

Representations to Premises Licence Application **The Stannary Arms, Tavistock**

Objection 1

I would like to object to the new license times being sought for the stanary arms 2 king street Tavistock, as a close neighbour of 10 years I have had to endure the noise from both the British legion and the tavy club over the years, as I'm sure you can see there are historical documents relating to the licensing of this premises and I can see that nothing has changed since the last application so therefore I urge you not to allow this late license to be approved, I fear it will have a huge impact on my mental state if I'm to be subject to late night music and noise, as a social health worker and a key worker I need my rest as Im Sure you can appreciate.

Objection 2

I am writing to object to the application for extended alcohol licensing in connection with the Stannary Arms 2 Kings St Tavistock.

I am a current resident of Wessex Court just behind the aforesaid property and feel the noise and disruption that will be created by the application and the music mentioned in the application will undoubtedly be unacceptable.

We are a small community made up of predominantly older members of society who has to put up with the disgusting amount of noise, aggravation and vile language generated by the extended opening hours of the Whitherspoons establishment and feel with the new application to the Stannary Arms will be subjected to more of the same pollution. I was informed today that I was supposed to have received a letter appertaining to the above application but have never received said letter

Objection 3

We wish to object to the application for the grant of a new Premises Licence at the British Legion building, 2 King Street, Tavistock, Devon by M & C Beech Limited.

We are objecting as the adjoining owner of The Cornmarket and 82-84 West Street as well as on behalf of the occupiers of the seven residential flats at Wessex Court. This company owns all the land to the south of the British Legion building whom we have a common boundary. Part of our ownership includes Wessex Court which comprises seven residential units which directly abut and overlook the premises for which the Licence is sought and which are very much affected by the potential public nuisance coming from this building.

As you will be aware there is a long history of late night problems with noise etc.,emanating from this building in the licensing history of these premises, and in particular I would refer you to the two previous public hearings before your Licensing Committees of your Council on the 14th November 2008 and 7th December 2004. Whilst we appreciate this is a new application, the Conditions imposed by your Council following Public Hearings on previous Licences are still relevant for these premises to prevent public nuisance and crime and disorder, as the location is unsuitable for the proposed late night/early morning use

The British Legion building is surrounded by residential properties to both the North and South together with hotel rooms on the West side and a proposal for the supply of alcohol on and off the premises, together with music up to midnight together plus an additional 30 minutes drinking up time until 12.30 am every night is unacceptable.

Unfortunately the notice on the building, which is undated, wasn't posted for the requisite time, and during lockdown we are unable to inspect a plan of the areas for which the Premises Licence application is being sought, so would like a copy.

We therefore object to the proposal most strongly and would like to have the opportunity to address your Licensing Committee and explain our objections when the matter comes up before them.

We would also be grateful if you could confirm safe receipt of this objection and keep us informed as to the progress of the Licence application, so that it can be carefully monitored and would appreciate a plan showing the floor areas for which the application was submitted.

We are copying this email to the three local Ward Members of your Council, Tavistock Town Council as well as the Vice Chair of your Planning Committee, so that they are aware of our objection to this proposal.

Objection 4

I wish to object to the late hours applied for by M&C Beech for for Stannary Arms 2 King Street PL190DS. I live at 5 King Street PL190DS and have experienced late Hour licensing in the past in particular when the Kebab shop had late closing some years ago, this caused large groups of youngsters to hang around in the street until the early hours. the police were called out almost every weekend to brawl's in the street. The residence did bring the license to successfully to review with the backing of The police and west Devon homes. The hours were cut back and the problem was solved. There are many residents in king street not least of all those who live in Pinter court who are al over 55 and often ailing and venerable. We the residence also objected to the late license when Wetherspoons applied for Late hours a few years ago , hours were amended accordingly and although we do hear the drinkers leave it is not too late and fairly short lived. I ask that you take this into consideration and have sympathy for the residence In their right under the 1982 Act for 'a peaceful Family life'.

Objection 5

The reasons I would like to raise an objection against the licensing are on the grounds of:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance

Allowing licensing hours for the sale of alcohol and the playing of recorded music to [midnight Mon-Sat](#) and [until 11pm](#) on Sundays is unfortunately quite likely to increase the possibility of alcohol related crime and disorder, increase dangers to public safety and cause further incidents of public nuisance.

