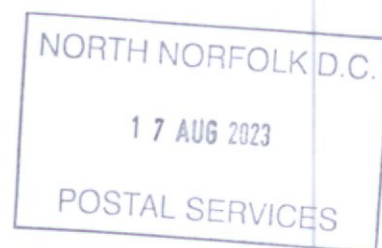


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Licencing Section
North Norfolk District Council
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Dear Sirs

Ref: Application for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act, as applied for by Highview Properties (London) Limited for the Pop Inn Restaurant on Wells Quay

We object to this licence application under three of the four headings given on your website:

1. Prevention of public nuisance
2. Prevention of crime and disorder
3. Public safety

We further believe that the original application for planning permission failed to tell the full story and that it was always meant to be the first stage in launching a form of nightclub. The current application should be rejected but the original planning application should also be put up for review.

Our expectation is that the outcome of these applications will be the same as what we experienced direct next to where we live when the Ark Royal became The Captain's Table and Harley's before shutting down.

Prevention of public nuisance

The application promises persistent and severe public nuisance:

- excessive noise from recorded music, live amplified music and drunken patrons;
- late-night disturbance of local residents across the town of Wells;
- litter, glass and other rubbish which, of course, residents and local businesses will foot the bill for clearing up.

Prevention of crime and disorder

The application promises the following and not just in the immediate area around the premises but right across the centre of Wells:

- drunken obnoxiousness;
- vomiting;
- fighting;
- drug dealing;
- vehicle racing on the public highway;
- the purveyance of casual sexual favours;
- underage drinking.

It would need the police to be within a short distance and all the time, and that again would cause costs for others to meet.

Public safety

These problems can endanger anyone who was around the quay and in fact over a wider area when the Pop Inn was open and for some time afterwards. The centre of Wells could become some kind of no-go area which would be a disaster for the town and every resident, business and visitor, bar the numbers that would patronize such an establishment.

We strongly object to the proposal and trust it will be rejected.

Yours faithfully,



Bernard and Penny Granville

