximity to accommodation for elderly residents at Ryecroft and Ryefield. We feel that the noise levels from the premises if permitted to play music until 1am would be totally unacceptable and would be harmful to the quality of family life for many people.
- There would be an increased number of people standing outside the building to smoke and this would further increase the noise levels and litter in this area
- The granting of this licence would almost certainly attract people from outside Wheelton and there are already significant parking issues in the village. The Red Lion has parking for only about 10 cars it is inevitable that a large number of vehicles would be parked on the road outside the premises which is immediately opposite a bus stop
- This area of the village is a pick up point for a number of schools and twice each day there are large numbers of children of all ages in the vicinity either waiting for or leaving school buses. The increased parking and the difficulties this would create for bus drivers trying to manoeuvre large vehicles through the village would present a very real and unacceptable danger to these children

This application is contrary to the Council's licensing objectives and we are extremely concerned about the level of public nuisance which might be created if it were to be granted.

Regards.

Jean & Ken Sidebotham
(Residents on Millbrook Close, Wheelton)

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Stephen Culleton

From: Peter Droogan <droog48@gmail.com>
Sent: 17 July 2013 13:56
To: Stephen Culleton
Subject: RED LION WHEELTON LICENSE APPLICATION

This proposal of live music and extended hours is selfish and unnecessary . This proposal should be rejected , if only for the noise level alone .

Parking is a nightmare already . School buses would struggle also .

Mr Sharp ,
10 a , Victoria Street , Wheelton ,PR6 8HG

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Stephen Culleton

From: Jenny & James Simmonite <jjsimmonite@hotmail.com>
Sent: 22 July 2013 18:53
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Alison Hansford; Cllr Marion Lowe
Subject: The Red Lion, Lower Wheelton, License application number 13/01310/LAPLA

Dear Stephen

Further to the License application by The Red Lion, Lower Wheelton, application number 13/01310/LAPLA, I would like to record my objection to the application in its current form. This application goes against the Councils licensing objectives and I am concerned about the level of public nuisance that would be created. Especially:

- * The pub sits immediately adjacent to many family homes with young children, and accommodation for older residents.
- * The pub is opposite peaceful War Memorial gardens
- * There are already recognized local parking issues in the village - and The Red Lion sits in the middle of a black spot for traffic. The Red Lion has less than 10 parking spaces to offer.
- * Twice a day large numbers of school children leave from outside the Red Lion to attend various local schools on a number of buses/coaches; impacting the busy narrow road outside the Red Lion.
- * Smokers using the front door of the pub will leave litter and allow noise to leak out of the building
- * This is a quiet village, but the pub building is old and will inevitably leak noise and music through windows and doors.

I trust that you will consider my objection.

Regards

Jenny Simmonite
179 Blackburn Road
Lower Wheelton
PR6 8EP

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Stephen Culleton

From: Martin W <martin@martinswal.mail1.co.uk>
Sent: 22 July 2013 20:02
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray
Subject: Red Lion Wheelton Ref 13/01310/LAPLA

Ref 13/01310/LAPLA

I want to object against the proposal by the Red Lion, Wheelton to open from 9-1 with live music. We can hear the noise of the music from the pub when we are in our bedroom and having that going on till 1am would severely affect our quality of life in the village. There are areas within a few miles providing late night drinking and music, these are not facilities needed or wanted in a village. Those areas are also policed to deal with the alcohol related public nuisance which would be created. This application goes against the councils licensing objectives and should not be approved.

M Walmsley
3a Kenyon Lane
Heapey
Chorley
PR6 8EX

Stephen Culleton

From: 6016, head <head@moornook.lancs.sch.uk>
Sent: 22 July 2013 21:09
To: Stephen Culleton
Subject: Licensing application at The Red Lion (ref 13/01310/LAPLA)

Dear Mr Culleton,

I wish to object to the Licensing application at The Red Lion (ref. 13/01310/LAPLA).