Crime and disorder:

We live above the Oxfam shop on West Street and prior to the COVID related lock down restrictions, we would normally see some sort of drunken disorder on a weekly basis, most often from the neighbouring Wetherspoons. At it's lowest level this includes shouting and swearing, littering, as well as more serious incidents such as fighting in the street, and vandalism of parked cars and shop fronts. Opening another pub serving alcohol and playing music adjacent to the nearby Wetherspoons will likely increase these incidents of crime and disorder even further as many customers will move between the two establishments,

especially if they denied serving in one establishment to continue drinking further in the other.

Public safety:

The premises of the Stannary Arms are straight off a very narrow pavements onto King Street, therefore permitting a late drinking / music license to midnight for serving alcohol in this area could increase traffic related accidents. When customers are leaving the premises in the dark, in an inebriated state, this could make them very vulnerable to cars, bikes or other pedestrians. It's hard to safely cross this road even when you're perfectly sober during the day, let alone when it's dark and raining and you just want to get somewhere dry quickly!

Public nuisance:

This brings me onto the final point of our objection to the licensing hours - granting this establishment a license for playing music and serving alcohol [until midnight](#) will cause significant disruption to our sleep. Our bedroom faces directly across to the pub and as the establishment usually has their windows open in the summer, causing noise, music and shouting to echo loudly across the stone courtyard and ruin our sleep. Even during the winter with the windows shut, I still have to wear ear plugs due to the amount of noise from traffic, bins getting emptied and other disruptions.

Because - in keeping with the area - our bedroom windows are only sash windows (single pane glass), they hardly block out any noise at all, even when they are shut. If we want to have the windows open in the summer months, or use this room when the noise from the traffic on the living room facing West Street is too much, we would not be able to get any respite from noise at all.

Permitting the licensing hours for the Stannary Arms to serve alcohol and play music until midnight would mean that our bedroom would be facing noise disruption from across two different sides of the courtyard (the other side of the courtyard adjoins the Wetherspoons outdoor seating / smoking area when we already have significant amounts of noise disruptions from customers drinking, smoking and shouting).

Having noise disruption from two pubs facing our bedroom would make sleep almost impossible for us in the summer months until well after [00:30am](#), when all the customers in the Stannary Arms or Wetherspoons would have drunk up and finally left these premises.

Studies into the long term health / psychological affects of sleep disruption have made links with many negative health outcomes, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, weight gain, stress, diabetes and so on. A short selection of these affects can be found on the Sleep Foundation website here: <https://www.sleepfoundation.org/bedroom-environment/how-does-noise-affect-sleep>

We have previously raised an objection to noise nuisance from the Stannary Arms as the previous licensees frequently used to ignore their licensing limit of playing music, often having lock ins and continuing to play music and sing karaoke [until 1am](#) on weekends and Bank Holidays.

Objection 6

This is a formal letter opposing the extended licensing hours for the Stannary Arms 2 Kingstreet Tavistock PL190ds. We as a group (1,2,3,4,5&6 Wessex Court West Street Tavistock PL198AQ) oppose this extended licensing hours as we feel this will Disrupt the Area and cause undue noise and the potential for vandalism and drunk behaviour causing the potential to encroach on our peace and quiet, as a set of apartments with everybody

being over the age of 65, we feel this is unfair, this also could impact on the value of our properties and potential safety of our flats and outside property.

We as a group look forward to a reply to this email, and a potential meeting so we can air our concerns! Im sure we are not the only ones in this area with concerns.

Objection 7

I have been made aware of the recent application by M&C Beech Ltd to sell alcohol and play recorded music at the above address, from 12 noon - 0.00 Monday-Saturday, plus additional drinking up hour each night. Should this application be approved, it will undoubtedly cause significant disturbance and discomfort to the residents at multiple addresses at this location - including myself and my 3 young children residing at Flat 4a, King Street, Tavistock PL19 0DS. I, along with other members of local community, strongly object to late night opening (music/drinking until 1 am!) on every night. Please take the safety and comfort of local residents into account when considering this application.