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August 22, 2007

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Civic Way  
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23 AUG 2007

Environmental Health

Dear Sir

RE: LICENCE APPLICATION BY PUNCH TAVERNS FOR LATE NIGHT MUSIC AND  
DANCING AT THE WHEEL INN, TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE

I am writing on behalf of the Executor of my mother's estate. My mother, Mrs. L.D. May, who lived at No. 4 Hayes Farm Court, died on 18 August, but her Executor has requested that I, as Mrs. May's eldest son, strongly object to the proposed licence application by Punch Taverns, for late night dancing at the Wheel Inn, Ticknall.

It is totally inappropriate to introduce this type of noisy venue into such a quiet village as Ticknall. It is especially inappropriate to introduce it in the Wheel Inn premises, situated as they are on an S-bend on an already over-busy A514. To compound this nonsense, the Wheel Inn is opposite a road junction and so, combined with cars exiting the Wheel Inn car park there is bound to be a marked increase in the risk of accidents, which is of great importance to Public Safety issues.

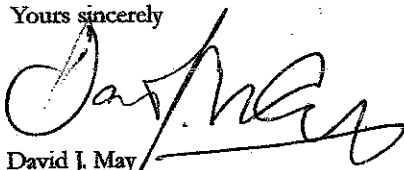
Additional to the above risks, the car park at the Wheel Inn is small and not at all sufficient for the proposed numbers of people using the premises. This will, of necessity, lead to overspill parking in the surrounding roads. The village already has a parking problem, with cars parked along Main Street and Ingleby Lane already narrowing the carriageway and increasing the risk to Public Safety. Introducing many more vehicles if the licence is granted will exacerbate this problem, to become a Public Nuisance and an increased risk to the safety of the elderly and children, many who live in the immediate environs of the Wheel Inn.

There will also be the increased public nuisance of the noise of cars revving, tyres squealing and people talking loudly late into the night and no doubt loud music, especially on warm nights.

Nowadays there is a further public nuisance in that smokers will gather outside all evening talking loudly and depositing their detritus in the street.

From the above, I maintain the application for the licence should be refused forthwith.

Yours sincerely

  
Mr. David J. May

Pp Mrs. B. Hunt, Executor of the Will of the late Mrs L.D. May

Archway House, Highway Side, Ticknall, Derbyshire. DE73 7JF.  
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Dear Mr. Jacobs,

### **The Wheel Inn. Ticknall**

We object to the licensing application for the above premises. It is totally inappropriate on the following grounds:

- 1) An extended drinking, dancing, and singing license in a conservation area is inappropriate.
- 2) This public house concept targeted at under-age drinkers disposed to violence is inappropriate in Ticknall.
- 3) Premises designed to accommodate a lot of drinkers on three levels with a small car park assumes that the village will tolerate street parking that prevents residents from parking their cars outside their own houses and that they will be happy for their property to be damaged.
- 4) The current under-age drinking and massive street violence in Melbourne by young people attracted to the Melbourne Hotel (a similar concept to that planned in Ticknall) demonstrates that the police are either unable or unwilling to cope - even where there is a Police Station within yards. Ticknall has no Police Station and policing in the area is non-existent.
- 5) The noise from a rowdy pub and the associated lawlessness would be intolerable in any area but in particular here where the council prohibits secondary double-glazing.

If the District Council or the Government wishes to extend the "yob culture" and civil unrest to the rural areas then our guess is that it will be vigorously resisted in Ticknall. We already suffer a general degradation in quality of life through the noise from 24-hour flying to and from the East Midlands Airport and the consequential damage to the environment, all with the consent of the County Council; if this licensing application is approved then the villagers of Ticknall will understand that they must deal with the consequences themselves and accept that there will be no Police or Government protection.

The granting of the license according to the terms requested is totally unacceptable in a rural area. It was heartening to see that the license application for the Bulls Head in Repton was restricted and we would hope that the Council will recognise that the villagers of Ticknall, a smaller village, should reasonably expect the same degree of civil respect.