Address: The Red Lion, 196 Blackburn Rd, Wheelton, Chorley Application PDF :
<http://91.194.152.202/AnitePublicDocs/00450617.pdf>

I have lived at 193 Blackburn Road for 26 years. My house is very close to the pub and the occasional live music at the pub in the past has caused me a great deal of concern. My bedroom is at the front of the property and it is impossible to sleep because of the music and people coming out to smoke and talk outside the pub. It must be very distressing to the old people and the many families with small children. Parking is quite difficult on Blackburn Road especially at the junction where the pub lies. More visiting vehicles will have to park throughout the village as the car park only has space for about 10 cars. I enjoy the quiet levels of background noise and regular music would seriously impact on the quality of my families life. This application goes against the Councils licensing objectives and I am greatly concerned about the levels of public nuisance that might be created.

I hope you will give serious consideration to my objection.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs Heather Horne

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This email has been checked for known viruses.

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Stephen Culleton

From: Yuta Buckley <yuta.buckley@gmail.com>
Sent: 22 July 2013 21:27
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Alison Hansford
Subject: Red Lion - Wheelton Licence Application

My husband and I want to voice our concern re the licence application of the Red Lion Pub, Wheelton.

We own the holiday cottage opposite on Blackburn Road, Neppy Meadow Cottage. We bring in visitors through out the year and therefore trade to the village. If this all day licence would be passed our business will suffer and an impact on the village trade also.

There is also the concern of parking at a busy corner near to the service bus both a for school children and the general public if the licence is granted from 9am in the morning. What is the need to have a licence from 9.00am? we work in the health service and from our frontline experience increased licensing hours has only added to our work load dealing with alcohol dependence, only alcohol dependants start drinking in the morning.

In a quiet village an attraction is to be able to get away from noise late at night that people in towns often have to suffer. To allow a late licence will significantly affect the quality of life for the local residents and also devalue their properties.

We would like the Red Lion Pub to stay open as a viable business but not at the expense of the village and we would request the applicants to be more imaginative in their business plan.

Please do not allow some individual to exploit this pretty Lancashire village for their own benefit. There are not many Mill villages left and Wheelton does not need this application to be passed.

If this licence was to be passed we are not sure how that would fit in with the Council's licensing objectives and we feel this would potentially lead to a public nuisance as such actions have done in other areas we are aware of.

Regards, Dr N Buckley & Mrs Y Buckley

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Stephen Culleton

From: alison screeton <allyscree@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: 18 July 2013 00:55
To: Stephen Culleton
Subject: Objection to license application for the Red Lion Wheelton

Dear Mr Culleton,

As a long term resident of Wheelton village, and living in close proximity to the Red Lion public house, I wholeheartedly object to the current license application for permission to drink and have live and recorded music from 9am until 1am every day of the week. The idea is abhorrent and I can't think of one resident that will support this totally inappropriate application.

Wheelton is a village much loved by its residents and the pub in the past has been an asset and a quiet retreat for some of the people living here. This radical change is totally unnecessary and will cause havoc with increased traffic (already a grave problem) and turn the area into a noisy, disgusting backwater. This current application cannot and must not be allowed. Furthermore it goes against the Council's licensing objectives and I and my neighbours are concerned about the level of public nuisance it will create.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H.C Screeton
189 Blackburn Rd
Lower Wheelton
PR6 8EP

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Stephen Culleton

From: Ally Southworth <allyscree@gmail.com>
Sent: 17 July 2013 10:37
To: Stephen Culleton
Subject: Fwd: Red Lion Wheelton - objection to current license application

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From: Ally Southworth
Date: Wednesday, 17 July 2013
Subject: Red Lion Wheelton - objection to current license application
To: Stephen.culleton@chorley.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely,
Mrs H.C Screeton
189 Blackburn Rd
Lower Wheelton PR6 8EP

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Stephen Culleton

From: moria.finch@virginmedia.com
Sent: 18 July 2013 10:46
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Alison Hansford
Subject: Red Lion Wheelton - Licence Application

Good morning Stephen,

I write on behalf of many of the residents of Ryecroft/Ryefield Heapey. We are situated approximately 40 metres from the Red Lion public house. We live in sheltered accommodation and many of our residents, besides being elderly, are very poorly indeed. The last thing they want is a public house emitting live music, recorded music, or indeed any other environmental noise into the early hours of the morning.

