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The Licensing Manager
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6th February 2015

Dear Sirs

The police are in receipt of an application to vary the premises licence for the Sirloin, Station Road, Hoghton. The application is made by Gokhan Gundogdu who is the director of Black Napkins Northwest Ltd, the holders of the premises licence.

This application seeks to vary considerably the current operation of these premises and the police have concerns that the granting of the proposed variations would undermine the licensing objectives of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

In essence the police concerns can be grouped into three distinct categories, these being;

- 1) The hours being sought for certain licensable activity**
- 2) The extension of the licensed area and the provision of activities outside the premises**
- 3) The steps outlined within the operating schedule to promote the licensing objectives.**

1. The hours being sought for certain licensable activity

The application seeks to vary the hours of the following licensable activities from 08:00 to 23:30 hours Monday to Sunday;

Provision of Plays
Provision of Films
Provision of Boxing or Wrestling Entertainments
Provision of Live Music
Provision of Recorded Music
Provision of performances of Dance
Provision of anything similar

With regards this variation the police would make no representations.

However it is noted that there is a request to allow these activities to take place both indoors and outdoors. The police would therefore **make representations** against these activities being allowed to be conducted outside the premises at any time; the reasons for this are outlined at **2** below.

The application also seeks to vary the hours for the Retail sale of alcohol and in line with this, the opening hours of the premises from 00:00 to 24:00, in effect allowing the premises to operate for 24 hours. It also seeks to vary the provision of Late Night Refreshment till 05:00 hours. The police would **make representations** against this variation for the following reasons;

The Sirloin is located in a semi-rural area and is in fact surrounded by residential properties. The allowing of the proposed variation to the premises, in its current location, will have an impact on crime and disorder and public nuisance in the area.

The increase in hours for the availability of purchasing alcohol will lead to persons drinking for longer therefore they will tend to be drunk when leaving the premises. It is nationally recognised that excessive alcohol consumption leads to incidents of crime. Allowing people to drink longer at these premises will inevitably lead to incidents in the vicinity of the premises including arguments, fights, criminal damage, shouting and abusive language. Due to people having consumed alcohol, being unable to drive, there will be an increase in traffic in the form of taxi's picking up from the premises which again will have a significant impact on the local community who would be disturbed by this activity.

2. The extension of the licensed area and the provision of activities outside the premises

The application seeks to increase the number of licensable activities at the premises by adding plays, films and the provision of boxing or wrestling entertainment. As stated above the police make no representations to the granting of these activities nor for the variation of hours requested.

The premises is currently authorised to provide licensable activity in the form of Live Music, Recorded Music, Facilities for Dancing and Late Night Refreshment, however these are restricted to indoors only. This application not only seeks to increase the hours of these and the additional activities but to allow them to be carried on outside the premises. Furthermore the application seeks to increase the licensed area to include the car park at the rear of the premises.

The police have real concerns that this variation would undermine the Prevention of Public Nuisance licensing objective and would **make representations** against both the licensing of the car park and allowing any of the licensable activities requested to be carried on outside the premises.

Attached at Appendix 1 to this representation is an aerial view of the premises and in particular the car park at the rear. As can be seen the premises is surrounded by residential properties that back onto the car park and any activity taking place in this area will impact on those living in these houses, whether this be from, music, customer noise, language or items being discarded into the gardens by customers at the premises.

There have been previous events at the premises where the car park has been utilised and therefore has restricted the availability of parking for customers. This forces customers to park on the roads surrounding the premises which causes a nuisance to local residents and also obstructs the highway.

3. The steps outlined within the operating schedule to promote the licensing objectives.

The application seeks to vary the conditions attached to the licence by replacing them with the steps outlined within the operating schedule. The police have no concerns with this request in the main, as there are a number of PEL conditions included on the licence that are now no longer applicable. However it is noted that there are a number of conditions which have been imposed onto the licence under **Annexe 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the Local Authority**. It appears that these conditions were imposed to provide some protection to local residents and it is further noted that these have either been omitted or re-worded in the operating schedule contained within the application.

The police feel these conditions should be retained on the licence and would also say that the specific wording of some of the proposed conditions, contained in the operating schedule, do not clearly outline how the Premises Licence Holder or his representatives will ensure the licensing objectives are promoted, therefore undermining them.

Attached at Appendix 2 is a list of conditions the police feel would ensure the licensing objectives are promoted effectively. Many of these have been re-written but are consistent with those proposed in the operating schedule. The conditions contained in the current licence which the police feel should be included in this variation application have been included in the list in **bold** type.

Yours faithfully



PS 1506 Bushell

Appendix 1



Appendix 2

Amended wording for conditions as proposed within the operating schedule;

- *The Premises shall operate and maintain a CCTV system which shall be in use during all times licensable activities are taking place at the premises and comply as follows;*
 - i. *The system shall cover all entrances and exits from the premises, in addition to covering areas of the premises used to store, supply or consume licensed products.*
 - ii. *The focus of the camera(s) shall be so as to enable clear identification of persons on the premises.*
 - iii. *The system will be capable of time and date stamping recordings and retaining said recordings for at least 21 days.*
 - iv. *The data Controller shall make footage available to a police officer or Authorised officer, where such a request is made in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.*
 - v. *There shall be a member of staff on duty at all times the premises is open to the public, who is trained in the operation of the CCTV system and capable of providing a copy of any recording to any Responsible Authority on reasonable request.*

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- *The premises will have a written drugs policy to the satisfaction of the police that will include a search policy and all staff will have a working knowledge of it.*

- *All staff will receive on-going training in Drugs Awareness, this training will be recorded and retained by the premises. These records will be made available for inspection by any responsible authority on reasonable request*

- *The use and number of door supervisors on any trading night at the premises shall be determined by a written risk assessment agreed between the Premises Licence Holder/DPS and security provider*

- *Any risk assessment will be in a written format, kept at the premises and produced for inspection by any responsible authority on reasonable request.*

