

# Notice of Meeting

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## Licensing Sub-Committee

**Monday 21st January 2013 at 10.00 am**

in Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Market Street, Newbury RG14 5LD

### **Members Interests**

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Friday, 11 January 2013

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**Victoria Arms, 54 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3SE**



## Agenda - Licensing Sub-Committee to be held on Monday, 21 January 2013 (continued)

**To:** Councillors Peter Argyle (Chairman), Paul Bryant and Billy Drummond  
**Substitute:** Councillor Ieuan Tuck

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# Agenda

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Head of Strategic Support

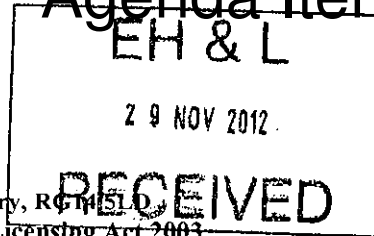
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Agenda Item 2(1)



West Berkshire Council, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD  
Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

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Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

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I/We FRANCIS JACOB PHILBERT  
(Insert name(s) of applicant)

being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Premises licence number	015087
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**Part 1 – Premises Details**

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description			
54 VICTORIA ROAD MORTIMER COMMON			
Post town	READING	Postcode	RG7 3SE

Telephone number at premises (if any)	01189332624
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£ 13000

**Part 2 – Applicant details**

Daytime contact telephone number	01189332624		
E-mail address (optional)			
Current postal address if different from premises address			
Post town		Postcode	



**Part 3 - Variation**

Please tick as appropriate

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

Yes

No

If not, from what date do you want the variation to take effect?

DD	MM	YYYY

Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 1)

PUBLIC HOUSE LOCATED OFF MAIN ROAD IN MORTIMER. THERE IS A MIX OF RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) IN THE AREA. THE PROPERTY IS FENCED IN AT REAR. THERE ARE TWO HOUSES AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY WHICH BELONGS TO THE LANDLORD.

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend:

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**Part 4 Operating Schedule**

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

**Provision of regulated entertainment**

**Please tick all that apply**

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

**Provision of late night refreshment** (if ticking yes, fill in box I)

**Sale by retail of alcohol** (if ticking yes, fill in box J)

**In all cases complete boxes K, L and M**

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
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Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Tue			
Wed			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Thur			
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Both		
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)</u>	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)</u>		
Mon	12.00	24.00			
Tue	12.00	24.00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)</u>		
Wed	12.00	24.00			
Thur	12.00	24.00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</u>		
Fri	12.00	04.00			
Sat	12.00	01.00	CHRISTMAS EVE 12.00 03.00 NEW YEARS EVE 12.00 04.00		
Sun	12.00	23.00			
			BANK HOLIDAYS 12.00. 04.00		

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)</u>	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	12.00	24.00			
Tue	12.00	24.00	State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed	12.00	24.00			
Thur	12.00	24.00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)</u>		
Fri	12.00	01.00			
Sat	12.00	01.00	CHRISTMAS EVE	12.00	0.100
			NEW YEARS EVE	12.00	0.400
Sun	12.00	23.00	BANK HOLIDAYS	12.00	0.400

G

<b>Performances of dance</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	
			Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Mon				
Tue				
Wed				
Thur				
Fri				
Sat				
Sun				
			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)	
			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)	



H

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed					
Thur			<b>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri					
Sat			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun					

I

<b>Late night refreshment</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
					Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)			
Mon						
Tue						
Wed			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)			
Thur						
Fri			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)			
Sat						
Sun						

J

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>			
Mon			<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			<b>Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

K

**Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children** (please read guidance note 8).

L

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)

Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

## M

Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

### a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO LIMITATION  
ON LICENCE PREMISES.

### b) The prevention of crime and disorder

EXTERNAL LIGHTING CCTV WARNING SIGNS

### c) Public safety

EXTERNAL LIGHTS CCTV CAMERAS  
APPROVED GLASSES USED IN BAR  
SAFETY INSPECTION ON REGULAR BASIS.

### d) The prevention of public nuisance

REQUEST OF PATROL TO LEAVE PREMISES QUIETLY.  
AND TO HAVE REGARDS FOR MY NEIGHBOURS HAVE OWN  
CAR PARK AT REAR OF BUILDING. SO NOT TO PARK  
ON ROAD, WILL REGULARLY CHECK SURROUND AREA  
FOR NOISE LEVEL MAKE SURE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS  
ARE SHUT AND KEPT SHUT

WILL LET MY NEIGHBOURS KNOW WITH LEAFLET  
e) The protection of children from harm DRCP WITH MY PHONE NUMBER ON

CHILDREN ONLY PERMITTED ON PREMISES  
WITH AN ADULT. AGED CHECKED  
REGULAR BASIS.

Please tick as appropriate

- I have enclosed the premises licence
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

If you have not ticked one of these boxes, please fill in reasons for not including the licence or part of it below

Reasons why I have not enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

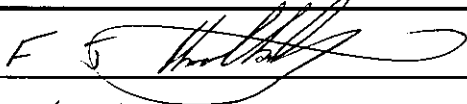
Checklist:

- Please tick to indicate agreement
- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee. £190:00
  - I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.  electronic
  - I understand that I must now advertise my application. Blue Notice
  - I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation. requested
  - I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

**Part 5 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 10)

**Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 11). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	27/11/12
Capacity	LAND LORD

**Where the premises licence is jointly held, signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent** (please read guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

<b>Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application</b> (please read guidance note 13)			
<b>Post town</b>		<b>Post code</b>	
<b>Telephone number (if any)</b>			
<b>If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)</b>			

## Notes for Guidance

**This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.**

1. Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
3. For example state type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
8. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
12. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
13. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.



