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North Norfolk District Council
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Reference WK/220003147: Application by The New Inn, Horning, to extend their licensing hours

I am very disappointed that the New Inn in Horning, owned by Stonegate Pub Company Limited, 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.

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

Detrimental to Family Holidays

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, which will deter families returning to the area for their holidays. With a knock-on effect to the local economy.

Public Safety

I am 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 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).

I 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.

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.

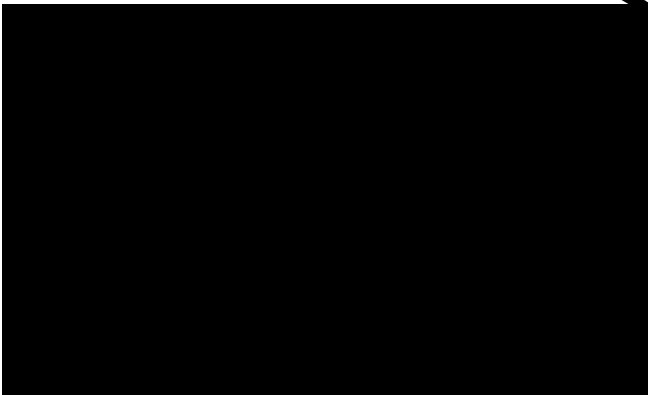
In addition, the lack of lighting on Lower Street leads to many dark shadowy areas where late night drinkers leaving the New Inn may well be subject to robbery or violence.

Public Nuisance

I 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.

Please refuse this planning application, as this will have a particularly detrimental impact on a quiet residential Broads village.



OBJECTION

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