
From: Andy Slater [mailto:]
Sent: 29 August 2023 09:27
To: Licensing <Licensing@westberks.gov.uk>
Subject: Application for off license Hambridge Road, newbury

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Good morning

I've recently noticed an application form been submitted to you for an off- license in hambridge road in the old sandwich shop.

In a time when the pub industry is having a hard, especially in newbury, on a industrial estate, with the the road constantly closed or being dug up, I think this would add insult to injury to the old London Apprentice. Can you imagine on race day with race goers going to the off-license to get alcohol then return to the OLA to enjoy sitting in the gardens to enjoy their cheap drinks, the confrontations, fights this will case with drunk race goers and staff.

As a local resident we go to the supermarket to buy cheap alcohol and I feel this would only have a negative impact on our local pub, which we don't need.

Thank you

Regards

Andy Slater

Automotive Paint supplies
01635 42790

Benjamin Ryan

From: Chessie Rosier-Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 August 2023 17:40
To: Licensing
Subject: Racecourse Food & Wine concerns

Categories: Sharon Gavin

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Hi,

I wanted to write a quick email to voice a few concerns I have about the new premises and license on Hambridge Road.

I work at Squeegee & Ink, 2A Hambridge Road, Newbury, RG14 5SS - 07[REDACTED] - Francesca Rosier-Parker.

I tend to work throughout the week and some weekends and have been at the premises for ten years. Over that time I have a good awareness of what happens on race days in particular on the street. The pub has managed the huge influx of race course punters well over the years. They have regular litter pick-ups, a thorough no-tolerance policy on bad behaviour and make sure to serve plastic cups and generally create a great atmosphere for the racegoers.

My concern is that I think the people visiting the town on these days have less regard for our town than the normal occupants. They will use the off-license as a way to get pre-drinks and the shopkeeper would have no way of monitoring the consumption off their premises. The extra glass and access to the alcohol that will be drunk and discarded is something that will quickly get out of hand.

Anti social behaviour is amplified on race days and there is an increased police presence in the town centre but not on Hambridge Road.

As far as I know there are no public bins or cameras in the area other than for our individual businesses so though it shouldn't be the sole responsibility of the shop owner I think being open on race days would be a mistake for the safety of local business owners and a few residents.

I don't have any concerns for non race days as that would only cater for the local residents.

Thanks for your time in coming to this decision,
Francesca.

From: Ian Collins [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 28 August 2023 15:13
To: Licensing <licensing@westberks.gov.uk>
Subject: 4a Hambridge Rd, Newbury.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to oppose the above application regarding safety grounds.

This person would like to open an all day off license on an industrial estate on the way to Newbury Racecourse. They are intending to sell bottled beers and spirits which are glass, whereas any licensed public house has to provide plastic glasses even for bottled beers or for example, Prosecco/wine.

On a raceday this will cause carnage with glass bottles being dropped and cars etc running over the broken glass and could be used in any altercations with members of the public. I believe this to be a health and safety issue and anti social behavior will occur.

In turn, this will drive another local public house out of business as well as you know, we are trying to save our local businesses.

I await your reply.

Yours sincerely

Ian Collins (local resident)

From: John Gardner [mailto:]
Sent: 30 August 2023 15:04
To: Licensing <licensing@westberks.gov.uk>
Subject: OBJECTION: Premises Licence Application by Racecourse Food & Wine Ltd

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Dear Sirs

I reside at 67 Kings Road and wish to object to the application for a Premises Licence by Racecourse Food & Wine Ltd, 4a Hambridge Road, Newbury RG14 5SS. The grounds of my objection are as follows:

As a resident of King's Road I am convinced that these problems will arise from the granting of a Premises Licence to the applicant's company, and I urge the Council to refuse the application.

Dear Sirs

I reside at 67 Kings Road and wish to object to the application for a Premises Licence by Racecourse Food & Wine Ltd, 4a Hambridge Road, Newbury RG14 5SS. The grounds of my objection are as follows:

1. The address of the applicant company places it, as an outlet for strong liquor, only two or three doors from the Old London Apprentice pub, which begs the question of whether another liquor outlet in the area is beneficial to the area or even necessary, given that a large Sainsbury's is a short walk away.

2. The name of the company in question makes it perfectly clear that it aims to attract racegoers proceeding to and from Newbury Racecourse via Kings and Hambridge Roads. One can see no other need for a Premises Licence. Such liquor would then be consumed in public up and down those roads. Granting of a Premises Licence to the applicant constitutes no less than encouragement of a Public Nuisance.

3. An off-licence will, furthermore, sell liquor more cheaply than pubs do, thereby encouraging public drinking in potentially large amounts. As an area resident, on race days and nights I experience acceptable amounts of noise from pedestrian racegoers who have been drinking liquor at the racecourse or at the Old London Apprentice. The provision of more and cheaper alcohol to a pedestrian clientele would indubitably increase the noise of revellers passing my property to an unacceptable level and would promote a Public Nuisance.

4. I am aware that the Old London Apprentice pub uses only plastic containers when dispensing liquor on race days. An off-licence premises, on the other hand, will sell liquor in bottles and cans which would then be taken off the premises, often consumed in public, and then need to be disposed of. The problem here is that an inebriated person will tend to be less concerned to dispose of containers responsibly. At present, Kings Road on race days becomes a dumping-ground for uneaten food, so add to that litter-problem cans, plastic and glass bottles, and this irritation will rise to the level of yet another Public Nuisance.