## West Berkshire District Council

Public Protection Services, Council Offices, Faraday Road, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 2AF  
Tel: (01635) 519209 Fax (01635) 519172

### Licensing Act 2003 Premise Licence

**Premises licence number** 015087

#### Part 1 - Premises details

**Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description**

The Victoria Arms  
54 Victoria Road

**Post town**

Mortimer Common READING, Berkshire

**Post code**

RG7 3SE

**Telephone number**

0118 933 2624

**Licensable activities authorised by the licence**

Supply of Alcohol

**The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities**  
**Supply of Alcohol**

Monday - Thursday: 12:00 - 24:00

Friday & Saturday: 12:00 - 01:00

Sunday: 12:00 - 23:00

Performance: On Sales

Non Standard Timings:

Christmas Eve: 12:00 - 01:00

New Years Eve & Bank Holidays: 11:00 - 04:00

**The opening hours of the premises**

Monday - Thursday: 12:00 - 24:00

Friday & Saturday: 12:00 - 01:00

Sunday: 12:00 - 23:00

**Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/ or off supplies**

On-Sales

**Part 2**

**Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence**

Mr Francis Philbert, 54 Victoria Road, Mortimer, READING, Berkshire, RG7 3SE

0118 933 2624

**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

Mr Francis Philbert

54 Victoria Road, Mortimer, READING, Berkshire, RG7 3SE

0118 933 2624

**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

15054 West Berkshire Council

**Date:** .....

**Signed:** .....

**Authorised Officer**

## **Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions**

### Premises - Supply of Alcohol

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence-
  - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

## **Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule**

### **Part A**

### **Part B**

#### Protection of Children from Harm - Part B

An inspectable record of staff training in relation to under age sales and proof of ID will be maintained.

**Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

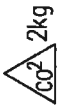
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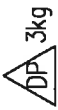
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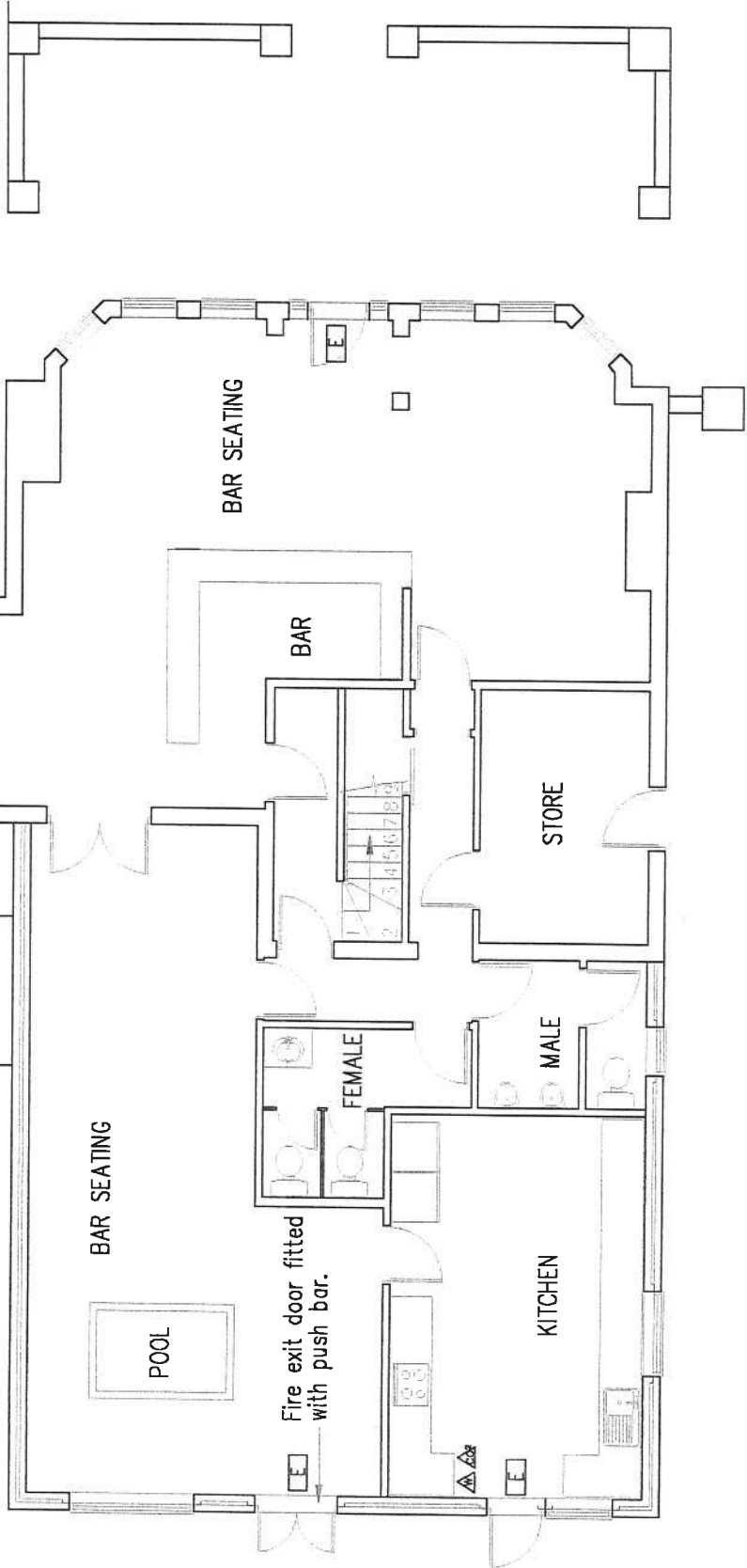
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EMERGENCY LIGHTING EXIT SIGN

Fire exit door fitted with push bar.

Fire exit door fitted with push bar.



