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Subject: Re: Alcohol Licence Application - Oakman Inns

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Re: Objection to Alcohol Licence Application submitted by Oakman Inns in respect of The Royal Foresters, Ascot

I wish to register my objection to the granting of the above application for the following reasons:

I can think of no reason why alcohol should be sold on the premises after 2300hrs each day. The only exception should be made in respect of residents of the hotel who should, quite appropriately, be able to purchase and consume alcohol at any time.

Whilst there will be adequate parking provision on-site, there is no guarantee that all patrons will avail themselves of this facility. As a long-standing resident of Priory Road for some 30+ years, I can attest to the fact that, whilst the Royal Foresters has operated as an hotel, bar and restaurant, residents have been subjected to frequent noise disturbance from patrons who choose to park off-site and either outside or opposite our homes and return to their vehicles after closing time. Inevitably there is considerable noise, especially if there are multiple patrons involved, saying their goodbyes and exchanging parting comments, usually quite loudly, at 2300 and up until almost midnight, especially at weekends. There then follows the noise made by vehicles starting and turning around in the road, sometimes accompanied by car horns, before they depart Priory Road. This has been a constant source of annoyance and disturbance to residents.

I have been the victim of the drunken antics of departing patrons who have, on occasions, removed my front garden gate and deposited it in the road or in a neighbour's garden, removed items from my garden, discarded beer and wine glasses in my garden and have had to resort to calling the police when their actions have been perceived to be slightly more anarchical or dangerous. Cars have also been vandalised in small ways with aerials damaged or glasses left on bonnets or roofs. Since the Royal Foresters closed down there have been literally no examples of this socially unacceptable behaviour. I can only pose the rhetorical question, "Why?"

I am afraid that I can see little improvement when Oakman Inns re-open the Royal Foresters as they will have no control over where patrons choose to park. Those who tend to park off-site have a vested interest in ensuring that they are not observed leaving the premises whilst under the influence of alcohol but it is these very patrons who then cause the disturbance to Priory Road residents. If the Licence Application is granted then we face the distinct prospect of having patrons disturbing us as late as 1.30 to 2.am at weekends. I do not relish having my sleep disturbed at this time simply because a decision has been made to enable alcohol to be sold as late as 1am with an

additional 30 minutes added. This sentiment is shared by neighbours who have young children, some of whom are pre-school age. I am sure that those considering the application would also be of a similar opinion were they to be neighbours of such a large establishment.

I am not against the redevelopment of the Royal Foresters per se. Indeed, I welcome it and will probably be a regular client but I cannot reconcile myself with the potential disturbance which will inevitably flow from a decision to grant a licence to sell alcohol at such a late hour as per the current application and am gravely concerned as to the impact that will have on myself and fellow nearby residents who live, literally, within yards of the establishment.