This is a village pub and should be in keeping with the surrounding area, which is peace and quiet. In addition to the noise situation, parking, whether it be private or by taxis coming and going would lead to an even bigger problem. The last thing a quiet village needs is members of the public coming in from the surrounding areas knowing they can purchase alcohol and hear music all day, every day and until the early hours of the morning. This would undoubtedly lead to public nuisance/anti-social behaviour. Surely, this goes against the Council's licensing objectives and therefore is a very considerable risk to the residents of Wheelton/Heapey.

I sincerely hope that the Council will consider all our objections favourably.

With kind regards.

Moira Finch
25 Ryecroft
Heapey.

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Stephen Culleton

From: Jane Hipkins <jane@jhipkins.wanadoo.co.uk>
Sent: 17 July 2013 23:18
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marion Lowe
Subject: objection to licence application for red lion wheelton

Dear Mr Culleton, we are writing to object to the terms of the licence application for the Red Lion in Wheelton.

The terms of the application go against the Council's stated licensing objectives - the needs of the licence applicant should be weighed against the needs of the immediate community, predominately families and a specialist elderly housing estate.

The proposed terms are wholly inappropriate for this specific public house, in this location. Having viewed the current licence application, we have grave concerns about the licensee seeking permission to extend the opening hours 7 days a week until 1am, including potentially live music on a regular basis.

Public nuisance, particularly noise, has been an ongoing issue at the Red Lion, complaints to the police being made as recently as June 2013. If implemented, the terms of the current application would only magnify these issues.

The premises, comprising a two room pub at the centre of a semi-rural village will not accommodate the activities and operating hours proposed without significantly impacting on the surrounding area. The fabric of the building cannot reasonably control the excessive noise levels created by the applicants proposed events. Furthermore, the location of the premises amplifies noise significantly. The extended operating hours proposed would add the extra impact of end of business disturbance into the early hours of the morning.

The inadequate parking facilities would further stretch the village's limited parking availability. Of equal concern is the prospect of pub users returning to their vehicles in the early hours of the morning spread across a wider area causing noise and disruption to even more residents. Historically this issue has been a particular problem, prolonging nuisance and thus is another point against the extended operating hours applied for.

Smoking currently takes place on the public pavement at the front of the premises. Creating both litter and noise issues at the centre of the village, adjacent and opposite to residential properties. Again extended operating hours would magnify the nuisance created. This point is used during term time as a collection/drop off point for school bus services and the likely nuisance caused to parents and particularly children, predominately primary age, should be noted.

The outside drinking area (beer garden) and car park are enclosed within a bowl created by the old mill wall which significantly amplifies noise and disturbance, causing a nuisance to a large number of the surrounding community. Extended opening times, with later use of the car park in particular would again cause disproportionate nuisance to the village .

Although we support the need for a village pub, we believe the terms of this current application are plainly unsuitable for the Red Lion. Further we would hope the council would protect the community of Wheelton's right to a reasonable standard of family life.

Yours sincerely

Mr A and Dr J Hipkins
55 Millbrook Close
Wheelton
PR6 8JY

Dear Sir,

10/1/01

Reference is made to your letter of 10/1/01.

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The purpose of the present letter is to advise you that the Council has received your letter of 10/1/01 regarding the proposed development at the site of the former school building, 10/1/01.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: Sarah <sarah_rowbottom@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: 16 July 2013 23:15
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Alison Hansford; Cllr Marion Lowe
Subject: Red Lion, Wheelton, Licence Application

Dear Stephen,

I live at 197 Blackburn Road, Heapey, PR6 8EP, which is opposite the Red Lion Pub.

I am pleased that the pub is re-opening as it is at the heart of the village and a local amenity. I have been to the pub and it is a lovely local pub, or at least it has been according to the management. The pub has changed hands several times recently and the last manager was excellent. Unfortunately there have been other managers who have not run the pub as well or as considerately. This has led to noise disturbances late into the evening on occasions and lots of rubbish including cigarette ends and crisp packets left in front of the building.