- *Staff will make regular checks of internal and external areas to ensure any unused glasses and bottles are collected.*

- **All windows and doors will be kept closed when regulated entertainment is being provided except in the event of an emergency**
- *The licence holder or his representative shall conduct regular assessments of the noise (every hour) during the provision of any regulated entertainment at the premises and shall take steps to reduce the level of noise where it is likely to cause a nuisance to local residents.*
- *A written record will be made of these assessments which shall include the time and date of the checks, the person making them and the results of any action taken.*
- **There shall be placed at all exits from the premises and in the car park, notices which can be seen and easily read by the public, notices requesting that customers leaving the premises and area, do so quietly.**
- **No outside areas (ie decking area) designated for the consumption of alcohol or the provision of licensable activity shall be used after 22:00 hrs on any day of the week.**
- *The DPS will ensure the premises maintains an incident book which will contain a record of all incidents relating to the premises, it's staff and customers, including time, date, nature of incident and outcome to the satisfaction of Lancashire Constabulary and the Local Authority. This record will be available on request to any responsible authority.*
- *The Premises will operate a policy that prevents the sale of alcohol to persons under 18 to the satisfaction of the police and local authority. This policy shall state that any person who does not appear to be at least 25 years of age, will not be served unless they can produce a recognised proof of age card accredited under the Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS), photocard driving licence or passport.*
- *Any challenges made by staff relating to this policy will be recorded in the incident book situated at the premises.*
- *Notices will be displayed where they can be clearly seen and read in the premises indicating that the premises operates a Challenge policy in relation to the sale of alcohol.*
- *All staff will be trained in relation to the sale of alcohol to persons under 18. This training will be recorded and made available for inspection by any responsible authority on reasonable request.*

Stephen Culleton

From: Neil Kirkham
Sent: 24 February 2015 15:24
To: Stephen Culleton



As requested

In respect of the application to vary the premises licence Ref. No: 15/00040/LAPLA for The Sirloin Inn, Station Road, Hoghton, Preston, PR5 0DD, this department would like to make a representation following the receipt of 5 separate noise nuisance complaints from residents between the period of July and September 2014. The initial complaint pertained to noise from an event on the rear car park and the remainder from noise emitting from the premises, including the external areas on an alleged regular basis.

All complaints were investigated under Statutory Noise Nuisance procedures. To date the Council has been unable to gather sufficient evidence to either substantiate or disprove a statutory noise nuisance. The current application to licence the outdoor areas and allow live and recorded music and other entertainment both inside the premises and outdoor areas to 23.30 each night, has in my opinion the potential to create a noise nuisance to neighbouring properties and therefore I object to the application in respect of the licensing objective The Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Neil Kirkham
Environmental Health Officer

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Chorley Council

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Hoghton

Preston

PR5 0DH

8 February 2015

Dear Sir

RE: Licence Application Ref: 15/00040/LAPLA – variation of Premises Licence

The Sirloin Inn, Station Road, Hoghton, Preston, PR5 0DD

We wish to make a representation in respect of the above licence application. Our family home is in the vicinity of The Sirloin Inn, our road is located to the immediate side of the pub and the road continues around to the rear of the premises. The pub is located in a semi-rural village with residential houses surrounding all of its boundaries.

We have many concerns should the variations to the licence be granted as it will significantly undermine objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

At present, the pub applies for temporary events licenses (TEN) for various events throughout the year e.g. beer and sausage festivals, champagne festivals, hoedowns etc... these events are often held in marquees in the car park which is at the rear of the premises which backs directly on to residential houses in our community. These events are a major concern for many residents in the area. The events are held over a few days, weekends or bank holidays when residents wish to relax and have enjoyable family times at home. Noise levels increase as they are setting up for the events, you can here sound checks being carried out, barrels being moved. During the opening times of the event (which usually last for three or four days) music is very loud to such a level, that in the spring/summer months when we would like to open our windows we are unable to do so, as we can hear every word and beat of the music as we relax in our homes and gardens. We have young children who can't always get to sleep because of the noise, even with the windows shut there is a constant beat in the background. The noise of music, shouting, loud voices can often be heard until well after midnight.

The music and amplifiers are often set up outside for the large events, however, music is played from inside the pub in a building which is centuries old and so not designed to contain modern levels of sound and vibration and that noise inevitably escapes from the premises affecting the residents.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

On numerous occasions beer bottles and glasses are left around the neighbourhood, on garden walls, on footpaths and thrown in people's gardens making the neighbourhood look unpleasant.

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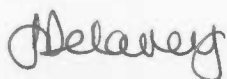
At every large event the pub blocks off the entrance to its car park by stacking beer barrels high so the event can take place on the car park. At one recent event the pub placed a few traffic cones on the roadside from the edge of their boundary up Station Road for approximately 12/15 metres. They also moved their large wooden planters parallel with the traffic cones onto the footpath, blocking the footpath and forcing pedestrians/ wheelchair users/ prams into the road and putting the public at risk.

These events are advertised on various internet sites such as Groupon and Deal Monster so attract people from far and wide, they are not just aimed for the local community to attend. Therefore, people usually travel and arrive in their cars and as the car park is blocked off, customers end up parking their cars on all the roads in the vicinity of the pub (Station Road, The Crossings, Fowler Close, Willowfield Chase, The Croft). Cars are often parked with very little thought for the local residents, parking on the footpaths, on the corners of roads, wheels on our gardens, in turning circles of the cul-de-sacs, our road (The Crossings) has not been designed for cars to be parked along, so it makes it extremely tight, especially if emergency vehicles had to come up our road to our properties. When customers return to their cars, it is usually late in the evening or in the early hours and again they have little consideration to the residents who may be sleeping, as we hear engines starting, car doors slamming and loud voices as they return to their cars. However, cars can often be left overnight so the problem of having easy access on our road is not just during the opening hours.

