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Subject: License application - The Boxford, RG20 8DD

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Sirs,

As residents of the property immediately to the North of The Boxford, we strongly object to the application for licensing of the establishment for food and alcohol between 7am and midnight, seven days per week, 365 days per year. Our property shares the restaurant's northern boundary for a distance of approximately 35m, and this is entirely occupied (hard up against the boundary) by the restaurant's vehicular access and car parking.

Granting what would be an effectively 24/7 license is wholly inappropriate in this rural residential location. We understand the need to live with the comings and goings of a local pub as we and our neighbours and have done for many years. This application however seems to be an opportunistic attempt to remove any reasonable restriction on present or future operations entirely and will potentially generate unacceptable levels of disturbance well into the night and early morning all year round. As immediate neighbours we will not have even a simple eight-hour overnight period without potential for disturbance.

We trust that you will take these observations into account in rejecting this application and revert with a more reasonable proposal along the lines of the type of licensing arrangement more common in such rural, residential locations.

Yours,

Brian Daws
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