



29 August 2022

To: Licensing Section, North Norfolk District Council

Dear Sir/madam,

Objection to variation of premises license application submitted by Simon Finch Rare Books LTD in relation to Voewood, Cromer Road, High Kelling, Holt NR25 6QS

I write in relation to the above application and object on the basis of prevention of a public nuisance and public safety.

My wife and I live on Warren Road High Kelling which runs perpendicular to the rear of Voewood. On a regular basis throughout the Summer (much less so in the Winter) we hear music and noise from the property, sometimes in the afternoon but quite regularly in the evenings until c11pm. This is of varying loudness but at times it is quite noisy. This is a particular issue because the shape of the rear of the house acts like an amphitheatre and amplifies the noise which then travels down Warren Road and the surrounding area. Our property is 260 yards from Voewood but other houses are considerably closer. My objection is that if the licensing hours extended until 2am, it is highly likely that the consumption of alcohol will increase and the noise is likely to increase with it, hence creating a public nuisance at unsociable hours of the day. I have no issue with noise until 11pm, but beyond this it will become a nuisance when I and my fellow neighbours are trying to sleep. We have double glazing but when it is hot in the evening in the Summer I would much prefer to sleep with the windows open.

I have no objection to music and alcohol until 11am as I said, and have attended 2 weddings at Voewood in the past where the licensing hours did not in any way seem to impinge on the enjoyment of guests. Consequently, I cannot see why the extension of hours would achieve, when weighed against the interest of the local residents and their entitlement to quiet enjoyment in their own homes at night.

I also have a slight concern about public safety; whilst I am aware Voewood can sleep 30-40 people, guest numbers are frequently significantly greater than this. The extension of the alcohol license to 2am will inevitably mean those leaving the property at 2am will have had considerably more to drink when negotiating the A148 which has poor street lighting.

Yours faithfully