I am very concerned to hear that this present licence application is for such long hours, from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., I believe. I do not feel this is appropriate for a local pub in a small village. I am also aware that the application seeks permission for live and recorded music every day of the week for these times. The pub is across the road from us and my son and I sleep in the front of our house (he is 7.) Until now the incidences of late drinking and noise have been limited, but the opportunity for more of these will obviously increase if the current licence application is granted. I feel that the extended hours will attract more people to drink there from out of the area, which may be a good thing for the licensee, but will mean extra cars, more noise and disturbance and potentially more late night drunken revellers. I have on occasion felt compelled to go out and ask people to be considerate because of the high noise levels of smokers at the front of the pub singing and shouting well after midnight and I would not like to have to do that more frequently. People who have been drinking have much less awareness of any disturbance they are causing and can also be quite volatile. However the noise has woken my son at times, or myself, and I would find this unacceptable on week days when we have to be up early for work and school. When music is played it reverberates through our house, even with the double glazed windows closed, especially when the door is opening constantly. On hot evenings, when windows are open, this is much worse.

The parking at the pub is very limited (maximum of 10 spaces) and the village has parking issues as it is. There are also congestion problems at the corner next to the pub and there have been issues with buses being unable to get through because of poor parking. This week there was a minor traffic incident involving a bus and a car, caused partly by a car parked badly in front of the pub.

I have lived in this village for almost ten years, moving to my current house from a smaller house on the same road. I was aware that I was moving closer to the Red Lion, but having lived in the village for a while I had seen no need for concern, because it is, (or has been for the most part) a quiet local pub. This new application would not only change the pub but also the character of the village. Wheelton is a pleasant and friendly village with a good community and it is generally a peaceful area, making it a popular place to live and to visit. The recently opened café at the Soft Furnishers has been a boon to the locality, well supported by locals and visitors alike. The Red Lion can also be an asset but this application is completely out of place, more suited to a less residential area, such as a town centre.

I feel that this licence application goes against the Council's own licensing objectives and would lead to great public nuisance. I am therefore strongly objecting to this licence application in its current form.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Cllr Alison Hansford
Sent: 17 July 2013 10:50
To: Stephen Culleton
Subject: Fwd: License application no: 13/01310/LAPLA Red Lion, Wheelton

Further residents comments re red lion received today

Alison

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alison Clitheroe <alison.clitheroe@hotmail.co.uk>
Date: 17 July 2013 08:43:21 BST
To: "stephen.culleton@chorley.gov.uk" <stephen.culleton@chorley.gov.uk>
Cc: "marie.gray@chorley.gov.uk" <marie.gray@chorley.gov.uk>, "chris.france@chorley.gov.uk" <chris.france@chorley.gov.uk>, "alison.hansford@chorley.gov.uk" <alison.hansford@chorley.gov.uk>
Subject: License application no: 13/01310/LAPLA Red Lion, Wheelton

Dear Sirs

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I have lived directly across from the Red Lion for over 30 years and even as a quiet village pub, it has caused varying degrees of disturbance to my family. Having said that, never before have i felt the need to complain or voice my opinion until now.

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Regards

Alison Clitheroe

Sent from my iPad

Stephen Culleton

From: Alison Clitheroe <alison.clitheroe@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 17 July 2013 08:43
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Alison Hansford
Subject: License application no: 13/01310/LAPLA Red Lion, Wheelton

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8 July 2013

Mr S Culleton
The Licensing Authority
Chorley Council Licensing Section
Civic Offices
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PR7 1AL

Dear Mr Culleton

**License Application – Special Ale Services - Late Night entertainment
At the Red Lion Public House, Lower Wheelton, PR6 8HG**

We understand that the above has made an application for a late night entertainment license.

We have to strongly oppose this application for the following reasons, of which there are many:

We would make it clear however, that we have no problem with it being a Village Pub, which it always has been. The only problems we have ever encountered have been when live music events and late night parties have gone on, so to have to endure it permanently would be abhorrent.

