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Public Protection Team,
North Norfolk District Council,
Holt Road,
Cromer,
Norfolk,
NR27 9EN

Dear Sir/Madam,
The New Inn 54 Lower Street Horning Norfolk NR12 8PF
Variation Application WK/220003147

I write to object to the above application which relates to the variation of the license for these premises to permit an external bar and in particular the provision of late night Refreshment (indoors and outdoors) Monday to Sundays 23hrs to 00:30 plus 30 minutes drinking up time.

The New Inn is situated in a residential area in a village setting with the application premises in very close proximity to residential homes. The external application site area is extensive and accommodates a large number of covers. In addition during the holiday season there are regularly a large number of hire boats moored stern on to the quay that is adjacent to the application area.

Noise and anti social behaviour, often fuelled by alcohol, particularly from the larger hire boats with single sex groups, is becoming an increasing problem in the Broads area. The Broads Authority safety guidance notes that alcohol and boating is a hazard. If this application were to be approved and such late night drinking allowed I can envisage Horning becoming the 'hen/stag centre' of the Broads. The previous long term licensees of the New Inn were very aware of their impact on the local community and took steps to deter such parties rather than, as seems to be the case here, encouraging them.

I note that the applicants run a number of City Centre premises and may not be aware of the issues involved in managing a water side pub with particular water based risks.

Noise carries over water and noise nuisance is already commonly experienced in residential areas in the village even those some distance away from the application site. There are three licensed premises in Horning. Should this application be granted can we expect the others also be approved to extend their opening hours?

I note that the Police have requested that CCTV be installed. Presumably because they anticipate and increased risk of crime and disorder.

In my view extending the operating hours of these premises will lead to additional public nuisance - noise, anti social behaviour, litter (I note reference on the application to a 'chip shop') and issues of public safety given the proximity to the river. Horning is already beginning to suffer from the negative impact experienced by other popular tourist areas – second and holiday homes which do not contribute to the village.

The approval of applications such as these simply serve to undermine the residential

community further.

For the above reasons I object to the application.

Yours Faithfully



cc
Broads Authority
Horning Parish Council
Cllr A Varley – Parish and NNDC

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