

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

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