- Due to acoustics of the village and the situation of the pub at the bottom of a hill, the noise is worse than it would be on a straight road. The reverberation means that even voices in the beer garden can be heard quite clearly from our house, and others close by. The last live music event (June 2013) before the establishment closed, made us feel as if we were attending a music festival, we endured it knowing it was likely to be a leaving/closing party.
- Car park is very small, (accommodating only 8 vehicles at a push) the overspill already interferes with residents parking which is already insufficient without extra vehicle activity.
- The extra traffic would cause congestion and therefore more likely to be hazardous to pedestrians, of which there is a lot being a semi-rural location.

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- In the past, when there have been live events in the summer time, we have had to bring our family/visitors indoors, because the noise and language that is heard is too rowdy. We have witnessed fights outside, and have even caught a male urinating near to our steps.
- It would be difficult to entertain in our own homes and would dramatically interfere with our quality of life, as we have to close all doors and windows and turn our own television/music up louder, which is not always appropriate.
- It would bring the value of the properties down, something which I am investigating at present, and awaiting actual figures for.
- People move(d) to the area because of its quiet village atmosphere, this goes against village life completely and would affect property saleability.
- We work shifts, and often need to go to bed around 9pm, to be up for 5am, this would significantly disturb us and have adverse effects if the late night license was to be approved. Of the same nature, there are small children living close by who would have to endure loud thudding music whilst in bed, also elderly people both across the road and behind in sheltered accommodation who would suffer greatly from the noise.
- In the past, there have been other acts of vandalism (unproven, but coincidental), i.e. stolen milk from steps, smashed milk bottles, an ornamental tree was set alight, stolen stone pots.
- When the venue closes, this is when the anti-social element could escalate, i.e. there are no means of dispersing the crowds, no buses at that time, so there would be an increase in taxi traffic, and people hanging around. The local police station has now also closed and the nearest deployment in an emergency would be four miles away.

All the above points are relevant to us as residents of the village and neighbours to the public house.

There is no scale to the most and least important points above, they are all equally as important and serious as each other to us. We are already anxious as to the outcome and this information has really unsettled us. It would be a living nightmare to have this license agreed, you may think this is over dramatic, but we would invite you round to hear it for yourself if indeed this was to proceed.

Yours sincerely



Richard & Jayne Herbert

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01 July 2013

Licensing Authority
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Civic Offices
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PR7 1AL

Dear Sirs

I understand that "Special Ale Service Ltd" have applied for a licence for the "Supply of alcohol and provision of late night entertainment." at the Red Lion public house at 196 Blackburn Road, Wheelton.

It is my belief that the main applicant is Mr Philip Entwistle, who has run the Top Lock pub in Heapey very successfully for a number of years, and I welcome his involvement with the Red Lion.

However, I do not believe that a small, rural village such as Wheelton benefits from late night music. Many residents live very close to the Red Lion and have been badly affected in the past by late night noise from this pub.

In addition, although the pub has its own car park, drivers find the access to the car park difficult to negotiate. This results in most cars being parked on the public road, close to the pub. This can cause some difficulties for residents, who wish to park close to their own houses, but also creates a noise nuisance very late at night when pub-goers are leaving the area.

I therefore make a relevant representation, as a local resident and in respect of the Licensing Objective of "the prevention of public nuisance", that the licensee be asked to keep noise to a minimum and to refrain from the playing of live music at the premises, after 10.30 pm, Sun - Thurs, and after 11.00 pm Fri - Sat.

I have noted the following clauses in the Statement of Licensing Policy published by Chorley Council:

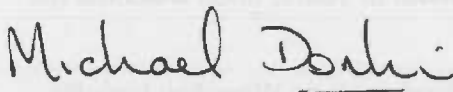
1. The Licensing Authority considers that stricter controls regarding noise nuisance may be necessary in more densely populated areas.
2. The Licensing Authority, however, considers that the risk to disturbance to local residents is greater when licensable activities continue late at night and into the early hours of the morning as the ambient noise levels will be

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lower. The Licensing Authority may impose stricter conditions with regard to noise control in areas which have denser residential accommodation but each premises will be considered on its individual merits.