Yours sincerely,



David and Gail Miller

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Environmental Health

Morton Jackie

**From:** Christina Oppenheimer [caopp@doctors.org.uk]

**Sent:** 23 August 2007 13:11

**To:** Consultation

**Cc:** enquiries@ticknallparishcouncil.co.uk

**Subject:** attention Carl Jacobs

Dear Mr Jacobs, I write concerning the application by Punch Taverns for a licence for The Wheel Inn, Main Street, Ticknall. I would like to add my support to objections to the granting of this licence with regard to late night extensions for drinking, dancing and gaming machines. My objection is based on the considerable alteration of function this licence entails. Previous use of the business was as a restaurant and bar, very different to regular use of the premises for music and dancing. The premises are in close proximity to numerous homes, and noise levels are likely to be significantly higher for the purposes of the application, particularly as it is likely that windows and doors will need to be open to alleviate overheating. Also, recent anti-smoking legislation means that smokers are likely to be outside late at night, with inevitable increase in noise. Not only is this disruptive to local residents, it is also in the context of a Conservation Area. Another major issue is parking and public safety. The car park at The Wheel is small and exits near a bend and opposite a road junction. Parking is already difficult when there is an influx of visitors and the likely increase in clients at The Wheel are very likely to result in further parking on the A514, and overspill onto Ingleby Lane, Rose Lane and Harpur Avenue. Experience with some events at the Village Hall suggest that there is a concomitant increase in noise, litter and damage as well as traffic safety issues. This proposed extension of the functions of The Wheel Inn in Ticknall makes a significant alteration in a quiet village with a quiet, traditional rural character and many families of long standing. The change from a traditional village pub restaurant to a noisy-suburban style drinking and dancing establishment would inevitably impact on the character of the village. With thanks for your attention. Yours sincerely, Christina Oppenheimer (3 Ingleby Lane, Ticknall DE73 7JX)

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## Morton Jackie

**From:** Peter Penrose [petepenrose@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** 23 August 2007 10:55  
**To:** Consultation  
**Subject:** Licence Application of Punch Taverns for The Wheel Inn, Main Street, Ticknall

Mr. Carl Jacobs  
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South Derbyshire District Council  
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### Environmental Health

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

Licence Application of Punch Taverns for The Wheel Inn, Main Street,  
Ticknall - August 2007

We live in Chapel Street, approximately 100 metres from The Wheel Inn, within sight and sound. We wish to object to the subject licence application for late drinking and dancing for the following reasons:

1) PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CRIME/DISORDER - We have lived here for nearly 17 years and chose to move here because Ticknall is a quiet village of character in a Conservation Area. If we had wanted to live in an area close to shops and abundant late night-life, we would have chosen to live in a city suburb or even a city centre. This application, if successful, will impact adversely on the character of the village.

Anti-smoking laws will result in smokers gathering outside The Wheel with the inevitable increase in noise.

During hot summer evenings, it is inevitable that the building will become so hot that doors will have to be opened to maintain a comfortable temperature inside. Therefore the sound of music will be heard not just locally, but throughout the village. We already have bad experiences of such situations from The Village Hall, approximately 400 metres away, from which music is often heard at night in summer when doors are opened to maintain a comfortable temperature. I believe there have also been incidents of vandalism at Village Hall functions. Also guests are often heard walking around the village late at night, sometimes causing vandalism.

2) PARKING AND PUBLIC SAFETY - The car park at The Wheel is too small to accommodate all its proposed customers. Historically, when The Wheel was a restaurant, on-site parking was insufficient to accommodate its customers, resulting in an overspill into Main Street, Ingleby Lane and Chapel Street. This licence application, if successful, will result in even more parking problems and hazards on the A514 Main Street and also in the other nearby streets. Ticknall is an old village of narrow roads, barely able to accommodate its residents' car parking without adding to its problems by encouraging significant, additional non-resident parking.

The Wheel car park exits near a bend on Main Street and opposite the junction with Ingleby Lane. This is already a hazardous road area as parking on Ingleby Lane already causes difficulties at this junction, not to mention difficulty at the Chapel Street/Ingleby Lane junction. And this is despite there being a free-of-charge public car park nearby.

3) CHILD SAFETY - The location of The Wheel is not conducive to child safety for the reasons above. ie. busy main road, no frontage, junction, allowed on premises until 22:00 after dark.

