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125 Penn Lane
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25/8/05

DE73 REP

Dear Sir,

I refer to the application made by The Blue Bell Inn, 53 Church St, Melbourne to extend its licensing hours to 01.00 am and 02.00 am on special occasions.

I object most strongly as a local resident to this application on the grounds that it is wholly inappropriate for a public house in a small rural town to have such a facility. The levels of noise at the Blue Bell are already causing concern for local people and the police have been called only recently.

Yours Faithfully



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**OBJECTION TO APPLICATION BY THE BLUE BELL PUBLIC HOUSE, MELBOURNE
UNDER THE LICENCING ACT 2003**

I am objecting to the application by the owners of the Blue Bell Public House; Church Street; Melbourne for the general extension of drinking time to 01:00 hours plus half hour drinking-up time and special extension of drinking time to 03:00 hours plus half hour drinking-up time.

My reasons for objecting to these applications is that I believe there will be a substantial increase in noise, rowdiness, general-drunkenness and violence.

With the current licensing rules there is at least some semblance of constraint on behaviour by the numerous late drinkers (to which I have no objection per se) being brought inside at 23:00, but with the extended hours proposed they would be able to carry on drinking outside on the patio area until 03:30 with impunity (it's easy to create special occasions).

The patio area is raised approximately 4-feet above road level and is situated directly opposite our bedroom so the raised voices either prevent us sleeping or interrupt our sleep.

It had become the practice for some of The Blue Bell's customers to phone a local take-away to have kebabs delivered after 23:00 hours and for those customers to sit talking and drinking until well after midnight. When asked politely by us to leave the area we have been subjected to abuse and profanities.

I enclose two photographs – the paper you can see in the road and on our garden is the wrapping paper from the kebabs that were deliberately thrown at our house and onto the road. In the photograph containing the picture with the man with his arms outstretched, you may pick out a person in the background. This person urinated on our front doorstep and threw builder's rubble at our house before running off. This took place at 01:06 on 10th July.

Copies of the photographs have been given to the licensees but I note that the persons concerned have not been barred from the pub.

Three-weeks after this I found it necessary to contact the police at 01:50 in order to have the area cleared when about 15 persons left The Blue Bell carrying bottles and

glasses and continued their drinking on the road and in the precincts of Melbourne Senior Citizens' Community Centre and when their noisy horseplay started to become violent. It was noted that a number of the persons relieved themselves in the roadside hedge by the Community Centre. The police arrived at approximately 02:50 when the 'festivities' were broken up and the persons were dispersed some little time after 3am.

I understand that a number of the local residents have complained to the licensees at The Blue Bell following this particular incident.

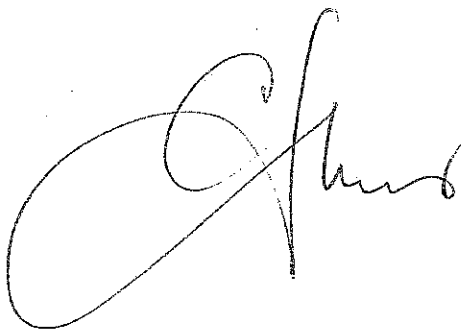
This weekend is August Bank Holiday and our Friday night was disturbed at 01:10 by three persons (2 men and 1 woman) leaving the Blue Bell, carrying on their conversations in a loud voice and with one of the men relieving himself in the gateway of the Community Centre just seconds and yards after leaving the Blue Bell.

And last night (28th August), we were 'treated' to a motorcycle being started and revved-up at 01:20 and two persons without protective headgear eventually left. (The motorcycle had no lights or number plates). About twenty minutes later the remainder of their clientele departed - saying their noisy goodnights and goodbyes (why oh why can't they say them inside?), the majority walking but at least one car was driven away.

As I said earlier, I have no objections to longer drinking hours per se but I hope I have demonstrated that The Blue Bell licensees cannot observe the current laws (which give us some degree of protection from noise) and who seem to encourage a clientele who have no respect for anyone in this area.

It is on these facts and reasons that my objections are based.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.J. Moss'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop on the left and a more compact, cursive-like structure on the right.

C.J. Moss

PHOTOGRAPHS
TAKEN
10th JULY 2005
P 01:06hrs