We have huge concerns about how this could affect our lives and enjoyment of our property in the future. We believe that having extended opening hours and being able to sell alcohol around the clock will cause problems and undermine all four objectives. Crime and disorder could potentially increase putting a drain on the police force and emergencies. A big worry for us would be if the current owner moved on as we do not know what the future would hold for the premises.

We do consider ourselves to be tolerant neighbours and have never made any formal complaints but feel that a variation to the licence could have a great impact on our quality of lives and the neighbourhood we live in.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Delaney

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MR MARK LAWRENSON
ANNANDALE
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RE REF
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DEAR SIR OR MADAM

I WISH TO MAKE REPRESENTATION ABOUT THE ABOVE APPLICATION, my wife AND I have purchased ANNANDALE recently with a view to modernising - completing the property and then using it as our family home - The above application has raised concerns -

- re - noise levels - especially with potential "entertainment" from as early as 8.30 - till 23.30.
- my wife and I - both work and feel the "early" and late proposals are "unjust" and inconsiderate especially as our weekends could be severely disrupted
- we would like to suggest a much later start ("kick off") - after noon (12.00) and an earlier finish - maybe 21.30?

I hope our representation is not deemed to be unreasonable AS we really like
P.T.O.

the area, neighbours and all that goes with it - including the "local pub"

yours

sincerely

M Lawson

Tel 01772 313961

mobile 07778 602224

ps our current address at moment till ANNANDALE is complete :-

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LANCASHIRE

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MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2015



TO THE LICENSING MANAGER

MR & MRS A T NUTTALL

PO BOX 13

5 THE CROSSINGS

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HOGHTON

PR7 1AR

PR5 0DH

RE: LICENSING APPLICATION FOR THE SIRLOIN INN, STATION ROAD, HOGHTON, PRESTON PR5 0DD.

11 FEB 2015

REF: 15/00040/LAPLA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Our family home is situated to the rear of the Sirloin Inn car park with its boundary being the car park concrete wall.

We wish to make a representation as to how our lives will be affected by this application. Our family consists of Tom and Caroline Nuttall and our two teenage boys Benjamin and Oliver.

Last summer a number of events were situated on the Sirloin Inn car park a Wedding and a three day beer festival being just two of them, the wedding proved particularly noisy as live music was played throughout the day to the point where we had to close all our windows and doors to try and compensate this, but still impossible to concentrate on anything, let alone sleep, obviously in summer it should be a person's right to be able to open windows. The Beer Festival and many other events throughout the year also had live bands playing in what amounted to little more than yards from our house.

At weekends throughout the summer large numbers of drinkers and loud music invade our privacy and the proposed expansion of music and an outdoor bar area would exasperate this problem.

The results of this application will impact on our family home and our right to privacy on the basis of more and more events being organised and the proposed sale of outdoor alcohol with extended drinking hours.

We are tolerant people and have not yet complained. We ourselves run a business and have no objection to anyone running a responsible successful

business, but we feel our lives will be pressurised by noise and late night disturbance coming from the decking area of the Sirloin Inn.

The Sirloin Inn recently fitted patio doors to the rear of the building opening to the decking area and in warmer weather these are wide open with music playing loudly. Again this would be made much worse by this application in view of longer hours and more events.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr & Mrs A T Nuttall

C. Nuttall

A. T. Nuttall

Ricroft
Quaker Brook Lane
Hoghton
Nr. Preston
PR5 0JA

12 February 2015

The Licensing Department,
Chorley Borough Council.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Application 15/00040/LAPLA for The Sirloin, Station Road, Hoghton.

I wish to object to the proposed alterations to the Licence.

Although I do not live on Station Road I live nearby and have friends who do live on Station Road near to The Sirloin.

I am concerned that allowing a late night/twenty four hour licence will encourage drinkers, leaving other premises at their closing times, to travel to The Sirloin; some of whom will use the narrow and dangerous rural lanes, including Quaker Brook Lane, for access.

At present this is a pleasant rural village and I would not want to see it have a very different character at night and Bank Holidays with the potential for disorder and public nuisance.

Yours faithfully,

Miss J H Street.

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Preston
PR5 0DH

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Chorley Borough Council
Licensing Authority
PO Box 13
Chorley
PR7 1AR

Dear Sir,

Application Ref. 15/00040/LAPLA - variation of Premises Licence
The Sirloin, Station Rd, Hoghton, PR5 0DD

Please accept this letter as representation in respect of the above application.

Our house is situated directly behind the The Sirloin overlooking the car park, and we already suffer noise and nuisance from the premises. Based upon the reality of what we live with at present, we are gravely concerned that the situation will deteriorate further should application be granted.

The requested variations, including the retail sale of alcohol for 24 hours a day 7 days a week and the extension of the licensed areas outside, are wholly unsuited to a small, semi-rural village pub that is surrounded by residential property, and we feel very strongly that the prevention of noise and nuisance objective will be severely undermined. We are also concerned about the impact on our lives, and our right to peaceful enjoyment of our home.

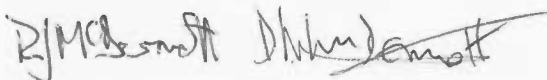
We do consider ourselves to be tolerant and understanding neighbours, and the fact that we have never made a formal complaint about the noise and nuisance we regularly endure is testament to that; however, it does not mean it does not happen.

We often have to close our windows and doors to keep out the noise from the pub and its customers, particularly in the warmer months. It can be impossible to get away from the loud music playing from inside the premises, and from the noise made by customers on the decking area. The situation got worse last year after the decking area was refitted, resulting in more people out there later into the night, often until well after midnight. The shouting, loud voices and often foul language regularly cause nuisance.

The increasingly frequent outdoor live music events held in marquees in the car park are also a major concern, given the proximity to our house. The car park is closed off throughout the events which results in a large number of vehicles parked in, and often obstructing, the roads in the vicinity. The events often last from Friday afternoon until Sunday night and mean that for 3 days we are unable to live our normal lives due to the unacceptably loud music and crowd noise.