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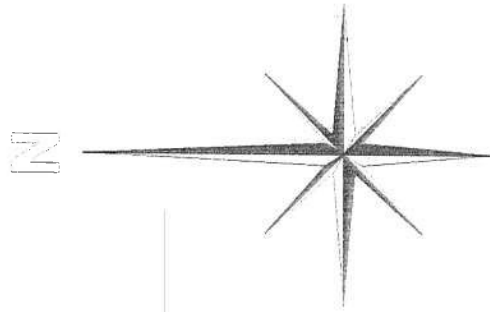
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 Victoria Arms,  
 54 Victoria Road,  
 Mortimer,  
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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Licensing **Our Ref:** 12/03929/LIC\_N  
**From:** Rosemary Green **Your Ref:**  
**Extn:** 2074 **Date:** 7 December 2012

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### Licensing Act 2003

#### Application to vary premise licence

#### Victoria Arms, 54 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, Berkshire

The application to vary the premise licence covers the provision of live and recorded music indoors Sunday –Thursday 12:00-24:00 and Friday& Saturday 12:00-01:00, with non standard timings for Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and Bank Holidays up until 0:300, 04:00, 04:00 respectively.

The Victoria Arms public house is located within a residential area within Mortimer. There are residential properties either side, to the rear and on the other side of Victoria Road. The nearest residential property is approximately 10 metres away.

The Victoria Arms currently holds a premise licence covering the sale of alcohol only. The licence does not cover any regulated entertainment. Temporary event notices have previously been used to cover music events held at the premises. Complaints regarding noise from music during TEN's were first received in 2011, with further complaints received for the two TEN's held in 2012 on 11<sup>th</sup> August and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Environmental Health had contact with the licence holder following the noise complaints received regarding the August event. When the October TEN was received I contacted Mr Philbert and discussed measures that he could put in place to control noise from the premises during the event . A range of conditions were agreed and were added to the TEN. These were:

In order to control noise from the playing of live music (indoors) at Victoria Arms to nearby residential properties between 21:00-24:00 hours during the temporary event on 20th October 2012 the following conditions are imposed:

1. Noise from amplified music playing at the Victoria Arms (indoors) shall be regularly monitored at the boundary of the public house to ensure that the playing of live music does not give rise to noise nuisance at nearby residential properties.
2. Doors and windows to the public house shall be kept closed for the duration of the event, except for access and egress from the premises, to control noise breakout from the playing of live music at the premises.
3. Letter drops to be carried out to neighbouring properties to advice of the event, giving a contact name and telephone number for residents to use during the event if the playing of live music gives rise to noise disturbance at these properties.

Following the event Environmental Health were contacted by a complainant who advised that although noise during the early evening had not caused disturbance, noise from music caused a disturbance later in the evening when trying to go to sleep. The resident advised that music was played until 00:30. The resident had not received a letter advising of the event and had only found out about the event by an advert outside the pub.

A subsequent temporary event notice was received for regulated entertainment until 12:00 for 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012 which was recommended for refusal on noise grounds by Environmental Health. The applicant as a result of this action withdrew the application, and advised that an application to vary the premise licence would be submitted.

Due to the recent issues covering live and recorded music played indoors at the public house Environmental Health are concerned that the proposed timings for live and recorded music every day up until midnight Sunday- Thursday, and up to 01:00 Friday and Saturday would result in noise complaint from neighbours. It is considered that the proposed increase in intensity of use for live and recorded music coupled with the later hours on the weekend would give rise to statutory noise nuisance at nearby residential properties. Despite agreeing conditions on the TEN for 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 these were not complied with. Residents were not notified of the event, the timings for the playing of music or provided with a contact number if noise should cause a disturbance.

Under Section M d) of the application the applicant has included all the conditions that were agreed for the TEN, however as these conditions were not complied with there is concern that these will not be adhered to.

In summary, it is recommended that this application is refused due to concerns that the possible playing live and recorded music every night until 12:00 hours Sunday- Thursday and 01:00 hours Friday and Saturday would give rise to noise nuisance at nearby residential properties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Regards

Rosemary Green  
Senior Environmental Health Officer

Direct Line: 01635 519074  
Email: [rjgreen@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:rjgreen@westberks.gov.uk)

We wish to make a representation regarding the proposed variation to the premises licence for The Victoria Arms, 54 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3SE. (Application Ref 12/02003/LQN)

We are:

Mr & Mrs A Higgs

1, Windmill Road,

Mortimer

RG73RN

Tel: 01189332061

email: [paulahiggs1955@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulahiggs1955@yahoo.co.uk)

We believe that the application will cause further public nuisance. Currently when musical events are held at the Victoria Arms there is noise from a) the music itself, b) the general noise of customers outside the building and c) noise of people departing (traffic and customers) when the event finishes. The noise is made more intrusive by the use of outside areas (including the smoking area) and the open doorways to them. This is particularly an impact in the summer.

We are aware of the recently introduced Live Music Act and the removal of licensing requirements up to 23:00Hrs - although it is still possible for Conditions to be imposed by a licensing authority.

Living as we do close to the Victoria Arms it has been necessary for us to move to sleeping in the back of our house (furthest away) and to close bedroom windows to try to reduce the impact of events to a minimum - it cannot be eliminated even with these measures.

Given the rural village location and the close proximity of residential buildings we would urge the Authority to refuse the application and to consider if the timings of the Live Music Act as a maximum would be more appropriate in the circumstances. We would also like to see a limit on the number of events held over a period of time to recognise their impact on local residents.

We appreciate the need for the Victoria Arms to optimise their commercial opportunities and hope that limiting the hours from the proposed midnight (Mon - Thurs) and 01:00 in the morning (Fri & Sat) to 23:00 hrs would still enable them to do so.

Please acknowledge receipt of this representation.

Mr & Mrs A Higgs

17/12/12

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**Gael NICHOLLS**  
**18 CROFT ROAD**  
**MORTIMER,**  
**BERKSHIRE,**  
**RG73TS**

**TEL HOME:**

16 December 2012

Senior Licensing Officer  
West Berkshire Council  
Culture and Environment Protection  
Environmental Health & Licensing  
Council Office  
Market Street,  
Newbury,  
RG14 5LD


Dear Sir

**REF NO 12/02003/LQN**  
**PROPOSED VARIATION OF LICENCE : THE VICTORIA ARMS**

I refer to the Licensing Act 2003 application ref 12/02003/LQN to include the longer hours for live and recorded music throughout the whole week till 24h00 and 01h00 on Sundays.

