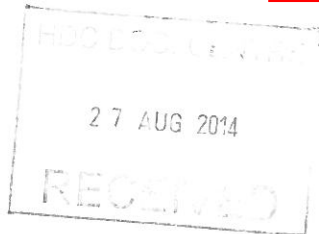


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PE29 3TN



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Robin Hood, 11 Market Hill, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 5AL

We are writing regarding our concern with the new license application for the Robin Hood public House.

The application requests a license from very early in the morning to very late at night and to the early hours on a Thursday and at the weekend. These proposed hours seem to suggest that use of the Robin Hood is aimed much higher than that of a pub and is more akin to nightclub opening hours.

We have concerns that this licensing takes no account of the amenity of residents living in the area and the likely increase in noise and potential anti-social behaviour, especially late at night.

Any new license needs to safeguard both the local residents and nature of the conservation area. We would expect to see conditions attached to any new license such as limiting the use of the garden at the rear, ensuring that any music is contained within the building and that there are suitable sound limiting measures such as making sure windows and doors are closed when loud music is being played. We would also like to ensure that people using the pub only use the entrance on Market Hill and not the access off Chapel Lane. We do have issues with the public urinating in the areas around Chapel Lane and any public access to the rear of the Robin Hood would only exacerbate this problem.

The Golden Lion Public House/ Hotel close by has a similar license but as it is a hotel they are aware of their staying customers so rarely do we hear loud music. Customers leave from the front and there is no traffic as there is no car park at the rear.

The proposed opening hours seem particularly excessive, especially with residents so close by. The Cromwell pub nearby has opening hours of Mon-Weds: 11am – 11pm, Thurs: 11 – 11.30pm, Fri-Sat: 11am – 12.30am and Sun 12 – 11pm which seem a happy medium for all concerned with restrictions on the use of the beer garden.

Obviously the noise as soon as the pub closes does not disappear as we hear noise up to 30/40mins after closing time with shouting and singing from people lingering round the area and then walking home. We would ask that time for people to leave and clear the area be considered in this application.

Whilst we welcome any improvements Robin Hood and re-occupation after what has been a long time not in use, we would ask that there is full consideration given to residents in the area, especially those that live very close such as ourselves. We feel that if the right licensing terms are in place, the rights and respects of both the town, pub, businesses and residents can be achieved.

Please contact us if you require any more information.

Kind Regards

