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**Application by The New Inn, Horning to extend their licensing hours
(Reference WK/220003147)**

We are very disappointed that the New Inn in Horning, owned by Stonegate Pub Company Limited, based in Solihull, wishes to extend its licence hours from 11pm to 12.30 a.m., plus an extra half an hour drinking-up time, seven days a week, and it demonstrates their limited understanding of the nature of the area in which the pub is situated. Horning is a residential village and not an urban town where many other Stonegate pubs are situated.

We also note that according to some publicity they already presume their licensing application is a fait accompli but in itself proves they have done little to consult or address the concerns of residents.

Therefore, we object to the extension of the licence on the following grounds:

Public Safety.

We are concerned about the combination of late-night drinking next to the River Bure and the potential danger to life and limb. Alcohol next to water is never a good combination and peoples' understanding of safety disappears under the influence of late-night drinking.

Regarding Parking. The New Inn has very few (12) parking spaces and river moorings. The consequence must be that customers will drive to the New Inn and park on either the narrow Lower Street or in nearby residential streets. Lower Street is already an area where little attention is paid to the speed limit of 20 miles per hour and there are already potential dangers inherent where there are limited footpaths (much of the area leading to and from the New Inn has limited pathways).

We believe that if on-road parking increases it is not only dangerous to pedestrians, but it has the potential of impeding emergency vehicles including fire engines, ambulance, and staff from safety boats in reaching their destinations.

We have already noted drinking glasses being left in the street.

Crime and Disorder.

The New Inn in Lower Street is set in the middle of a residential area and next to the River Bure.

An extension of their licencing hours is likely to attract customers from far and wide, possibly attracting 'stag' and 'hen' parties where their local pub closes earlier.

The request from the New Inn by Stonegate Pub Company to instal CCTV cameras immediately suggests that they themselves are concerned about potential crime and violence

that late night drinking might cause. We note that Stonegate is a company that owns many pubs, so this must reflect their experiences elsewhere.

At least one resident on Lower Street already has experienced late-night revellers trying to get into her house on more than one occasion because they mistook her home for their holiday accommodation.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

One must presume that the application to extend the licensing hours is to increase trade.

We have already mentioned the public nuisance caused by limited parking space at the New Inn and the overspill onto Lower Street and the surrounding area.

For those driving and walking to the pub it will inevitably bring with it noise from late night revellers calling out to each other and slamming car doors, added to which it is well known that water increases the volume and noise drift.

We suggest that the New Inn has little interest in the effects on neighbours and will do little to control it. An example of which was during the recent football Cup Final when they played outdoor music and TV commentary at vastly increased volume which could be heard far and wide, attracting the attention of the Parish Council chairman who spoke with them about this matter.

Protection of Children

There are children in the village, some of whom live close by. Expressions of concern have already been noted by parents whose children have been woken by late night parties and gatherings at the pub. Opening even later will bring additional strain. Families on boats mooring at the New Inn with children on board are unlikely to welcome noise from late-night revellers, some of whom may also be staying on boats.

We urge the council to refuse this planning application.


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