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Subject: Strong objection to the proposal to amend the licence Ref 09/01533/LQN/77-FV

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Dear Sirs.

My name is Marieta Brandusesc and I am leaving at Oak Cottage, Bagnor, Berkshire, RG208AG opposite the Watermill Theatre on Magnor Road.

We are already severely affected by the current activities of the theatre. Noise from outdoor performances prevent us from getting sleep early. We are early risers by nature of our work and like to be in bed before ten. On performance nights this is not possible. Added to this comes the extreme noise from the bottle clearance after events and general cleaning up (most of the time early morning around 6 am).

Traffic on event days has become problematic for the narrow access roads to the theatre and parking can spill over into the village, blocking houses and narrowing what is already a narrow road. For any emergency vehicles access this could become an issue.

We suspect that the purpose of this licence alteration is a cynical attempt to benefit from the rural idyll of Bagnor and fill a gap left by the closure of pubs in Bagnor and surrounding villages. Such a granting would be to the detriment of all residents in Bagnor, many of whom have lived there for a long time.

We are happy that the theatre appears to be through its financial difficulties and is continuing to attract sponsorship, according to the press. The expansion of the cultural activities into more outdoor events impacting the neighbourhood and increased outdoor drinking and festivities is not what the Theatre about. It is blatant expansion of commercial gastronomy exploiting the beautiful nature of Bagnor, but not giving anything back to the village or its residents. Increased noise, reduction in the quality of our lives and greater congestion is all the Hamlet gets.

We strongly oppose the application.

Kindest regards,
Marieta Brandusesc