We urge you to consider the effects on people like us who live in the area around the pub before any decision is made.

Yours faithfully



RJ & DM McDermott



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Hoghton
Preston
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PR5 0DH



Mr Stephen Cullerton
Chorley Borough Council
Licensing Authority
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Dear Mr Cullerton

Representation Against Variation to Premises Licence (Ref 15/00040/LAPLA)
The Sirloin Inn Station Road, Hoghton, PR5 0DD

We are writing to object to the application by Black Napkins NW Limited to vary the premises licence at the Sirloin Inn, Station Road, Hoghton. We are objecting in order to prevent a Public Nuisance which we believe this variation will cause.

The current premises licence at the Sirloin Inn is already extensive given that the pub is directly surrounded on all sides by residential housing. Our property is at the corner of the car park at the rear of the pub. Many times (particularly in summer) there has been significant noise /screaming / bad language from customers drinking in the car park in the evening and leaving the pub late at night often as late as 2am. On these occasions we need to keep doors and windows closed in order to sleep.

Additionally the pub has held several outdoor events, some of which have lasted for 2-3 days. These events are invariably noisy particularly when loud music is played outside making it impossible to enjoy peace and quiet in our house or garden during the day or in the evening. I attach a photograph taken from our back bedroom window which demonstrates how close the pub carpark is to our property. You will note that there is no fence / barrier to baffle sound or promote privacy.

When the outdoor events are taking place the pub carpark is closed to accommodate these activities. Many people attending these events then park their cars on Station Road and on the corner of our road The Crossings which narrows access. Residents' driveway entrances on Station Road are also sometimes blocked and often cars are left until the following morning before being removed by the pub customers.

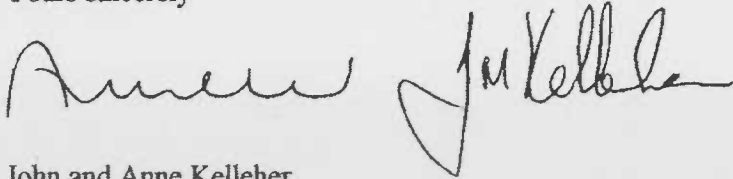
The current licence allows for sale of alcohol as follows :-

Sunday	11:00 AM	11:30 PM
Monday to Thursday	11:00 AM	12:30 AM
Friday to Saturday	11:00 AM	1:30 AM

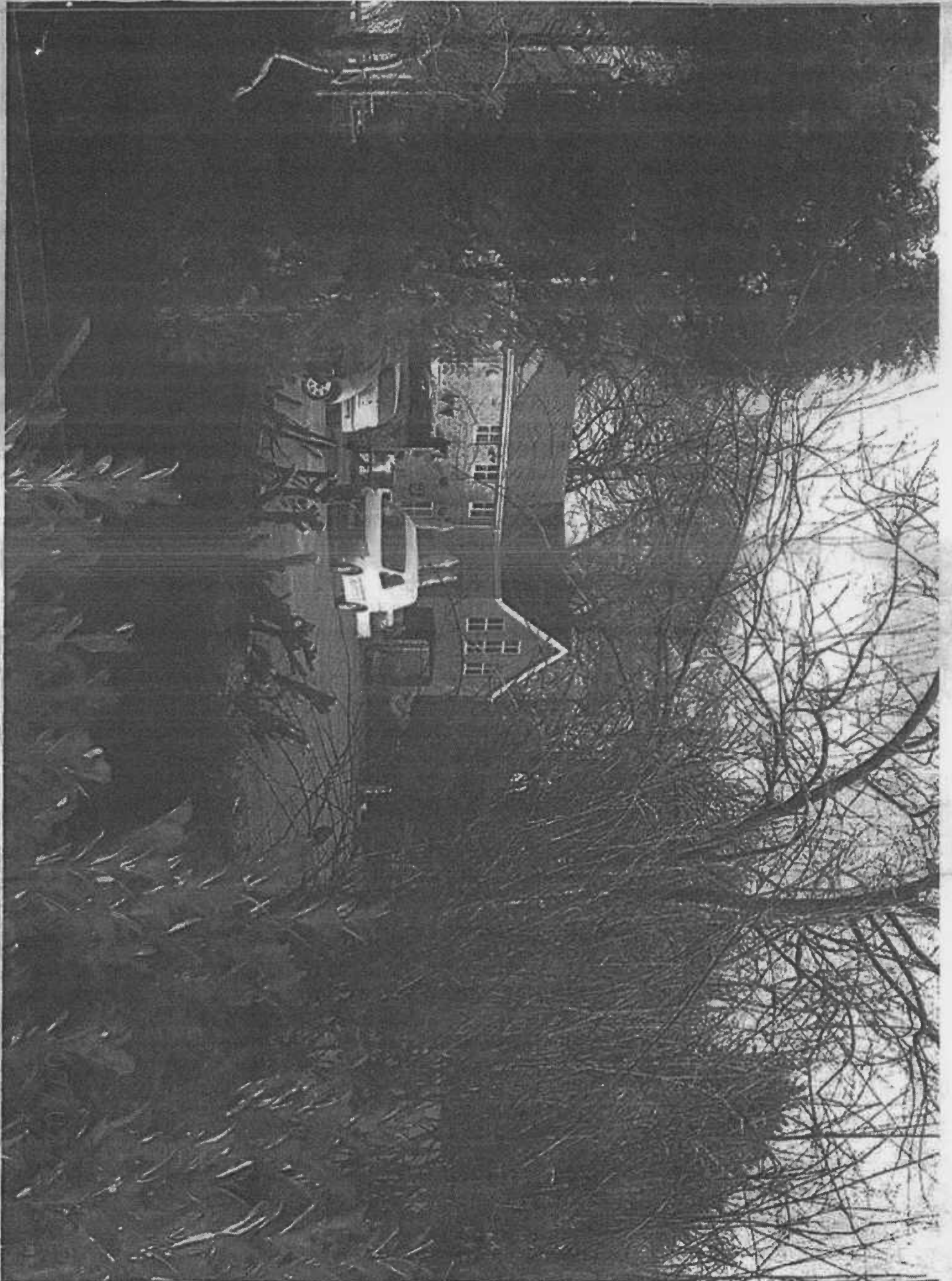
In our opinion this is more than sufficient for this pub given its residential location. The application is seeking to not only extend the hours for sale of alcohol to all day everyday (which is clearly excessive) but also extend the hours for all other activities on the licence and make them available inside and outside. In our opinion this will make the Public Nuisance already caused by the pub much worse and will further impact the quality of life and human rights of the local residents to enjoy peace and quiet in the neighbourhood.