I wish to lodge my objection to this application and attach the representation form required. We try and be very tolerant of the noise and behaviour from the pub but any further noise, for longer periods, would be difficult to live with.

Thank you for your consideration

Gael Nicholls  


LICENSING ACT 2003

Representations form

Details of the representee:

Name ..... Gael Nicholls  
Address..... 18 Croft Road  
..... Mortimer  
.....  
Postcode..... RG73TS  
Telephone Number .....  
Email address .....

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Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number..... 12/02003/LQN  
Name of Premises..... The Victoria Arms  
Premises Address..... 54 Victoria Road  
..... Mortimer Common, Reading,  
Postcode..... RG73SE



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Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

Extended long hours of Party Music (+ Alcohol) result in poor anti-social behaviour, and this could lead to an increase in crime + anti-social behaviour becoming worse.

**Public Safety:**

Under Health + Safety law the Loud Music could become an environmental health issue for close neighbours. The Anti-Social behaviour would lead to a feeling of unsafeness.

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

The use of Loud music can and sometimes does lead to interference with a persons use of enjoyment of land or connection with it. This has already been a problem in the past. This is a mainly residential area.

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

The litter + broken bottles that can be found in the area around the Pub are not only unsafe to adults, but children too. Land noise, sleep disturbance would be a factor too.

Signed:.....

Date: 16 December 2012

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or email





LICENSING ACT 2003

Representations form

Details of the representee:

Name IVOR REES

Address 13 CROFT ROAD

MORTIMER COMMON, READING, BERKSHIRE

Postcode RG7 3TS

Telephone Numt .....

Email address ..

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Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number 12/02003/LQN

Name of Premises VICTORIA ARMS

Premises Address 54 VICTORIA ROAD, MORTIMER COMMON

READING, BERKSHIRE

Postcode RG7 3TS

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Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

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**Public Safety:**

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**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

**I CAN HEAR MUSIC FROM THE PUB IN MY HOUSE**

MUSIC FROM 12.00 HRS TO 24.00 HRS MONDAY TO THURSDAY  
 AND 12.00 HRS TO 23.00 HRS ON SUNDAY IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE  
 IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA. MUSIC ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IS  
 MORE ACCEPTABLE BUT SHOULD FINISH AT 24.00 HRS

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

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Signed:.....

Date: 18/12/2012

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**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Representations form**

**Details of the representee:**

Name ..... MR JONATHAN MATTHEWS

Address ..... 1 CROFT ROAD, MORTINELL

..... READING

Postcode ..... RG7 3TS

Telephone Number .. .. .

Email address .. .. .

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**Details of the application to make representation(s) on:**

Application Reference Number ..... 12/02003/LQN

Name of Premises ..... THE VICTORIA ARMS

Premises Address ..... 54 VICTORIA ROAD

..... Mortimer Common READING

Postcode ..... RG7 3SE

Under the Licensing Act 2003, for a representation to be relevant it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

MORE DRUNK PEOPLE INCREASES  
CHANCES OF CRIME & DISORDER.

**Public Safety:**

POTENTIAL FOR MORE DRUNK PEOPLE  
AT THE WAREHOUSE IF OPEN TO 1PM  
INCREASES CHANCES OF PUBLIC UNSAFETY.

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

LIVE OR RECORDED MUSIC UNTIL LATE  
IS BEING HEARD IN MIND YOU HAVE  
HOUSES 15 FEET AWAY FROM THE PUB.  
SPEAKERS IN AND OUT WILL ONLY ADD TO THE NOISE.  
Pollution.

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

MORTIMER HAS A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF  
YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE AREA OF THE  
PUB. ARE YOU REALLY WILLING TO DEAL  
WITH THE AMOUNT OF CALLS TO ENVIO HEALTH DUE TO NOISE

Signed: 

Date: 18/12/11

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Offices, Market Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5LD





LICENSING ACT 2003

Representations form

Details of the representee:

Name Linda Elder

Address 43, Victoria Rd.  
Mortimer Reading

Postcode RG7 3SH

Telephone Number

Email address

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Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number 12/02003/LQN

Name of Premises Mr Francis Philbert The Victoria Arms

Premises Address 54, VICTORIA ROAD  
MORTIMER Reading

Postcode RG7 3SE

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Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

Possibility of attracting large noisy groups into fairly small village community. Our nearest police attendance is about 20 mins away, if needed!

**Public Safety:**

Not enough car parking at rear of premises.

Unlit road with double yellow lines in sections -

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

This does not seem to be the sort of business suited to a small village location.

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

Noise levels later in night (i.e.) inside premises and when leaving.

Signed:.....

L.M. EVER (MRS)

Date: 18/12/12

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**Michael Nicholls  
18 Croft Road  
Mortimer,  
Berkshire,  
RG73TS**

16 December 2012

**Senior Licensing Officer  
West Berkshire Council  
Culture and Environment Protection  
Environmental Health & Licensing  
Council Office  
Market Street,  
Newbury,  
RG14 5LD**

Dear Sir

**REF NO 12/02003/LQN  
PROPOSED VARIATION OF LICENCE : THE VICTORIA ARMS**

I refer to the Licensing Act 2003 application ref 12/02003/LQN to include the longer hours for live and recorded music throughout the week until 24h00 and 01h00 on Sundays.

I wish to lodge my very strong objection to this application and attach the representation form required.

Although not reported to any authority I have had noise issues with this establishment in the past and have had my levels of tolerance tried on occasion. Any 'licensed' extension to this would be wholly unacceptable.

This is a residential area.

Thank you for your consideration

~~Michael Nicholls~~



**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Representations form**

Details of the representee:

Name ..... MICHAEL NICHOLLS .....