The Mitigation Statement by Punch Taverns gives

no indication of either the age of children to be admitted, or the age of children to be excluded at 22:00.

4) PUNCH TAVERN MITIGATION STATEMENT

Many of these statements are merely statements of compliance with the law. There is very little pro-active content over and above legal requirement, illustrating a disregard for the character and atmosphere of the village, and a lack of understanding of the impact and nuisance which will result from the granting of this application. Where statements have been made with regard to prevention of public nuisance, there is no supporting plan for enforcement by Punch Taverns. eg. What will they do if customers do NOT depart 'quickly and quietly'? Current experience with the Village Hall indicates that people frequently leave premises in a noisy and disruptive manner.

The application from Punch Taverns should be declined.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter H.G. Penrose

Laurel Penrose

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Attn: Carl Jacobs  
District Council Licensing Section

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007

Dear Sir,

The Parish Council has brought to my attention the application for the license of The Wheel Inn, Ticknall.

The application appears to be for a blanket license more suited to premises in a city centre and thus not appropriate for a rural village, such as Ticknall.

To allow permission for dancing and music all week including Sundays is not appropriate.

The Wheel Inn has two floors available to the public. If it is run as a dance or music outlet, the surrounding properties will suffer noise pollution.

The Parish Council would not object to a license for The Wheel Inn to operate in the manner in which it was formerly run ie pub and restaurant with occasional parties. However, they do object at present and I support them wholeheartedly on the basis of public nuisance and also on public safety grounds, due to the roadside location of The Wheel Inn. The current anti-smoking measures are forcing smokers out onto the street and thus will be in extreme danger from passing vehicles.

I would appreciate your notifying me of the appropriate date of the hearing as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Stanton

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Carl Jacobs,  
Licensing,  
South Derbyshire District Council,  
Civic Way,  
Swadlincote,  
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Dear Sir,

Re the application for Licensing of the Wheel Inn, Main Street, Ticknall.

Please be advised that we the undersigned object to the granting of a license, in its present form, to The Wheel Inn.

The company that is applying to hold this license is a large company whose object is to make money, regardless of how. To grant this application in its present form would, potentially, allow loud music to be played at any time, day or night and permit 24 hour drinking, with the associated problems.

This is a country village, well served at present by two public houses. In our view we do not need a nightclub type of establishment. This is an over-development in a conservation village.

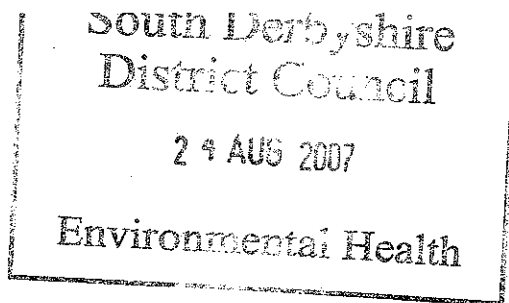
Yours faithfully,



Maggie Mellish.....

Michael R Douglas.....





Ivy Leigh,  
22 Main Street,  
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Mr Carl Jacobs

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2007

Licence Application for late-night drinking/dancing at The Wheel Inn, Ticknall by Punch Taverns

Dear Sir,

We wish to object to the above application for the following reasons:

This is a residential area, a relatively quiet village and a conservation area -completely inappropriate for this type of establishment.

This proposal should be decided at a local level – by Ticknall residents, not at Swadlincote.

The licensee will not have any authority to check or control any form of disorder or antisocial behaviour once the patrons have left the premises – it will be someone else's problem – the residents. Signs requesting customers to disperse quietly are meaningless and unenforceable.

Most of the properties in Ticknall are close to the main road and will be affected by dispersing revellers, the residents of the properties adjacent to the Wheel, fronting directly onto Main Street, being particularly severely affected.

The Wheel is situated on a bend and opposite a road junction and has only a small car park. There are already parking problems on Main Street and the side roads which would no doubt increase.

Smokers will inevitably gather outside, affecting properties close to the Wheel with noise and smoke.

