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Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 10:53 AM

To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
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Cc: Gina Winn

Subject: [External] Application by Admiral Taverns Ltd to vary Premises Licence for
The Old Bell, Sawbridgeworth Ref 24/0207/PLV

For the attention of Gina Winn

Dear Sirs

I enclose a response from my wife and myself in relation to a proposed application
by Admiral Taverns Ltd to vary the existing Premises Licence for The Old Bell,
Sawbridgeworth. The reference number for this application is 24/0207/PLV.

Yours faithfully

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Fair Green

Sawbridgeworth

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Representation attached to email:

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11 March 2024

East Hertfordshire District Council
Licensing Team
Wallfields
Pegs Lane
Hertfordshire
SG13 8EQ

Dear Sirs

A proposed Application by Admiral Taverns Ltd to vary the existing Premises Licence for The Old Bell, Sawbridgeworth

Having returned from a two-week holiday on the 2 March 2024 and, by chance, having observed a Notice of Application for a Variation of the Premises Licence for The Old Bell, Sawbridgeworth, which was posted the main Bell Street entrance to The Old Bell. I am writing, on behalf of my wife and myself, to comment on and oppose the proposed Variation as outlined in the posted Notice of Application.

My wife and I are 79 and 81 years old and live in **REDACTED**, Fair Green, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 **REDACTED**, which we have owned since October 1997 and occupied since April 1998.

Our house backs on to the rear garden of The Old Bell and we believe that we are one of the parties, if not the main party, who could be affected by the proposed Variation.

We feel that it is premature, at this point in time, to consider the details and make a formal decision in relation to the present proposal by Admiral Taverns Limited who are, as we understand it, the freehold owner and Premises Licence holder for The Old Bell, which it has leased to The Old Bell (Sawbridgeworth) Limited, because the future nature of the outside area we believe will be most affected by the proposed Variation is presently being considered by East Herts Development Management, following the failure of The Old Bell (Sawbridgeworth) Limited to comply with the principal requirement of a Planning Decision Notice, issued by East Herts

Development Management on the 7 January 2022, which required that the canopy covering of a large part of the patio area was to be removed before or by 7 January 2024, and the area was to be reinstated in accordance with details submitted to and approved by East Herts Development Management. In lieu of and, we believe, contrary to the Town and Country Planning Act 1999, as amended, The Old Bell (Sawbridgeworth) Limited has, in fact, applied to retain the canopy covered area, and this application has been accepted and is presently being considered by East Herts Development Management.

We are opposed to the proposed Variation because, in particular, we are extremely concerned that it will, in any case, if accepted, lead to yet another increase in the level of the disturbances we have experienced, since 2014 and following a number of significant post construction approved increases in the outside patio area.

We are also opposed to the proposed Variation if it will allow the use of a mobile bar in the external areas within the same hours as the use of any bar within the present licenced main premises or if it will allow the use of a mobile bar anywhere other than in the present patio area.

Should you have any queries about our position in relation to this matter or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by post, email or with a text message.

Yours faithfully

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