

**CLLR JOHN HARRISON'S STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO THE  
PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE PERMITTED LICENSING HOURS  
EXTENSIONS AT THE ALMA INN, MELBOURNE.**

1. As an Elected Member for the SDDC Melbourne Ward, I submit this my strong opposition to this Application to extend the permitted licensing hours to 01.30 hrs on weekdays and 02.30 hrs at weekends for the reasons set out below.
2. Having regard to the statutory Licensing Objectives and, in particular, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of nuisance, I share the fears of my constituents who live within the immediate vicinity of The Alma Inn, many of whom have submitted direct representations themselves, that the stated objectives are in danger of being regularly breached.
3. The Alma Inn is located in a predominantly residential area, which enjoys conservation status, with no discernable ambient noise at 02.00hrs and 03.00hrs when the last customers would be departing, thereby amplifying the noise made by their vehicles, voices or footfall, effectively in the middle of the night. Because of the conservation status of the affected properties, these residents are unable to install double glazing to attenuate the associated noise pollution.
4. Sleep patterns of the residents in this vicinity, including young school children, will be endangered adversely, impacting on their ability to carryout work and other activities the next day.
5. Notwithstanding that I have not received any complaints since the current Designated Premises Supervisor was appointed some 2 years ago, the fear of noise pollution and anti social behaviour outside the applicant's direct control remains a real concern to my constituents and, therefore, myself as their Elected Member.
6. I strongly recommend refusal.

John Harrison  
**Elected Member for the Melbourne Ward**

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