Late night revellers are not renowned for their good behaviour, and there are already occasional disturbances from events at the Village Hall, (which is away from the centre of the village), by rowdy people walking through the village late at night, pulling up plants, leaving cans, damaging telephone boxes etc. It is not hard to imagine how much worse the situation would be, both in frequency and severity, if this proposal goes ahead.

Apart from rowdiness on the streets, the noise of dance music, which is never at an acceptable volume, will be heard throughout the village.

We would like to see the Wheel re-open as a traditional country pub, catering for the ever increasing number of tourists and walkers, as well as the locals. There is only one similar establishment in Ticknall but this is a good distance away and there is certainly room for another one.

The response to some of the above comments regarding anti-social, rowdy and lawless behaviour might be that we should not assume that it will happen in this case, and anyway it is up to the police to ensure that this is kept under control. However, in reality, in our current society, we all know that it certainly will happen and the police appear to be powerless to prevent it. We therefore strongly urge you to reject this application.

Yours sincerely

H & A Soar.

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Ingleby Lane,  
Ticknall,  
Derbyshire.  
DE73 7JE  
22nd August 2007

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Environmental Health

Dear Sir,

Re: Application of Punch Taverns. The Wheel Inn Main Street, Ticknall.

I write to object to the above License application. Ticknall is a quiet village and the area in question is in a conservation area. Late night dancing would not be conducive with maintaining the Status Quo.

Parking is already a problem and the Wheel Inn parking area is limited – further problems would arise affecting Ingleby Lane and the immediate area with a knock on effect to the outer areas of the village.

Whatever precautions are taken it is inevitable that noise levels emitting from the building will rise and people leaving as late as 12 midnight during the week and 12.30 a.m. at the weekends would not do so without creating noise – it just does not happen – it would be a nightmare.

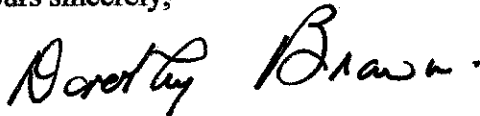
With new smoking regulations – where would people smoke?

Residents of Ticknall, quite rightly, must comply with strict planning regulations. It is my belief that an establishment such as the one proposed by Punch Taverns would contravene the rights of the residents to the quiet enjoyment of their properties and greatly detract from the amenity of the village.

I understand there is a general feeling that a pub/restaurant with village friendly hours would be more acceptable.

I am,

Yours sincerely,



Dorothy Brown.(Mrs)

Mr. Carl Jacobs,  
South Derbyshire District Council,  
Licensing Section,  
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Civic Way,  
Swadlincote,  
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cc to Mrs Celia Bunston, Clerk to Ticknall Parish Council.

SDDC  
Licensing Section  
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**Re - Objection Against the Application of Punch Taverns, The Wheel Inn,  
Main Street, Ticknall, Derbyshire.**

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you of my objection to the License Application for late night dancing and opening at The Wheel Inn for weekdays and weekends. This genuine objection is based on the fact that my house, is the closest property on Main Street to the Wheel Inn, with the length of my house running adjacent to the Wheel Inn, garden and car park. I have lived at the property for the last 6 years and have experienced the impact of the property being used as a public house and restaurant. It with this previous experience and the proximity of my house to The Wheel, that I basing my objection.

The two specific specific objections are:

**Noise Problems**

My house and more specifically bedroom room window is approximately 4 metres away from the rear doors of The Wheel, the first of which lead from the bar area into the garden. There is also a door leading from the first floor to a decking area overlooking the garden, previously used by bar staff to carry food etc from the kitchen to the restaurant and finally there is a door into the garden from the ground floor corridor, which leads from the bar to the toilets. With the smoking ban now in force, I have serious concerns about the level of noise, which will be created by a high volume of people coming outside to smoke after normal opening hours. The sound carries significantly and can be heard, not only in the upper floor of my house, but through out the house. I feel that it is unacceptable that I should have the disturbance caused by the noise of smokers late at night throughout the week and at weekends. I also object to having a high volume of people smoking so close to my house and am seriously concerned that the smoke will carry into my house, especially upstairs.

