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To: Licensing and Executivecycle

Subject: RE: LA2003 Tilehurst - Variation of Premises Licence - Spoons Coffee Shop, Tilehurst, RG31 6PR

Afternoon Sharon

On behalf of Tilehurst parish Council, I am confirming members' **objection** to the granting of the Variation of premises Licence for Spoons Coffee Shop.

Whilst Members of this Council have welcomed the opening of this popular, much used and valued coffee shop, a number of concerns have been raised on this recent application for a Variation of the Premises Licence.

Members consider that there is no justification for extending the hours to such an extent, given the "close proximity to residential premises" noted by Environmental Health in the original planning application (19/00884/FUL).

Whilst we appreciate that planning permission is not a material consideration when permitting Licences etc, we would like to draw to your attention that the applicant does not have planning permission to open for the requested hours. To our knowledge no recent planning application has been submitted and below is confirmation of the existing planning permissions with regards to opening hours;

"The use hereby permitted shall not be open to customers outside the following hours: 0700 - 1600 Mondays to Fridays; 0800 - 1300 Saturdays; CLOSED - Sundays and Bank Holidays. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of surrounding occupiers. This condition is imposed in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (February 2019), Policy CS14 of the West Berkshire Core Strategy (2006-2026) and Policies ECON5 of the West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991-2006 (Saved Policies 2007)."

As evidenced by the applicants website, the opening hours on a Saturday are 09:00 until 14:00 which is outside of both their current licence and planning permissions.

Concern was also raised over the limited toilet facilities available and whether or not the existing provision is adequate. The plans for the building indicated that there is only one toilet within the premises.

If this variation were to be permitted, and relevant planning permissions gained, Members would suggest that conditions should applied, such as:

1. A restriction of the hours of use of the outside area, as noise from this could have a detrimental impact on nearby residents
2. Alcohol should only be served with a meal

Kind Regards
Jacky Major
Clerk of the Council