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## licensing- Horse & Barge

1 message

6 March 2015 at 14:35

To: swaterford@hillington.gov.uk

██████████ Harefield, ██████████

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Horse & Barge, Harefield: 356/05

I live at ██████████ south Harefield and, over the years, have protested about the noise emanating (as you will be aware noise carries over water) from the Horse & Barge as well as the rowdy behaviour outside the pub and along the canal path.

You will see from your files, that protests have been made over the years and I am therefore asking that the existing licence terms remain, both regarding the hours and the control of noise. Insulation which was formerly agreed should be inside the pubs as well to prevent the music being heard by local residents, including myself.

Many times, the police have had to be called to deal with unsociable behaviour and, under no circumstances, should a bar be allowed outside in this rural area.

Yours truly,

Rose-Marie Adams



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**RE: Horse and Barge Harefield 356/05 (?)**

1 message

6 March 2015 at 12:08

To: "licensing ." &lt;licensing@hillington.gov.uk&gt;

As resident at [REDACTED]

I am opposed to this application which seeks to remove the existing license terms which were ordered to prevent noise nuisance and anti social behaviour

There is history here ,with council officers and police having to attend because there was late noise and unruly behaviour in recent years

This application seeks permission for extended time limits .. which could lead to music outside.. and a smoking area outside which would not be possible to control noisy behaviour

I request that the existing licence terms are maintained , both as to hours and as to tight control of noise outside and in , with insulation inside the pub to prevent the music being audible to local residents.. noise transfers over water too easily and loudly... the pub must be regulated to prevent local residents being disturbed by rowdy visitors .

Marjorie Fox

## Noise nuisance Horse and Barger

The operator of the Horse and Barge Public House in Harefield was fined a total of £2,361.88 at Uxbridge Magistrates Court on 22 October 2013 for causing two instances of statutory noise nuisance from amplified music at events being held at the premises.

Officers from Hillingdon Council's Environmental Protection team and Anti-Social Behaviour team had received a number of complaints relating to noise from events at the Horse and Barge.

Legal action was taken following repeated breaches of a Noise Abatement Notice that had been served by officers. Two breaches of the notice were witnessed by officers in April 2012 and May 2013.

Councillor Jonathan Bianco, Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services, says: "Our residents have the right to enjoy a peaceful night's sleep, and clamping down on persistent noise nuisances, which make other people's lives a misery, is a priority. We urge residents not to suffer in silence but to report problems to us.

"Persistent noise nuisance is something which can badly affect quality of life for residents, and this will not be tolerated in Hillingdon. We have the support of the law and we will take action against anybody found to be causing statutory noise nuisance."

Visit [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/asb](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/asb) to find out more about ASB and to report any issues. If you do not have internet access, you can call 01895 556000 Monday - Friday 08:00 -18:00 hours. Anti-social Behaviour Investigations Team out of hours service operates, Thursday 20:00 - 02:00 hours, Friday - Saturday 21



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## Application to vary license conditions: Horse & Barge/Bear on the Barge, Moorhall Road

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6 March 2015 at 10:24

To: "licensing@hillington.gov.uk" &lt;licensing@hillington.gov.uk&gt;

Dear Sirs

Licence number LBHIL356/05, application reference 173503

My family and I [REDACTED] from the garden of the Bear on the Barge pub. Our bedroom windows at the front of the house overlook the garden.

My husband and I were pleased to see that the pub had new licensees and that it would be re-opened again shortly. However we have specific concerns over any changes to the licencing conditions due to past experiences of issues relating to noise and understand that an application has been made to extend the licencing hours for the garden from 10pm to 1am.

We have 4 young children all under the age of 5 who sleep in the rooms overlooking the pub garden. When the pub has previously held events or had people in the garden the noise carried and created significant disturbance to our whole family. We raised these concerns directly with the pub licensees at the time as well as with the council. I ask that you don't extend the current licence for the garden, if an outdoor area is required for smokers I would request that this is made at the back of the pub furthest away from any residences in order to minimise noise and disruption.