I also object to the noise of loud music, which will inevitably carry from either the bar area or the first floor of The Wheel Inn if granted a late night dancing licence. I have experienced in the past the impact of the restaurant windows being opened and I know that the music and the noise of dinners carries significantly. The room on the first floor is not that big and can get very warm,

hence the back door and windows have in the past often been left open. I therefore object to the potential noise of people and music caused by windows and doors being opened late at night, on the ground and first floor of the The Wheel Inn.

I object to the noise caused by the volume of people leaving The Wheel, after late night closing during the week and at weekend. I have experienced serious disruption as a result of late night events in the Village Hall, when a large number of people gather at the bus stops in either direction closest to the Wheel. The buses run at approximately 20 minutes past the hour, which means during the week, the disturbance could carry on until 20 minutes past midnight and even worse, at weekends, for those leaving at closing times, there could be noise disturbance until 20 minutes past one.

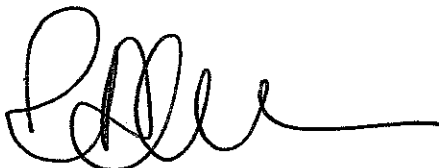
Finally, I would like to make a point about the general impact of noise created by late night opening and dancing on the village. I know that much effort by SDDC goes into ensuring that the village is kept in line with it being in a conservation area and those of us who live in the village value this protection. The village is quiet, tranquil and historic, which could stand to be significantly impacted by a noisy late night drinking and dancing establishment. I cannot understand how on the one hand SDDC would make so much effort to maintain the historic value of the village and at the same time grant licences that would have such impact on the village. It has the potential to appear that double standards are in operation.

#### **Public Safety and Parking**

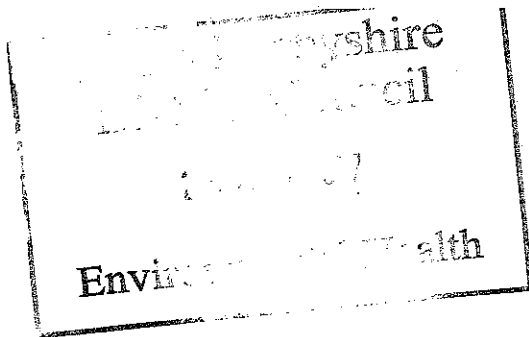
The car park at The Wheel is very small and I have already have experienced significant disruption from cars being parked outside my house, opposite the Ingelby Lane/Main Street junction. There have been a number of accidents over the last few years, the most serious late at night. I would also object to the noise created by cars leaving the car park or being parked outside my house late at night.

Given the proximity of my house to the Wheel and therefore the impact of the late night opening and dancing application will have on my family, I hope that you take the objections raised seriously.

Yours sincerely



Rachael A Coleman



20 Chapel Street  
Ticknall  
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Application for a Late Night Dancing  
Licence at The Wheel Inn Ticknall.

From:- Heather Dumelow.

I have lived at Ticknall all my  
life of 81 years.

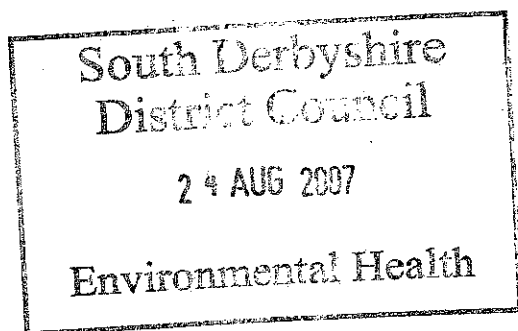
At present I am a tenant of one of  
the nine sheltered bungalows in  
Chapel Street opposite The Wheel Inn

I was surprised to hear of this  
application.

Ticknall is a Conservation Area  
with its old world charm and  
character. I fear that the proposed  
project would change this.

The thoughts of late night noise,  
parking problems, possible crime  
and public nuisance frightens me.

Therefore I strongly oppose the granting  
of a licence for Late Night Dancing at The  
Wheel Inn Ticknall ✓ I am Heather Dumelow



19 Chapel St  
Ticknall  
DERBY  
23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. '07

Dear Mr Jacobs,

Re objection against licencing application  
for The Wheel Inn, Ticknall.