5. Above all, the probable careless disposal of glass bottles raises a matter of serious concern. Many schoolchildren, let alone adults, walk, run or ride down the area's roads. Broken glass will, without doubt, become a threat to persons and vehicles. For that reason alone, granting of the Premises Licence in question will produce a threat to Public Safety and potentially expose children to grievous harm.

As a resident of King's Road I am convinced that these problems will arise from the granting of a Premises Licence to the applicant's company, and I urge the Council to deny the application.

Yours faithfully
JOHN GARDNER

Dr J M Gardner
67 Kings Road
NEWBURY RG14 5RA
Mobile: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: STEVEN WARD [mailto:]

Sent: 30 August 2023 14:31

To: Licensing <licensing@westberks.gov.uk>

Subject:

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

Subject: Objection to alcohol license application for premises on Hambridge Road, Newbury, close to The Old London Apprentice public house.

Reasons: 1. We already have enough outlets in Newbury selling alcohol.

2. The proposed new off-license would take more trade away from our already struggling local pubs.

3. It would encourage under-age, on-street drinking.

4. On busy race days, the selling of relatively cheap alcohol in glass bottles, strongly discouraged by the police, would pose a safety hazard.

5. More anti-social behaviour.

In summary, don't need it, don't want it.

Please do not reply to this email.

LICENSING ACT 2003

Representations

Under the Licensing Act 2003 objections can be raised against an application for a new premises licence or a variation of an existing licence. The term used in the 2003 Act, regulations, and associated guidance is 'relevant representations'.

In brief 'relevant representations' is an expression used in the Act for comments, including objections on applications. For a representation to be relevant it must relate to the effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of one or more of the four licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

The key documents upon which Local Authorities rely is the Guidance issued under [section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#) published by the Home Office and the Council's own [Statement of Licensing Policy](#).

Making a relevant representation

Any persons and responsible authorities can make representations to the licensing authority, if they wish to do so. Representations must be made in writing to Licensing at West Berkshire Council, Culture and Environmental Protection, Environmental Health & Licensing, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5LD or by email to licensing@westberks.gov.uk

Your representations must reach us within the 28 day statutory consultation period. If you are unsure when the end date for consultation is, you can check on the Council's website for a list of current applications for Premises Licences <https://publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk/licensing/beer-and-entertainment/premises-licence/licensing-applications/>

Your representation must relate to the premises which is the subject of the application and the Licensing Objectives. If your representation does not relate to one or more of the Objectives and does not relate to the premises or application in question, it will be invalid and rejected.

Your representation must also be based on evidence or your experience and not on fear or speculation. Representations which are considered to be frivolous, vexatious or relating to competition from other businesses will not be considered.

What happens next?

If your representation is deemed to be relevant a copy will be sent to the applicant. The applicant may offer to change their application to try to satisfy your concerns.

If your concerns cannot be alleviated and you choose not to withdraw your representation, the application will be determined at a meeting of the Council's Licensing Sub-Committee and your representation and personal details will form part of the report and recorded decision, which are all public documents.

The Hearing

The Hearing will take place before a Licensing Sub-Committee which is made up of three Councillors selected from the full Licensing Committee. The applicant, objectors / representatives of objectors, and any responsible authority, will receive a Notice of Hearing. The Notice will set out the date, time and location and explains the procedure to be followed at the Hearing.

In making decisions the Sub-Committee will take into account all of the written and verbal evidence before them. They also have a duty to take into account the Licensing Objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and Section 182 Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

The Decision

The Committee has five working days to make their decision and written confirmation will be distributed to all parties. If any party is unhappy about the decision, there is a right of Appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of receipt of the decision.

LICENSING ACT 2003

Representations

Details of the representee:

Name: Ken Amor

Address: The Old London Apprentice, 2 Hambridge Road, Newbury

Postcode: RG14 5SS

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Please note the Council is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations made.

Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number: Not known

Name of Premises: Racecourse Food and Wine Ltd

Premises Address: 4A Hambridge Road, Newbury

Postcode: RG14 5SS

Under the Licensing Act 2003, for a representation to be relevant it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

Public Safety:

The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

The Protection of Children from Harm:

My representation, could be deemed to impact on all 4 of these Licensing objectives. My concerns are what the people do once they have purchased the drink, we already experience people coming and sitting within our premises alcohol they have purchased elsewhere, usually Sainsbury's. And we must ask them to leave as this was not purchased from us. With the proximity of the off license, my concern this will be a regular occurrence, especially during hours we are not open, and add additional burden on ourselves to police this.

Secondly on a busy race day we only use plastic glasses and do not give customers any glass bottles as advised to us by the Police licensing officer when we took the Pub on some 9 years ago. As you will be aware there are 100's if not 1,000's of people who use Hambridge Road going to and from the race meetings. How will the sale of glass bottles be policed by the off license? I have a feeling that the burden will be placed on us to Police, which concerns me greatly, especially if a fight was to break out. Will the off license intervene? I think not. Once again, the burden placed upon us. I am sure residents along Hambridge and Kings Road, will soon be complaining about bottles dumped in their gardens.

Signed: K J Amor

Date: 29/08/2023

Please send completed form to Licensing, Public Protection Partnership, Theale Library, Church Street, Theale, Berkshire, RG7 5BZ