Address..... 18 CROFT ROAD .....

..... MORTIMER .....

Postcode..... RG7 3TS .....

Telephone Number .....

Email address .....

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Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number..... 12/02003/LDN .....

Name of Premises ..... THE VICTORIA ARMS .....

Premises Address..... 54 VICTORIA ROAD .....

..... MORTIMER COMMON, READING, BERKS .....

Postcode..... RG 7 3SE .....

Under the Licensing Act 2003, for a representation to be relevant it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

ANTI - SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR COULD INCREASE AS A RESULT OF THE MIX OF LOUD MUSIC AND ALCOHOL OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD. ASSOCIATED CRIME COULD INCREASE IN THIS RESIDENTIAL AREA

**Public Safety:**

THIS APPLICATION WOULD DIRECTLY AFFECT THE SURROUNDING HOMES IN TERMS OF THE INCREASED TRAFFIC, ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND THE LOUD MUSIC. THE LOUD MUSIC COULD BECOME AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUE UNDER H&S LAW.

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

ALTHOUGH UNREPORTED TO ANY AUTHORITIES, LOUD MUSIC FROM THIS ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN A PROBLEM IN THE PAST. THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION WOULD, IN EFFECT, ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN EVERY NIGHT - UNACCEPTABLE

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

SLEEP DISTURBANCE, THE LITTER OF DRINK CANS AND BROKEN BOTTLES, HIGHER VOLUMES OF TRAFFIC (EKATIC) STREET PARKING ISSUES, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ARE NOT THINGS YOU WANT TO EXPOSE CHILDREN TO IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA

Signed:.....

Date: 10.12.2012

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51 Victoria Road  
Mortimer Common  
Berkshire  
RG7 3SL

Licensing  
West Berkshire District Council  
Market Street  
Newbury  
RG14 5LD

19 December 2012

Dear Sirs,

**Application no. 12/02003/LQN**

I have lived opposite the Victoria Arms for thirty years, even longer than Mr Philbert has been the licensee of the premises.

During this time there have been numerous nights when live music has been played. I am not aware if Mr Philbert's licence covered these sessions.

During this time I have only on one occasion had to request that the sound be lowered and without hesitation the music was turned off.

I recognise that the music is important to Mr Philbert's business but it must be tempered with allowing neighbours reasonable late night peace.

The music can be heard, particularly when the doors are opened to the smoking area outside. In summer they and the windows are left open. It then becomes very noisy.

I therefore ask that the application, as worded, be rejected but would have no objection if the hours were amended to Monday to Thursday and Sunday: from 12:00 to 23:00 and Friday & Saturday: 12:00 to 24:00.

Yours faithfully 

PS: It should also be noted that after closing time it is often noisy, sometimes for quite a while, before the drinkers finally disperse. The later this occurs, the more annoying.

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Dear Sirs

LICENSING ACT 2003

Application Reference No. : 12/020003/LQN

Name of Premises: The Victoria Arms

Premises Address: 54, Victoria Road, Mortimer, Reading RG7 3SE

We object to the above application on the grounds of excessive noise nuisance late at night and into the early hours of the morning.

We live approximately 200 yards from the premise which back onto Croft Road and have suffered from excessive noise from these premises on previous occasions.

We note that only on Sundays is there any reference to the music being indoors and therefore assume that on all other nights the application is for music to be played **outdoors** as well. This means that loud music could be played outdoors on Friday and Saturday until 01.00 and until 12.00 Mondays to Thursdays. Modern music is generally loud in nature and has lots of bass i.e. loud drum beats. These low frequency notes travel large distances and can cause problems with sleeping particularly in the summer months when many people like to sleep with their windows open. The premises are located in a quiet residential area and the noise will adversely affect many local residents, especially those with young children.

John & Marilyn Mazillius  
3, Croft Road  
Mortimer,  
Reading  
RG7 3TS

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Mr R. & Mrs P. Thomas, 41 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Berkshire, RG7 3SH.

December 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

F.A.O. Senior Licensing Officer

West Berkshire Council  
Culture & Environmental Protection  
Environmental Health & Licensing  
Council Offices  
Market Street  
Newbury  
Berkshire RG14 5LD

**Re : 'The Victoria Arms' 54 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 3SE.**

**Application Reference : 12/02003/LQN.**

Dear Sir / Madam

Please accept the following representations with regard to the above application.

**Public Safety**

If the application was granted it would undoubtedly result in higher attendance at the premises which would make vehicle parking difficult, as the premises in question is situated at the head of a 'T' junction and is also in close proximity to a public transport point (Bus Stop).

**The prevention of public Nuisance**

Living in close proximity to the premises in question 'The Victoria Arms' we already suffer the annoyance of ongoing loud revelry external of the premises long after licensing hours have ceased, there are young and old alike that have their sleeping hours disturbed by these activities, it would therefore seem inappropriate to allow further extension to live and recorded music which would only serve to enhance the existing nuisance.

Regards

Mr. R.Thomas & Mrs. P.Thomas

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Re application ref 12/02003/Lqn  
The Victoria arms Mortimer

I write regarding the above application for live music variation.

We would like to request that this application is not approved for the following reasons:

We have two children under 5, we already hear the noise from the venue that occasionally wakes our children, and us. Extension of the live music license we consider anti-social and detrimental in particular to young children in the near vicinity.

Mortimer is a small village and is not a place for live music until very late, with no public transport links at the proposed late hours we feel it likely nearby roads will be a target for anti-social behaviour at this late hour.

We respectfully ask that this quiet village housing mainly young families and elderly residents is respected.

Kind regards

Mr and Mrs Milne  
2 Briarlea road  
Mortimer  
Rg6 3sa

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Reference number: 12/02003/LQN

Premises: The Victoria Arms, 54 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, Berks RG7 3SE

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to object strongly to the above application to include late night live and recorded music.