My biggest concern is that noise carries from the pubs outdoors area and creates disruption and upset again for my family, please deny the application.

We would be very willing to discuss alternative proposals with the licensee and have already made the effort to go over an introduce ourselves.

Yours faithfully

Jennifer Morris & Matthew Holt  
[REDACTED]

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## Horse and Barge

1 message

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4 March 2015 at 11:14

To: licensing@hillingdon.gov.uk

Representation in relation to the major variation application for the premises licence for the Horse and Barge / Bear on the Barge pub, Harefield (Licence number LBHIL356/05, application reference 173503).

Harefield Tenants and Residents Association would like to make the following comments on this application:

1. While we greatly welcome the efforts being made to renovate this long-neglected pub, we are keen to ensure that its relaunch does not reintroduce the noise nuisance our residents suffered for many years. We made representations to the licence review that took place in 2013 and appreciated the new conditions that resulted from it - we do not want to see those protections lost now. We therefore ask that the condition requiring clearance of the garden area of patrons by 10pm should remain in place.
2. We recognise that the pub may wish to provide a managed outdoor areas to accommodate people who want to smoke after 10pm. We feel that this does not need to extend to the whole garden area, but should be confined to a small area close to the main building and away from neighbouring dwellings.
3. One of the conditions introduced in the 2013 review involved removal of the outside bar. We note that this application does not explicitly ask for this condition to be varied, but the accompanying drawing suggests that an outside bar is envisaged. We would not support the reintroduction of an outside bar and would ask for this to be removed from the drawing. We would further comment that, while we recognise that planning matters are outwith the remit of the licensing committee, the development work associated with an outside bar does not have planning permission, and planning permission was formally refused for other parts of the development work that has nevertheless now been done on the site. We are concerned about this unauthorised development as the premises sit within the Widewater Lock Conservation Area in the Green Belt, and it does not give us confidence about Star Bars' approach to respecting the local environment.
4. We have no objection to changing the name of the pub, but would comment that the current name has local "landmark" status, eg the nearby bus stops are named "Horse and Barge". Again while the naming of bus stops may be outwith the remit of the licensing committee, we would suggest that if the pub is to be renamed, the relevant transport authorities be alerted and consideration be given to renaming the bus stops in a way that reinforces the local conservation area's heritage and achieve more permanence than a pub name that could be subject to further change. A suggestion could be "Widewater Lock" or even "Halfway House" which was the historic name of the original pub in this location.

We emphasise that we welcome the new pub to the village and genuinely look forward to

its success - our representations seek to ensure that our residents are not subject to noise nuisance and that the features of this Conservation Area on Green Belt are not compromised.

Paul Stone  
Chairman  
Harefield Tenants and Residents Association





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## Application to vary license conditions: Horse & Barge/Bear on the Barge, Moorhall Road

1 message

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Doreen McIntyre  
To: licensing@hillington.gov.uk

5 March 2015 at 10:11

Dear Sirs

Licence number LBHIL356/05, application reference 173503

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application to vary licence conditions.

[REDACTED]

We would like to begin by saying how much we appreciate the efforts being made to relaunch these premises as an establishment that will better meet the expectations of residents and visitors to this much-loved part of Harefield and the Colne Valley.

However, we must raise concerns about the application to remove conditions on the licence that were introduced as a result of a licence review in 2013. Both the council officer team and the licensing committee will remember that the 2013 review came about as a result of years of complaints from local residents about noise nuisance from these premises. The conditions introduced in 2013 - reduced overall hours (closing time brought forward from 3am to 1am), requirement to clear the garden of patrons by 10pm and restriction of alcohol sales to indoors - were intended to resolve these problems both individually and in combination.