We request that not only is this variation rejected but that the current premises licence is reviewed with a view to reducing the hours when the sale of alcohol is permitted. Despite the fact that we have not in the past logged formal complaints with the police we have, as described above, suffered on many occasions as a result of the activities at the Sirloin Inn.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne John Kelleher". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

John and Anne Kelleher



8th February 2015

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Chorley Borough Council
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Dear Sirs,

Subject: Licensing Application Reference: 15/00040/LAPLA
The Sirloin Inn, Station Road, Hoghton, Preston, PR5 0DD

We are writing to register our objections to the application submitted by Black Napkins NW Limited for a twenty four hour drinks license, outdoor events and licensed car park at The Sirloin Inn. We strongly object to these proposals on the grounds of Public Nuisance, Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Harm to Children.

Our home is situated directly next door to The Sirloin Inn, we have lived in this property since June 2005. In the time we resided here we have encountered a number of issues, details as follows:-

1. External doors and windows are often left open both at the front and back of The Sirloin, the biggest affect being the noise levels from members of the public and music entertainment in the evening and night time. The noise is very excessive and can be heard through closed windows in our home, we are unable to open the windows due to this noise. We encounter disturbed sleep when noise levels are particularly high and when people are leaving the Sirloin premises.
2. We have monitored the noise levels after midnight, the most recent example was the beer festival held 30th Jan to 1st Feb 2015, the beat of the music could be heard when we were indoors with no windows open, this music played until approximately 00.45am. At midnight the front door of The Sirloin was open and a number of people were sat outdoors on the decking at the front of the premises consuming alcohol.
3. On one occasion in 2014 the noise levels were that high at around 1.00am we had to get dressed, walk round to The Sirloin and ask them to turn the music down and shut the front door.
4. We have three children at home, our two eldest children have bedrooms overlooking the rear of The Sirloin, the noise is extreme for them in particular. Our youngest child, age 7, is constantly awake when outdoor events are ongoing, becomes distressed and will not sleep in her own bedroom.
5. We have witnessed members of the public urinating in our front garden in full view from our lounge window.
6. Drinking glassware/beer bottles dumped in our front garden regularly.

7. On the occasions when the car park has been closed due to outdoor events being held, people are parking their cars illegally i.e. directly on the corner when in fact they should be 10 yards from the corner. Cars are parked on our front garden and people drive over the grass, we have placed stones around the edge to try and prevent this but it has not deterred people. On the occasions people have parked on the road, cars are parked in parallel which then causes access issues.
8. Very poor visibility when exiting The Crossings due to the number of cars parked on Station Road/The Crossings.
9. Our drive way is constantly used by cars to turn round as they have driven passed The Sirloin and realised the car park is closed on event weekends.
10. Due to the urinating, glass, volume of cars using our drive to turn and car parking issues our daughter is unable to play out at the front of our property due to health and safety risks.
11. The entrance to the car park is blocked using beer barrels when outdoor events are held, clearly not a safe structure.
12. During the time the beer festival was held 30th Jan to 1st Feb 2015, planters were placed on the pavement to prevent parking, this meant pedestrians had to walk in the road.
13. In 2013 a Bonfire Night event took place, we were not at home that evening but on our return a neighbour contacted us regarding concerns about the close vicinity of the fire to our house. The fire was located only a matter of feet away from the wall between our house and the rear of the Sirloin, it was a windy evening and blowing the flames in the direction of our house. Our neighbour monitored the situation in case fire services were required. We feel sure that had we have been at home we would most certainly have been very concerned.
14. Summer 2014 event – hay bales were used as seating for an outdoor event, those hay bales are now stacked up level to the top of the wall between The Sirloin and our property, children have been seen climbing on these and as there is approximately a 10ft drop into our garden we are very worried about the safety risks. Even without the bales of hay we have always had members of the public, in particular children, looking over the wall into our home, we feel we have no privacy.
15. Summer 2014 – 8pm one evening a drunken member of public came from the decking at the front of The Sirloin, ran around our front garden, led down on the grass and then threw his beer glass onto the road, we had to go out and sweep the glass up as we did not want any damage to cars, children or anyone walking past.
16. Summer 2014 – The Sirloin started to have afternoon outdoor music/live singers, due to this we spent those afternoons indoors or away from home due to the noise levels and crowds of people, these occurrences were very obtrusive and we felt like our home was being invaded.
17. The road name sign on our property had to be replaced by Chorley Borough Council as two male drunken members of the public who had just left The Sirloin kicked and demolished the sign, we went into The Sirloin to try and find out the names of the individuals but they said they did not know who the people were, this was untrue as we believe the individuals were regular visitors to The Sirloin.

18. One cold winter evening a friend visited our home, when entering she asked did we know there was someone led in our garden, it turned out to be a neighbour who was a regular visitor to The Sirloin, was in a very drunken state, he had fallen over and as he had previously had a stroke he was unable to get up. We had to get help from other neighbours so that we could lift him and get him home, had we not have been made aware he was in the garden we are sure to outcome would have been fatal.
19. In 2014 a car parked on Station Road and the driver entered The Sirloin. The car rolled onto the rail track and was hit by a train. All the information regarding this incident is held by the Transport Police. This was a very frightening experience for ourselves and our children and we feel constantly on edge due to the large number of cars parking so close to the level crossing.

