

[REDACTED] Kingham Close
Winyates Green
Redditch
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For the attention of Sue Garrett Licensing Manager,
Redditch Borough Council,
Town Hall,
Redditch.
B98 8AH.

Objection to Licensing Application.

Dear Sue

I/~~We~~ refer to the application, made under the Licensing Act 2003, submitted by The Blue Inn Hotel, Far Moor Lane, Redditch, B98 0SD, to change the terms and conditions of the existing Operating Schedule for the premises.

You will be aware that the proposed variation to the schedule asks that consideration be given to:

Allow the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises until 2am Monday to Sunday.

Allow the playing of live music between the hours of 4pm and 10pm Monday to Sunday.

Allow the playing of recorded music from 7am to 2am Monday to Sunday.

Under the provisions of the **four licensing objectives**, issued by the Secretary of State, I/~~We~~ place my/~~our~~ objections to the above application for the following reasons:

1. Crime and disorder:

The Blue Inn is situated in close proximity of Kingham Close, a residential area, which comprises of a significant number of dwellings. Residents are a mixture of the elderly, people who have young children, shift workers and others that do not fall into this criteria.

Whilst, at the moment, this particular area of Winyates Green is not subject to high levels of crime and disorder, I/~~We~~ feel that if the request to variation of terms is approved, this would increase the likelihood of an rise in such behaviour.

2. Public safety:

Research conducted on various websites indicates that fire evacuation procedures at the Blue Inn have been lacking, due to insufficient knowledge of staff, and concerns have been expressed by a number of people that have been residing there as an hotel guest. Such concerns include staff not providing directions regarding safe routes away from the building and being unaware of assembly points.

3. Prevention of public nuisance:

Should the application be granted, there will undoubtedly be a massive rise in noise pollution with an increased volume of traffic, i.e. taxis, coaches, private vehicles, and pedestrians making their way to and from the premises. There are a number of footpaths that traverse Winyates Green and footfall will most certainly increase around most of the dwellings - the potential for many residents having disturbed sleep is obvious. There is also the potential for anti-social behaviour and criminal activities.

The close proximity of The Blue Inn will impact upon the quality of life of residents in Kingham Close with various forms of music being played every night of the week until the early hours of the morning. As stated previously, a wide section of the community will be adversely disrupted by the granting of this proposal.

In addition to the aforementioned issues, it is my/~~our~~ opinion that the light pollution created by the external illumination of the premises should also be considered as a detrimental factor. Taking into account all of the aforesaid points, it is clear that by approving the application, The Blue Inn will effectively change from a Hotel and Restaurant into a Night Club.

4. Protection of children from harm:

In my/~~our~~ view, whilst I/~~We~~ cannot objectively raise an issue surrounding the protection of children on the premises, the numerous children in Kingham Close will most certainly be disturbed by the significant increase in both noise and light pollution.

Conclusion:

I/~~We~~ would urge the Licensing Committee to take into account, for the reasons outlined above, the close proximity of Kingham Close residents to the Blue Inn. As previously stated, it would have an adverse impact upon the our quality of life should the application for the change in the terms of the Operating Schedule be granted.

I/~~We~~ also draw to your attention to the fact that the required blue notices have not been displayed for viewing by the public for 28 days – you have already been made aware of this. The Public Notice appeared in The Standard on Friday 13th September, 2013.

Yours Sincerely

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