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Beech Cottage

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Subject LA2003-Newbury -Watermill Theatre Premises

License Variation (013678)

For the attention of Sharon Gavin

Following the recent application to extend the opening hours and events at the Watermill Theatre in Bagnor, as residents of Bagnor Village, we would like to formally file our objection to the change of licensing at the above premises and would like our objections to be considered based upon the following:

We feel that the extended opening times from 2200 hours to potentially 2400 hours will have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of our family and the village as a whole as the disruption and noise from the traffic and visitors to the theatre has a direct effect on our lives.

We are already feeling the effect of traffic leaving at 11pm due to the current production. Car park lights from two car parks illuminating the area near our home. We are a village with no street lights and extending the hours to 2400 would mean even more light pollution.

From a personal perspective one member of the household leaves for work in the summer between 0410 and 0430 and other members work unsociable hours and are on call 24 hours. Extending the licensing hours to 2400 to include an outside bar/late leaving cars would impact on our quality of life.

Living in a village our local wildlife is very important to us.

We would like the authority to consider the environmental impact on the wildlife in this area of natural beauty which is also near to a conservation area. The increase of vehicles polluting the air/noise will potentially have a negative impact on the environment.