When we purchased our home in 2005 it was a quiet residential area. If the proposed license change is agreed it will seriously affect our home life, the value of our house will drop and more than likely become unsellable.

We have felt it necessary leave our home on the event weekends and stay in hotels or with relatives. This is completely unacceptable, and we should not be in that situation.

Chorley Borough Council recently contacted us to trim back some trees at the front of our property for visibility reasons, we are amazed that the large number of cars parked outside The Sirloin and on Station Road are deemed acceptable, seems to be rather a contradiction.

We have attached photographs to support some of the points above.

We hope that you will consider all the above factors and trust that no decision will be taken on this matter until all the interested parties' viewpoints have been considered and in view of the above, we would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,



Steven and Jill Holden

Tel. 01254 851964



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Our property hatched area.



View from front bedroom.



View from rear bedroom



Silver car parked on corner and in the road.



Entrance to car park blocked barrels, not a safe structure.

Ricroft
Quaker Brook Lane
Hoghton
Nr. Preston
PR5 0JA

12 February 2015

The Licensing Department,
Chorley Borough Council.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Application 15/00040/LAPLA for The Sirloin, Station Road, Hoghton.

I wish to object to the proposed alterations to the Licence.

Although I do not live on Station Road I live nearby and have friends who do live on Station Road near to The Sirloin.

I am concerned that allowing a late night/twenty four hour licence will encourage drinkers, leaving other premises at their closing times, to travel to The Sirloin; some of whom will use the narrow and dangerous rural lanes, including Quaker Brook Lane, for access.

At present this is a pleasant rural village and I would not want to see it have a very different character at night and Bank Holidays with the potential for disorder and public nuisance.

Yours faithfully,

Miss J H Street.

The screenshot shows an Outlook email window with the following content:

From: Jayne Day
Sent: 12 February 2015 14:46
To: Lesley Miller
Subject: FW: FAO The Licensing Department

Jayne Day
Customer Services Officer
Chorley Council

0123 515151 | chocley@rovc.uk
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You can make service requests online at chocley.rovc.uk and it's even faster if you use [MY Account](#)

From: Ben Almond
Sent: 11 February 2015 11:52
To: Ben Almond
Subject: FW: FAO The Licensing Department

From: J STREET Lighting & Streetlights@chocley.gov.uk
Sent: 10 February 2015 17:29
To: Contact
Subject: FAO The Licensing Department

Re: Application 151000401/APLA

Enclosed please find my letter of objection to the above application.
Yours faithfully,

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Nr. Piteony,
Lanes,
PR5 0DD

- 9 FEB 2015

5 February 2015

Licensing Authority,
PO Box 13,
Chorley PR7 1AR

Dear Sir,
Reference 15/0040/LA/PLA

I wish to make representations concerning the above variable
licensing application. The effects of its activities ^{on me} would be:

1. lack of sleep
2. unable to open windows in warm weather
3. carrying voices that sound as though people are in my front garden in the early hours of the morning.
4. Being unable to hear myself think reading the newspaper of an evening in my own lounge.

I would suggest that the pub should be open 12.00 P.M to 11.00 P.M Tuesday to Sunday, that there should be no activities on the car park, that people should be off the decking by 10.00 P.M, and that only regulated entertainment takes place inside the pub with sound proofing.

Yours faithfully

R.E. McKie

Dr & Mrs PLS Dixon
Neuadd Wen
Station Road
Hoghton
Nr Preston
PR5 0DD

6 February 2015

RECEIVED 09 FEB 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

REF: 15/00040/LAPLA

We wish to make a representation regarding the variation to the licence application made by MR GOKHAN Gundogdu of The Sirloin Inn, Station Road, Hoghton PR5 0DD, operating under the business name Black Napkins (NW) Ltd.

Our residence, Neuadd Wen, Station Road, Hoghton, is merely separated from the Sirloin by a driveway roughly fifty yards from the car park, decking and building of The Sirloin Inn.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Currently under the existing licensing hours, we are frequently exposed to high levels of noise pollution emanating from the Sirloin, by way of noisy drinkers on the decking and car park. This is particularly exacerbated during events when **LOUD LIVE MUSIC** and **LOUD RECORDED MUSIC** is continually played.

Should the 24 hours licence be granted, with the addition of music and other events mentioned within the application, such as wrestling and dancing, both inside and out, the noise pollution levels will be such that sleeping will become impossible and our lives unbearable every day of the week. It is important to note that this area is 100 % residential with no other commercial buildings other than the Sirloin in the vicinity. The Sirloin is surrounded in entirety by residential properties.

Several complaints have been made to the police by ourselves, which have been logged, but unfortunately they were unable to provide any assistance. We have also raised complaints with Environmental Health and maintained a noise log. The result of this is that we have now been offered recording equipment for the next summer event.

On several occasions we have also approached the Sirloin regarding the noise which eventually culminated with the Sirloin issuing a letter to us inviting us to a meeting. Following the meeting, a further letter was issued by The Sirloin detailing the points agreed upon by both parties, copies of which are enclosed dated Wednesday 13th August 2014. However, despite this meeting and the points which were agreed upon, by that Saturday, the noise pollution from an event was diabolical and on approaching the Sirloin to draw their attention to the agreements, were then told that he had never agreed to these points and they were nothing to do with him.

As to the affect of the noise on us; when an event is held in the car park (shut for parking) we are unable to sit in our garden and occupants of any of our bedrooms are unable to sleep due to the noise. Having worked until I was 75, I am now unable to take the time to enjoy my retirement by relaxing in my own garden due to the continual noise pollution from people from the Sirloin drinking and eating outside.