We must object, therefore, to this application to remove the condition requiring clearing the garden of patrons by 10pm. We understand the applicant's wish to provide a controllable area in which patrons may smoke after 10pm, but feel this could be provided in a more restricted way that would minimise noise nuisance bearing in mind that the area could potentially be used until 1am. In the late evening and night hours the surrounding area is extremely quiet with only minimal traffic noise from Moorhall Road. Human voices become much more intrusive against that backdrop especially in the late hours when there are normally no passers-by on the towpath or pavement outside, and the particular situation of the pub means that noise from it carries over surprising distances especially around the canal and marina area. We suggest identifying a contained, designated outdoor smoking area for the late night period, located in a spot close to the main building and screened from neighbouring residences - for example the outdoor patio / firepit area to the rear of the premises would seem a sensible place that could be easily monitored but there may well be others more suitable.

An alternative would be to bring forward closing time for the whole premises to 11pm to ensure that all noise ceases at a suitable time.

In addition, we note that the accompanying drawing referred to in the application suggests that licensable activities are permitted in an outdoor structure. That is the opposite of our understanding of the condition that was introduced as a result of the hearing in 2013, requiring all sales of alcohol to be indoors. The licence review hearing was clear on that point, ie that it referred to a then-disused outdoor bar and that the intention was to prevent future use of it. We have not been made aware of any application to review that condition, and we feel that it remains an important one. This was one of the reasons why we objected to a 2014 planning application to reconstruct an outdoor bar, which was subsequently withdrawn by the applicant. The inclusion of the outdoor bar on the drawing now may well be an error but for the sake of clarity we would like confirmation that the drawing should not include reference to an outdoor structure as an area in which licensable activity is permitted, and that the 2013 condition relating to indoor sales only still stands.

We would be very willing to discuss alternative proposals that could resolve the issue of providing a controllable area for late night smoking without reintroducing nuisance for neighbours.

Yours faithfully

Doreen McIntyre and John McKeon





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## Application to vary license conditions: Horse & Barge/Bear on the Barge, Moorhall Road

1 message

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**JAMES BALCOMBE**

6 March 2015 at 16:11

To: "licensing@hillington.gov.uk" <licensing@hillington.gov.uk>

Dear Sirs

### **Licence number LBHIL356/05, application reference 173503**

Thank you for providing the opportunity to make comment regarding this application to vary licence conditions.

I am a resident in [REDACTED] Harefield.

I welcome a well maintained public house to the area, but have concerns regarding the licence application as noise from the garden of the formerly known Horse and Barge PH can be clearly heard in our garden.

Regarding the application to remove conditions on the licence that were introduced as a result of a licence review in 2013. Both the council officer team and the licensing committee will remember that the 2013 review came about as a result of years of complaints from local residents, including myself, about noise nuisance from these premises. The conditions introduced in 2013 - reduced overall hours (closing time brought forward from 3am to 1am), requirement to clear the garden of patrons by 10pm and restriction of alcohol sales to indoors - were intended to resolve these problems both individually and in combination.

I therefore object to this application to remove the condition requiring clearing the garden of patrons by 10pm. I understand the applicant's wish to provide a controllable area in which patrons may smoke after 10pm, but feel this could be provided in a more considerate way that would minimise noise nuisance bearing in mind that the area could potentially be used until 1am. Could the licensee identify a contained, designated outdoor smoking area for the late night period, located in a spot close to the main building and screened from neighbouring houses.

An alternative would be to bring forward closing time for the whole premises to 11pm to ensure that all noise ceases at a suitable time.

It is also noted that the accompanying drawing referred to in the application suggests that licensable activities are permitted in an outdoor structure. I believed the condition that was introduced as a result of the hearing in 2013,

requiring all sales of alcohol to be indoors. The licence review hearing was clear on that point, ie that it referred to a then-disused outdoor bar and that the intention was to prevent future use of it. Has there been an application to review that condition, as it should remain an important one.

Yours faithfully  
Karen Balcombe