I live at 6 Windmill Road - the road that is directly perpendicular to the pub, and our house is about 100 metres from the front door. We are already sometimes disturbed by noise from the pub, both during noisy evenings every time the door opens as someone enters or leaves, as the noise comes directly down our road, and also at closing time when customers come out and can be noisy walking home along Windmill Road or along Victoria Road. They have theme nights, live music evenings etc but currently these do not finish excessively late - the new licence would change all that.

Our bedroom faces onto Windmill Road, and in summer when our window is open the noise is more obvious. We also have 2 young boys whose room is at the side of the house but again in summer necessitates the window being open. A later licence will mean we are disturbed both during the evening and at closing time, and a 1am finish is absolutely unacceptable in a residential area. The thought of hearing music even until midnight on weekday nights when we have to get up early for work the next day, let alone 11pm on Sunday evenings (ditto) and especially 1am on Fridays and Saturdays is something we dread. As mentioned above, even though the music is indoors, we will definitely hear it every time the door opens, possibly even when it is shut, and closing time will not be quiet.

Please, please would you take my concerns very seriously as a local resident - I can assure you that this would be extremely unpopular if the licence is granted and would have a detrimental effect on us and all other neighbouring properties. There are children and elderly residents living close by, as well as others who simply want to enjoy quiet evenings in their home. I urge you not to grant this licence.

With thanks,  
Mrs Janet Carless  
6 Windmill Road  
Mortimer  
Reading  
Berks RG7 3RN

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**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Representations form**

**Details of the representee:**

Name ..... MR & MRS J. BROOM  
Address ..... 6. CROFT ROAD  
..... MORTIMER  
Postcode ..... RG7 3TS  
Telephone Number .....  
Email address .....

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Name of Premises ..... THE VICTORIA ARMS.  
Premises Address ..... 54. VICTORIA ROAD.  
..... MORTIMER COMMON. READING.  
Postcode ..... BERKSHIRE RG7 3SE

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Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

..... INCREASE IN NOISE AND PEOPLE  
..... leaving premises late at night.  
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**Public Safety:**

..... Gross lack of parking  
..... at premises, therefore parking in  
..... main road - through village  
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**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

..... EXTRA NOISE OR LIVE  
..... & recorded music - especially in  
..... the summer months  
..... (we can hear music now)

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

..... Great Risk of underage drinking  
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Signed:.....

Date:..... 27.12.12, .....

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**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Representations form**

**Details of the representee:**

Name ..... Mr. & Mrs. A. J. ALDER  
Address ..... 35 VICTORIA ROAD, MORTIMER  
..... READING  
Postcode ..... RG7 3SH  
Telephone Number ..... EX-DIRECTORY  
Email address .....

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**Details of the application to make representation(s) on:**

Application Reference Number ..... 12/02003/LQN  
Name of Premises ..... THE VICTORIA ARMS  
Premises Address ..... 54 VICTORIA ROAD  
..... MORTIMER, READING  
Postcode ..... RG7 3SE

Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

MORE LATE NIGHT ACTIVITY IN AN UNLITE AREA CANNOT BE CONDUSIVE TO REDUCING PETTY CRIME, VANDELISM + GENERAL UNRULY DISORDER

**Public Safety:**

LACK OF STREET LIGHTING CANNOT BE A POSITIVE FOR LATE NIGHT PEDESTRIANS

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

MORTIMER IS A QUIET RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE. WITH NO CAR PARKING, STREET LIGHTING OR ANY OTHER DISTURBANCE BEYOND DAY TIME TRAFFIC NOISE. LIVE MUSIC IN TO THE LATE NIGHT IS NOT DISIRABLE IN THIS AREA

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

Signed:.....

A. J. ALDER

Date:.....

18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2012

AI LICENSE TILL 10:00pm WOULD NOT BE SO OBJECTIONABLE.

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**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Representations form**

Details of the representee:

Name ..... *Tony Mullen* .....

Address..... *19 Croft Road*  
..... *Mortimer, Berkshire* .....

Postcode..... *RG7 3TS* .....

Telephone Number .....

Email address .....

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Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number..... *12/02003/LQN* .....

Name of Premises ..... *The Victoria Arms* .....

Premises Address..... *54 Victoria Road* .....

..... *Mortimer Common, Reading, Berkshire RG7 3SE* .....

Postcode..... *RG7 3SE* .....

Under the Licensing Act 2003, for a representation to be relevant it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

I would not like to see late night drinking encouraged in Mortimer. Drink related problems in towns and cities across the country are all too obvious.

**Public Safety:**

Additional traffic at this location would cause problems for local residents, and possible drink driving issues.

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

The noise generated by live and recorded music played till midnight weekdays and 0100 weekends would be unacceptable for residents close to Victoria Arms. Also the noise from vehicles attending this venue.

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

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Signed: .....

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012

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16 Croft Road  
Mortimer Common  
Reading  
RG7 3TS

19<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Licensing Authority  
West Berkshire District Council  
Market Street  
Newbury  
RG14 5LD

You ref: 12/02003/LON  
Re: Mr F. Philbert, The Victoria Arms, 54 Victoria Road,  
Mortimer Common, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 3SE

Dear Sir,

We are writing to you to protest in the strongest possible terms against the proposed extension of the Licensing Hours for Music at the Victoria Arms. Mortimer is essentially a quiet, largely residential village and licensing to play music at these hours would be totally out of keeping and will cause even more nuisance in the village at this later closing time.

The proposed extension of hours will bring people in from outside the village. Car-parking provisions at the Victoria Arms are already minimal and the local residents would be further inconvenienced by on-road parking.

We live near the Pub and can often hear loud music from it in the summer when we would ideally like peace to sit in the garden, we also have to keep windows closed on summer evenings and nights. We have complained to the publican in the past about noise levels. Mr. Philbert also demonstrates his attitude to noise and concern for his neighbours in the noise levels coming from his house (which was built in the original pub gardens and car park) playing loud music at all hours of the day which can be particularly annoying during the summer months when in the garden.