This completely contravenes the existing licensing caveats which were introduced when the restaurant was built and brought forward when the previous licensee Mr Kehoe applied for a music licence. I understand that these caveats are still in force despite the fact they are not being adhered to. We note that as an old building, there is no sound proofing of the inn and due to the small size of the building, the events mentioned within the variation can only be held in the car park alongside a considerable increase in the levels of noise pollution. We would also mention that whilst there was only one large event in the summer of 2013, there has since been a steady escalation of events to the point where they are occurring once a fortnight.

Public Safety

When an event is held using the car park, it effectively means there is no onsite parking available to customers, forcing them to park on both sides of the road ie Station Road, Fowler Close and The Crossings, obstructing the pavements and leaving a gap too narrow for any emergency vehicles to safely pass through. This style of parking commences from the Monday morning before the event. In addition to blocking access to emergency vehicles the cars also obstruct view for residents trying to leave their properties and in some cases, completely preventing access or egress to properties. In addition, there is a steady stream of taxis, beeping horns to collect customers who then leave their vehicles in situ, to be collected upto 24 hours later.

The actual entrance to the car park is effectively blocked off by way of a fence of metal beer barrels stacked on top of each other leaving a gap only wide enough for a person to pass through. Within the marquees in the car park, straw bales are used for seating in addition to tables and chairs which surely poses a fire hazard with escape being through the inn or the narrow barrel entrance. With roughly two to three hundred people attending some of the events, and bearing in mind the obstruction of emergency vehicles by the customers cars, should there be a fire, we have grave concerns as to evacuation of people and or dealing with such a fire. We unaware of any contingencies in place to deal with this; or whether any fire escape instructions are provided to the attendees.

I would also like to point out that on occasions the numbers of customers to these events hugely outnumber the volume of residents within the area affected.

Given this information I would sincerely hope that due consideration is given as to the affects that granting this variation would have on the village and ourselves. We are not a town centre, we have no commerce in the vicinity, we are rural residential area and to grant such a licence would have a huge damaging affect to the quiet residential village I moved into some thirty-seven years ago.

Further, we would request that the caveats to the existing licence are enforced and the events licence be completely withdrawn.

Yours faithfully

Pete L S Dixon
Margaret A. Dixon

Dr and Mrs PLS Dixon

The Sirloin

PUB & RESTAURANT

t- 01254852293 E - info@thesirloin.co.uk Station Road, Hoghton, Preston, Lancs, PR5 0DD,

Dear Dr and Mrs Dixon,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Wednesday 13th August. We are very grateful that you attended the meeting and hope that we can work together in the future to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship.

I just wanted to send this follow up letter to assure you that we have taken on board all your concerns and are acting upon them.

In particular at the meeting, Michelle and I agreed that we will;

- a) Put new signs around the front of the building encouraging our customers to park in our rear car park
- b) Try to utilise our car park when hosting events to minimise street parking on Station Road
- c) Purchase cones which we can use to cone off each one of your drives when we host an event to prevent them being blocked
- d) Hold a meeting with you a few days prior to each event to discuss plans and concerns
- e) Conduct sounds checks when events are on and work on volume control to minimise disruption to you
- f) Ensure all windows and doors are closed when live music is being played inside the building to prevent noise from travelling.

I do hope that we can work together so we can prevent disruption to yourselves and so we can continue to host our events.

Kind Regards,

Rebecca
Office Manager
The Sirloin Pub & Restaurant

The Sirloin

PUB & RESTAURANT

T- 01254852293 E - info@thesirloin.co.uk Station Road, Hoghton, Preston, Lancs, PR5 0DD,

Dear Neighbour,

I am disappointed to hear that you continue to have concerns regarding the noise levels at the Sirloin Inn.

We have tried our upmost to ensure that you are not disturbed. We always ensure we adhere to our licence regulations and notify you when we have upcoming events.

In order to bring some resolution to this situation I would like to invite you to meet with us at the Sirloin to discuss the matter face to face. I hope that this will enable us to put the matter to rest.

Please let us know which day, Mon - Fri, next week will be suitable and what time is best for you to meet with us.

Yours sincerely,

Al
The Sirloin

Wed
6.00pm

Stephen Culleton

From: J MULCRONE <mulcrone8@btinternet.com>
Sent: 11 February 2015 19:40
To: Stephen Culleton
Subject: OBJECTION TO PROPOSED NEW LICENCING APPLICATION

THE SIRLOIN, STATION ROAD, HOGHTON

This email is sent on behalf of my husband, James Mulcrone, and myself who are residents of Willowfield Chase which is in close proximity to the Sirloin. We strongly object to the proposed licencing application being granted for the above named pub/restaurant as we feel from past experience of theme nights already held at the said Inn, that the situation could become more intolerable should any increase in licencing hours be granted.

In order to ensure the prevention of crime and disorder we feel that the introduction of further hours will cause -

1. Major disruption on Station Road and adjoining roads with cars parked on both sides of the road and pavement. Our experience of past theme nights has shown that this limits free movement for traffic and pedestrians. This not only inconveniences motorists, but moreover can stop the free movement on the pavement for walkers.
2. There is the possibility of damage to cars parked overnight on Station Road, resulting in broken glass scattered on the roadway and pavements. In our experience cars have been left overnight and well into the next day before being driven away.
3. Intoxicated people leaving the premises late at night can result in possible disorder and crime in a residential area.

Furthermore public nuisance has already been caused in the following ways -

1. Music can be heard in our home, particularly during the summer months when a marquee is placed on the car park and all entertainment is outside. This results in annoyance and a definite public nuisance. Any increase in the number of occasions when this happens is unacceptable.
2. Considerable noise can be heard when people leave the Sirloin to go elsewhere or home. Shouting, swearing and singing has been heard on a regular basis at the weekend at late hours.
3. There is already concern regarding the public nuisance of litter, cigarette packets and ends, bottles and glasses left on the roadside on a regular basis during the weekend. Any increase would be intolerable.

