Annex K

From:

Sent: 12 April 2018 00:33

To: Licence All

Subject: The Royal Foresters, Oakman Inns Alcohol Licence Application

Dear Sir or Madam

I write on behalf of myself and my wife following the sign posted locally by Oakman Inns with regard to their alcohol license application for The Royal Foresters in Ascot. I am very concerned by the opening hours that they are seeking to obtain. As I live on Priory Road, quite close to the site, the prospect of having customers leaving after 12.30am during weekdays, and 1.30am on Saturdays fills me with dread. Whilst I'm sure Oakman Inns will offer to place some nice signs asking their patrons to consider their neighbours when they leave, we all know that in the real world they are about as useful as Anne Frank's drum kit. Quite why a pub/restaurant wants opening hours more akin to a nightclub is beyond me.

Oakman Inns own website states "Our aim is to run a business that we're proud of; leaving things a little better than we found them, for our neighbours, the environment, and our guests." Well, the opening hours that Oakman Inns are seeking doesn't sound like they are putting the neighbours wellbeing at the top of their agenda.

Having Oakman Inns invest in The Royal Foresters is a positive. Having a lovely pub and restaurant within walking distance is a positive. Having one open until the small hours is not. Serving hours until 11.00pm, doors closing at 11.30pm like any normal pub wouldn't get any complaints from me. Turning The Royal Foresters into the pub where you can get a drink at nearly any hour will have me complaining, but I'm sure common sense will prevail, and more "normal" licensing hours will be approved.

Yours faithfully

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