

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)

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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

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