We would appreciate these concerns being looked at favourably and the application refused. We live in a peaceful, rural area with a country inn, NOT A NIGHTCLUB and would not like to see the area's destruction.

If you would like to contact us further please do not hesitate to contact us on 01254 854039.

James and Julia Mulcrone

Stephen Culleton

From: Sue Flitcroft <flitcroft66@supanet.com>
Sent: 11 February 2015 21:59
To: Stephen Culleton
Subject: Licence Application Ref 15/00040/LAPLA Sirloin Inn Hoghton

To Whom It May Concern

Licence Application Ref 15/00040/LAPLA Sirloin Inn Hoghton

We wish to express our concern about the above application submitted to Chorley Council particularly the extension to 24-hour sale of alcohol both indoors and outdoors and the extension to performance of music both indoors and outdoors.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The Sirloin Inn is situated in a quiet, residential, semi-rural location with very little ambient noise. A large number of people leaving the Inn at all times of the night after consuming alcohol would inevitably lead to increased noise levels and disturbance in the neighbourhood. During themed weekends many vehicles are parked overnight along both sides of Station Road and we are concerned that any increase in the regularity of such events may attract criminal activity.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

The terms of the licence applied for allow performance of music both indoors and outdoors from 8.00am to 11.30pm and allow 24-hour serving of alcohol both indoors and outdoors. We are particularly concerned about the permission to pursue these activities outdoors. If it is the licensee's intention to take advantage of these terms, it can only lead to increased nuisance to local residents. Whilst we do not object to an occasional weekend event with outdoor music until 11.00pm latest, any increase in the noise levels, frequency and duration of performances would not be tolerable.

Public Safety

Consideration should be given to the fact that the Sirloin Inn is close to a railway level crossing and increased foot and vehicle traffic in an otherwise quiet country road is not a desirable situation.

We acknowledge that the Sirloin Inn is currently an asset to the community but we seek assurance of the licensee's intentions and a commitment to local residents that there will be no increase in the levels of crime and public nuisance by any proposed change in activities.

Andrew and Sue Flitcroft

Tel: 01254 852851

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Woodleigh
Station Road
Hoghton
Preston
PR5 0DD

8 February 2015

The Licensing Officer
Chorley Council
PO Box 13
Chorley
PR7 1AR



Dear Sir,

Sirloin Inn, Hoghton. Planning Application 15/00040/LAPLA

As householders we wish to make clear that in our view any such alteration of the hours are totally unacceptable in this rural residential area. Already there is nuisance and inconvenience caused to the general public and ourselves by:

- a) On special event days the inn car park is closed with the public house not providing any parking for its customers. In the roadway cars are parked on the footpaths on both sides of the road very close to gateways making access difficult.
- b) Large tubs of plants have been moved on event days from the inn to the public pavements in front of houses impeding pedestrians and creating a hazard in the dark.
- c) Disturbance from loud music on event days and evenings which is so intrusive that doors and windows must be kept closed and sleep becomes difficult.
- d) Bottles and other rubbish thrown over our garden wall and into the garden e.g. at the recent event days on 30th January a beer bottle and on 1 February a whiskey bottle.

We implore you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully

John G. Benson

Stephen Culleton

From: Ben Almond
Sent: 10 February 2015 14:16
To: Ben Almond
Subject: FW: Comment on a licence application - SIRLOIN PUBLIC HOUSE, HOGHTON

From: julie caton [<mailto:juliecaton3@gmail.com>]
Sent: 10 February 2015 12:04
To: Contact
Subject: Comment on a licence application - SIRLOIN PUBLIC HOUSE, HOGHTON

I wish to express my concern on the licencing application that has been made by the Sirloin Public House, Hoghton and raise a number of concerns and objections under the following headings -

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

1. A number of themed nights at the Sirloin Pub have resulted in a great deal of noise and disorder when customers leave the premises. I have had cause to discuss this with the Sirloin on 3 separate occasions. Any extension to the licencing hours would exacerbate this situation considerably, particularly during the week when local residents are at work. As the Sirloin is a residential area, 24 hour opening is not appropriate.
2. The car park of the Sirloin is blocked off for the use of parking during themed nights and cars have to park on Station Road and adjoining roads, many of which are left overnight and usually into the afternoon of the following day. This is a rural and quiet area and as such this is an open invitation for criminal activity during the night in an otherwise low crime area.

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

1. During the lighter months the Sirloin often erects a marquee on their car park in order to admit a greater number of people. This of course results in the noise of music and loud voices which carries into the houses of local residents. The noise is so clear that 100 meters away in our home on Willowfield Chase, the music and raised voices are clear to hear. These conditions are not appropriate when trying to sleep and any change to the pub's licencing hours would only make matters worse, resulting in a current very difficult situation being made intolerable for local residents.
2. Following the last themed night at the end of January, there was vomit on Station Road on Saturday morning. This is a definite public nuisance and not appropriate for a quiet residential area. It has still not been cleaned up by the pub and the proposed change in licencing conditions would only result in making such incidents worse.
3. I regularly pick up the remnants from the night before as I walk my dog along Station Road. Items I pick up are glasses, bottles of wine, cigarette packets and general litter. This did not happen prior to the Sirloin having themed nights and it is without doubt a public nuisance for local residents. Any extension or change in the current licencing hours would exacerbate this situation.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The Sirloin Pub is within 10 metres from the Station Road railway level crossing. If any changes are made to the licencing conditions of the pub, there is a strong possibility of dangerous or foul play on the crossing when inebriated individuals may be involved in risk taking behaviour on leaving the premises.

Finally, I have no objection to the Sirloin Pub doing well in the community, indeed a country pub is a wonderful asset, but I am concerned about the level of possible crime and disorder, public nuisance and

public safety that may appear should any extension be made to the current licencing hours and conditions. It is a risk that should not be taken.

I should be grateful if would take my points into consideration and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Julie Caton