3. Where relevant representations are received, the Licensing Authority may have regard to whether the licensable activities are likely to cause adverse impact especially on local residents
4. Late at night the impact of licensed activities is likely to be more objectionable to residents living close to a licensed activity, as the ambient noise levels are often lower so noise disturbance becomes more noticeable.
5. Whether appropriate car parking is readily accessible to premises and whether the use/parking of vehicles would cause a demonstrable adverse impact on the amenity of residents.

Yours faithfully,



MICHAEL DONKIN

Stephen Culleton

From: Michael Donkin <michael@203.me.uk>
Sent: 17 July 2013 14:04
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Alison Hansford
Subject: Licence Application 13/01310/LAPLA

Dear Mr Culleton

Ref: Red Lion, 196 Blackburn Road, Wheelton, PR6 8EU

We note that the Red Lion has applied for a licence to operate, and to provide the following:

- The sale by Retail of Alcohol
- Late night refreshment
- Other entertainment
- Performance of Recorded Music
- Performance of Live Music

We welcome the involvement of Mr Phil Entwistle in this venture as we believe that he has run the Top Lock public house very well over many years.

However, it is with great concern that we note the licence application is to allow for opening hours of 09.00 am to 01.00 am, seven days a week. We feel that whilst the pub may not actually be open for all of these hours, as local residents we would prefer them not to have the option of disrupting the peace and quiet of this small, rural village at a whim. We would see opening hours of 12.00 noon to 12.00 midnight on Friday and Saturday, (12.00 noon to 11.00 pm on other days), as being much more feasible, with music allowed only until 11.00 pm on Friday and Saturday, (and only until 10.30 pm on other days of the week). The Top Lock happily keeps to roughly these hours, with no music ever played after 11.00 pm.

I did approach the Licensing Officer of the Council some years ago, in relation to the noise emanating from this pub. At that meeting, which I do not believe was with yourself, I was firmly and bluntly told that I had bought a house beside a pub and that I had to accept the consequences. Obviously I pointed out that when I bought my house the licensing laws of the time dictated that the pub close at 11.00 pm (10.30 pm on Sundays), and the Government did not force smokers onto the street. Unfortunately this comment did not go down at all well with the then Licensing Officer. Nor with someone else as my house window was broken the next night, which would seem very coincidental.

That notwithstanding, with this new licence application we have an ideal opportunity to address the issues. The pub clearly needs to be allowed to trade and it is a great facility for the local community. But, it should surely be the case that such trade is carried on with respect to the needs of the local residents of the village being considered first and foremost, over and above non-locals who visit the pub.

It is the case that the live music events at this pub attract large numbers of people in cars. They park on the street because access to the pub car park is narrow and presumably difficult to exit. We also believe that Mr Entwistle will move the many beer barrels that he currently has stored in the beer garden of the Top Lock into the car park of the Red Lion, further restricting the use of that car park. Not only does this impact negatively on the already limited on-street parking, but the noise when all of the pub leavers slam their car doors, (several times each for unknown reasons), is very disturbing in the middle of the night.

The application as it stands is contrary to the Council's licensing objectives in respect of the late night disturbance likely to be imposed upon local residents,

Yours faithfully

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Stephen Culleton

From: fran carpenter <francarps@live.co.uk>
Sent: 22 July 2013 21:39
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Christopher France
Subject: Red lion Wheelton

This application is not in line with the council's objectives and is not suitable for the location. Concern is felt regarding public nuisance and disruption.
Carpenter.

Sent from Samsung Mobile

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Matthew Swift

Subject: FW: Licence application number 13/01310/LAPLA

From: T HOSKER [<mailto:thosker@btinternet.com>]
Sent: 23 July 2013 21:18
To: Stephen Culleton
Cc: Cllr Marie Gray; Cllr Christopher France; Cllr Alison Hansford
Subject: Licence application number 13/01310/LAPLA

I would like to object to licence application number 13/01310/LAPLA Red Lion Wheelton.

The application goes against the Council's licencing objectives and I am concerned about the level of public nuisance that will be created.

As a resident with a young family I object strongly to this application and wish to have my objection registered.

Thank you

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