Yours faithfully,

S.M.Dale (Mrs.)

D.R.Clack

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**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Representations form**

Details of the representee:

Name ... STRATFIELD MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL  
Address... PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, 27 VICTORIA ROAD  
MORTIMER  
Postcode... RG7 3SH  
Telephone Number ... 0118 9331955  
Email address ... the.clerk@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk

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Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number... 12/02003/LON  
Name of Premises ... THE VICTORIA ARMS  
Premises Address... 54 VICTORIA ROAD  
MORTIMER RG7 3SE  
Postcode... RG7 3SE



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Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

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**Public Safety:**

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**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

object to the extension of times on a daily basis for live and recorded music. Under The prevention of Public Nuisance in a residential area

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

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Signed:...

- Clerk of the Council

Date: 13 December 2012

Please send completed form to the Senior Licensing Officer at:

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LICENSING ACT 2003

Representations form

Details of the representee:

Name ..... MR TOBY MARSDEN .....  
Address..... 20 CROFT ROAD, MORTIMER .....  
..... COMMON, READING .....  
Postcode..... RG7 3TS .....  
Telephone Number .....  
Email address .... t.marsden@bt.com .....

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Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number..... 12/02003/LON .....  
Name of Premises ..... THE VICTORIA ARMS .....  
Premises Address..... 54 VICTORIA ROAD .....  
..... MORTIMER COMMON, READING .....  
Postcode..... RG7 3SE .....

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Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

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**Public Safety:**

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**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

MY PROPERTY ADJOINS THAT OF THE LICENSED PREMISES.  
THE USE OF LIVE AND RECORDED MUSIC UNTIL  
12PM / 1AM WILL CAUSE A NUISANCE. I RISE AT 05.30AM  
FOR WORK. CHILDREN ARE RESIDENT AT WEEKENDS.

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

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Signed:.....

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Date:..... 2/1/2013.....

Please send completed form to the Senior Licensing Officer at:

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Offices, Market Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5LD



**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Representations form**

**Details of the representee:**

Name Benjamin Allen

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Common

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Telephone Number .....

Email address .....

Please note the Council is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations made.

**Details of the application to make representation(s) on:**

Application Reference Number 12/02003/LQN

Name of Premises The Victoria Arms

Premises Address 54 Victoria Road, Mortimer common,  
Reading, Berkshire

Postcode RG7 3SE

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Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

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**Public Safety:**

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**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

This pub is in the middle of a quiet residential area populated mainly by families. The noise from the pub is already intolerable when they have Karaoke nights, and to extend the noise even later is unacceptable.

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

Many children live in the area, and require sleep. Playing music late into the night will prevent them from sleeping. The noise will continue even after the music is stopped, as people will walk home late at night, no doubt making more noise.

Signed: .....

Date: 30/12/12 .....

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Details of the representee:

Name ..... MR RICHARD GRIFFITHS .....  
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..... MORTIMER COMMON .....  
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Email address ..! .....@.....com .....

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Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number..... 12/02003 /LQN .....  
Name of Premises ..... THE VICTORIA ARMS .....  
Premises Address..... 54 VICTORIA ROAD .....  
..... MORTIMER COMMON .....  
Postcode..... RG7 3SE .....



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**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

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**Public Safety:**

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**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

.....THIS PUBLIC HOUSE IS IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA.....  
.....THE LIVE AND RECORDED MUSIC WILL INCREASE NOISE.....  
.....LEVELS.....THE LATER CLOSING TIMES WILL CAUSE INCREASE  
.....DISTURBANCE LATE AT NIGHT AS CUSTOMERS LEAVE PREMESIS.....

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

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Signed:..

Date:..... 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2012 .....

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in regard to the change in licensing hours for the Queen Victoria Arms pub in Mortimer (ref 12/02002/LQN) - applications due today, 2nd January 2013.

As a resident living very close by on the opposite side of the road, I find the fact that the a pub opening until midnight in the week and lam at the weekend highly unnecessary and that the potential impact on the quiet village is very worrying. The pub has outside areas and with the smoking ban, not only will this add to the potential for customers to linger outside up to these early hours of the morning, but also for noise as they leave. If live/recorded music is also involved this raises further concerns especially as summer approaches and residents like ourselves have our windows open. I have no doubt that I will be able to hear this within my home and living in a quiet village it seems completely unnecessary that residents should be subjected to this when drinkers can go to a town nearby if they wish to visit this type of establishment.

There is also a concern for the type of Clientele that may be attracted to the pub, there was a recent incident in a lovely family pub down the road (Horse and Groom) where trouble was caused by some very nasty threatening customers (not from the village) which left the patrons very shocked and shaken - why even create more of an opportunity for this to happen?

People live in the village for its friendly, community feel and country charm - it is not a place for late night partying and does not need pubs with late licenses!

I hope you will take these views into consideration.

Best wishes

Nicola Richer  
59 Victoria Road, Mortimer

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To the Senior Licensing Officer

REF: Licensing Application 12/02003/LQN - Victoria Arms, Mortimer. Application for Late Night Music

Dear Sirs

I am shocked and horrified to receive a Photocopy of the application only on 20th December 2012 – A full week after it had been made available in the Reading Post. As I do not purchase this local paper, I feel that my rights to a fair hearing have been limited as a local homeowner to make my comments and views known on this subject. I also feel that as this application is being made over the Christmas period, that other residents may not get a fair chance to put their views forward due to the Christmas break and all the disruption on normal working hours that this brings with it.

With regards to this application, I have a number of queries that I would like clarification on. The proposed music times state that they wish to play live and recorded music until 24.00 Mon-thurs and 01.00 Fri-Sat with 11pm being the cut off on Sunday – it then states (indoors). Does this mean that they will be allowed to play music OUTDOORS Mon-Sat but not on Sundays? Or has the music got to be restricted to indoors only all week?

