

Objection to a variation of a Premises Licence at 6 New Street, St Neots

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To:Licensing (HDC) <Licensing@huntingdonshire.gov.uk>

Dear Licensing,

I apologise that I have not been able to find the correct number for this application on your system. However please accept this email as my objection to the granting of the variation of a Premises Licence at 6 New Street, St Neots.

Please see my objection below.

Kind regards,

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Dear Licensing Section,

I would like to register my strong objection to the application for a variation of a Premises Licence which has been submitted by No6 Bistro & Cocktail Bar, 6 New Street, St Neots, PE19 1AE.

Until my retirement on 16th June this year I was the Curator of St Neots Museum and I am now a Trustee of the Museum and Chair of the Friends of the Museum. Since the No6 Bistro & Cocktail Bar, New Street opened some months ago there has been a steady deterioration in the area around No6, which directly adjoins St Neots Museum at 8, New Street, PE19 1AE. This has been of great concern to the Museum Trustees and staff who have had to struggle with: litter, illegal parking, anti-social behaviour, vomit, broken glass, public urination, drunken behaviour and fights breaking out at night which compromise the security of our building.

Anti-social behaviour and public nuisance

This behaviour is a regular occurrence with the premises currently open until late on Fridays and Saturdays. Allowing No6 Bistro & Cocktail Bar to open until 3.00am on these two nights will allow further drunkenness to develop which will then exacerbate all the other problems and nuisances currently being caused by their customers.

Setting a precedent

Further to the problems experienced by St Neots Museum and the other adjacent premises, this application will set a precedent and encourage other licenced premises in St Neots Town centre to apply to vary their own Premises Licence and extend their weekend opening hours until 3.00am. In particular The Pig and Falcon and the Weeping Ash public houses are only yards away in New Street. Although no major ongoing problems for the museum have resulted from these other premises remaining open until late at weekends.

Harm and loss of amenity to local residents

Although a street in the heart of St Neots town centre, New Street is also a residential street with a wide mix of residents, some well into retirement. Granting a variation of the current Premises Licence to No6 Bistro & Cocktail Bar, in New Street will have a seriously detrimental effect on the amenity, health and wellbeing of the residents of New Street if the request was to be granted.

Illegal parking

An extension of the opening hours of No6 Bistro & Cocktail Bar will also result in more frequent deliveries of alcohol and food to the premises and this result in (on a daily basis) illegal parking on New Street, on the double yellow lines on the road, on the public pavement obstructing access for pedestrians and on the private frontage of St Neots Museum. No6 Bistro & Cocktail Bar in New

Street is also close to the New Street / High Street junction and the illegal parking causes a hazard close to the traffic lights at the junction.

The Chairman of Trustees has highlighted to all Museum Trustees his efforts to engage with No6 Bistro & Cocktail Bar to ask them to prevent the above problems, but so far this has not led to any noticeable change in the situation.

I very much hope that Councillors and officers will take the above points into account when considering this application.

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