

■ **Wells Cottages**
Woodside Road
Winkfield
Windsor
Berkshire
SL4 ■

Charlie Fletcher
Licensing Officer
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Time Square
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18th January 2017

Dear Charlie

Re: Licensing Act 2003
Application to Vary the Premises Licence for the Rose and Crown, Woodside Road, Winkfield, Windsor SL4 2DR

I write with reference to the above application, your letter of 22nd December 2016 and my subsequent telephone conversation with you in the New Year.

My concerns regarding the changes to the licensing are; increasing the licensed area and the allowance of outdoor activities which includes live music.

1. The increased licensed area I understand to be, that it would be possible for the pub to set up a bar outside the actual building for the service of drinks, this could include a beer festival. This would increase the level of outside activity and as a result the level of noise for local residents. In the past this has been so loud as to not to be able to sit in your own garden in good weather and hold a conversation. I find this unacceptable.
2. Live music has been a problem with the last licensees, causing considerable disturbance to nearby residents and in fact audible for the whole of the hamlet of Woodside. I note that the police have now stipulated that such an event should be monitored by a nominated person every thirty minutes from the start and following the permitted closing time. This will be rather subjective monitoring as to what would be considered an unacceptable level of noise that would affect local residents as I presume that this would be monitored by a member of staff.
3. Whilst the problems with noise and late night disturbance from the punters at the Rose and Crown in the past have caused great distress to the residents, it took the intervention of yourself and others to partly resolve the problem. Local residents are keen that we do not need to go down that route in the future and that the new licensees appreciate that Woodside is a quiet rural hamlet and not a city centre where such previous behaviour may be expected.

Whilst I appreciate that not all these aspects come under your jurisdiction they do overlap with other departments and an appreciation by the council of the affect that a pub's disturbance can have on what is otherwise a peaceful and rural hamlet cannot be underestimated.

Woodside Road is very narrow and with several sharp bends where, in places, two cars cannot pass side by side. The traffic and associated parking from the two pubs has increased ten fold in the last few years causing great distress to myself when frequently I cannot even access my own drive. There has been no appreciation of this problem by the Rose and Crown. If there should be increased events and activities at the pub then it is inevitable that this will increase the need for parking. This should be a consideration for the new owners when planning the pub.

Whilst the renovation of the building will be good for the village the aspects of an increased licensed area and outdoor activities including live music would be adverse and to be a great concern to me. Whilst there are facilities for local residents to complain to the council about noise, unacceptable behaviour outside, including the road beside the pub from their punters, I feel that more should be done to prevent the need for us to have to complain and to have a good relationship with the new owners and licensees.

Yours sincerely

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Cc Moira Gaw, Winkfield Parish Councillor