I am very much against this licencing change, and as your records will show, I have emailed the licencing department a number of times in previous years about the high level of noise nuisance coming from this pub. The local residents have to put up with loud noise, kareoke (so loud you can hear it over the TV with windows and doors shut), as well as drunken shouting, swearing and bad behaviour particularly during the summer and after sports games. A number of times people have been seen vomiting in gardens and causing trouble congregating in the street when walking home. In the summer it is particularly bad, as they open all the doors and windows, and music can be heard blaring out at all times, turning a peaceful village into a nightclub, this ruins the quality of life. There is also a large congregation of men, when sport is being shown, and it feels very intimidating as a woman to walk past when this occurs, with drunken men leering, and appearing very agressive. I have made complaints to the council in the past about the level of disruption and noise, but as usual the council failed to do anything as by the time anyone arrives then noise and commotion have long gone. I have spent the last year finishing a PhD thesis often being kept awake by noise – my email to you dated 25/11/11 was only one of many instances over the year, but at 3.45am it was annoying enough to warrant an email to you.

Within 100m of the Victoria Arms pub, there are at least two very elderly single women, who both have serious medical conditions. These ladies get scared by the noise (one having had part of her brick gatepost knocked down and destroyed a few years ago by drunken customers from the pub). They are not people who will be likely to complain. We also have a number of families with young children, who are in the first years at school. There is no doubt that they will be kept awake by the noise, as we are currently disturbed by the volume of music from the pub currently. Taking this later into the night will only cause more trouble. In the next few months, my new neighbours will be welcoming a newborn baby to their family – again rowdy drunken people will make life miserable for everyone. It is important that the local residents are taken into consideration in this process, not just the owner and customers. WE as residents are the ones who have to live with the constant disruption and we are the ones who have to clean up the mess and damage caused.

Parking is also an issue, with very little available at the pub. MANY customers park down the street, and walk to the pub, as if they do not want to be seen drink driving. This causes many parking and traffic issues, with buses and cars often not being able to pass without extreme caution. There is also the junction of Windmill Road, which is a blind turning, again causing potential accidents. There are a number of groups who frequent the Victoria Arms, who ride motorbikes, quadbikes and fast cars, who are often seen speeding up and down Victoria Road on a Sunday, appearing to be having races – there appears to be nothing we can do

about this, but it disrupts the local community and is exceptionally dangerous, especially when you see small children being driven at speed on a quadbike without a helmet on!

I have lived in Mortimer all my life – nearly 30 years, and this is the only pub that appears to cause any kind of loud noise and rowdy behaviour. We have two other pubs in the village, and neither have the same reputation as the Victoria Arms. I have witnessed many episodes of drunken behaviour, swearing, small fights, vomiting and urinating in gardens and general disruptive behaviour over the years. This year I have also witnessed what appeared to be a drug deal with customers walking out of the pub to a car, being given something, and then going back to the pub. This is all seen whilst going about my own business in my home. It saddens me that there is nothing that can be done about this blot on the village community.

Mortimer is a VILLAGE – not the inner city of Reading. We do not want this type of behaviour on our doorstep, and I feel that granting this change of licence will just encourage the bad behaviour later into the night.

Not only will increasing the hours of live music cause noise disruption, it will also cause potential problems with parking later into the night, possible drunken damage to property and also help to destroy the peaceful nature of the Village.

In order for my views to reach you by the 2/1/13 I am emailing a copy of the Representation Form, however I will also be posting a copy so that I am legally covered and my views are not discounted via a loophole. Please find attached the relevant forms.

I hope that you take this into consideration when making your decision.

Yours sincerely

Miss Elise Fraser  
Ms Anne Fraser  
Mr Glenn Durbridge

LICENSING ACT 2003

Representations form

Details of the representee:

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**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:** See attached letter.

LARGE NUMBERS OF DRUNK + DISORDERLY SPILLING ON THE STREET  
IN THE EARLY MORNING. DIFFICULT TO LIMIT NOISE, SWEARING,  
LAUGHTER + DISRUPTION. LITTERING, URINATION IN GARDENS ETC.  
PATROL FOR DRUGS + PETTY DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

**Public Safety:** See attached letter.

PATROL FOR LARGE GROUPS TO CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH  
MORE FRAGILE AND VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. POLICY ISSUES +  
DRUNK DRIVING.

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:** See attached letter.

NOISE + LATE NIGHT MUSIC WILL ENCOURAGE ROWDY BEHAVIOUR,  
DRUNKENNESS + LARGE GROUPS TO CONGREGATE. PARKING AND  
GATHERINGS OF CARS + BIKES ALSO CAUSE A NUISANCE AT  
PRESENT.

**The Protection of Children from Harm:** See attached letter.

LATE NIGHT NOISE WILL DISTURB SLEEP PATTERNS OF LOCAL  
CHILDREN + WITH THE POTENTIAL OF SCARING THEM, WITH  
LARGE GROUPS OF DRUNK MEN + WOMEN.

Signed

Date: 27/12/12

27/12/12

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Details of the representee

Name Tim Proctor - Mrs Anne Proctor

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MORTIMER

Postcode RG7 3RL

Telephone Number

Email address

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**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

It is very worrying for other people that young people and drinkers drinking until late hours would be wandering round the village - could it be policed

**Public Safety:**

Very limited parking facilities - customers will be parked in Windmill Road and on pavements as well as side roads.

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

12.00 to 24.00 hrs means never 01.00 hrs before finish and people driving off and it is Friday & Saturday it could be never 02.00 hrs - just beer crates being moved makes a racket

**The Protection of Children from Harm:**

Many children live nearby as it is a residential area who would be disturbed by the noise of music late at night.

Signed...

(Mrs)

Date: 20 Dec 2012

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Teenagers would be encouraged to enter the pub (night club) even after school as it opens at 12.00.