I am a resident of Chapel Street, Ticknall  
where I have lived all my life and  
am thus quite concerned to hear about  
the licence application for "late night  
dancing" at The Wheel Inn.

I am in full support of the establishment  
reopening as a rural pub or even a  
trendy "gastropub" but the  
extended hours and music do give  
me cause for concern.

Ticknall is a quiet, peaceful village in a conservation area and this proposal could alter the character of the village.

The Wheel is situated right in the heart of the village and is in very close proximity to a number of homes, several of these are Old peoples bungalows on Chapel Street. The noise from dance music and people leaving the establishment late in the evening could cause a considerable disturbance to local residents.

The other concern is that the car park is very small and the overspill will have to park on an already congested highway.

To summarize my objection - I have no issue with a pub or restaurant opening but late night dancing I do have an issue with! What are the intentions of Punch Taverns, to turn the place into a night club?

I urge you to consider the application very carefully and do not spoil a "gem" in South Derbyshire which is not only a great place in which to retire but also a great place to raise a family!

Yours sincerely  
Angela Bird.

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Excuse writing, written in haste on train!

District Council

24 AUG 2007

Ref: Mr Carl Jacobs, SDIC,

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David Parratt,

Environmental Health

Brookfield House,

Bantons Lane,

Ticknall,

Derby DE73 7NZ

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write to you with reference to The Wheel licence application August 2007 - Punch Taverns Ticknall.

Our home's back garden is directly behind The Wheel Pub car park. My main concern is that noise coming from the pub/dance hall would keep my children and I awake and ruin the general quite ambience that we have enjoyed so much over the last twelve months of living in Ticknall.

My other concerns are the policing and prevention of public nuisance that always comes hand in hand with late night licencing. To have the Wheel Pub open would be on the whole no bad thing but the late night licencing at 12 and 12.30 at weekends is totally unfair and unacceptable. The question also has to be asked about prevention of crime and disorder, having such late closing times along with the clientele related to dance outlets could only take away the quiet nature of the village and add to crime figures. Parking is another concern, with such a small car park would the roads and side roads we use for access to our property become littered with cars?

With these points in mind I strongly object to the late licencing and dance hall application and would appreciate an answered response as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation,

D Parratt.



South Derbyshire  
District Council

24 AUG 2007

Environmental Health

19 Ashby Road,

Ticknall,

Derby DE73 7JJ

Tel, 01332 863958

Dear Sir

We write this letter, strongly  
objecting to the license application  
by Punch Taverns, with regard to  
the Wheel Inn Ticknall.

We think it will introduce a yob  
element into the Village, which is  
very undesirable.

Police resources are already over-  
stretched, especially at night, to  
combat any trouble.

Although we do not live in the actual  
vicinity of The Wheel itself, we are  
still concerned for the Village as  
a whole.

Yours sincerely

Aug 21st.

16 Chapel St

TICKNASH

Dear Sir,

Like most residents in our village I am most concerned by the application for late night dancing at the Wheel Inn. If it had been confined to well-to-do people would not have been so worried but to find it is every night is unacceptable to village life. We feel that we have been let down by SDC when they did not give full details on what was intended. This is not an isolated spot in the county it is where people retired to enjoy the quiet country life and the friendly atmosphere that exists here. If we had lived in a town we would have expected to have noise like that objected to, this noise would also attract many people. I have lived and raised my family in this

village for over 50 years and  
during that time entertained visitors  
from all over the world and they  
always remarked about the warm and  
friendly atmosphere. PLEASE DO  
NOT SPOIL IT.

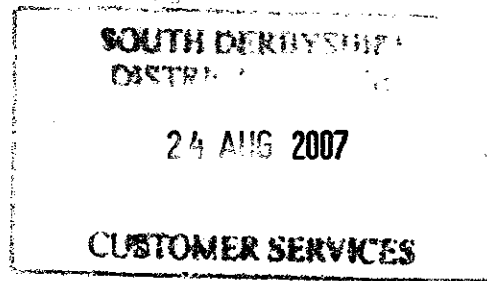
Yours sincerely

Oliver Inwood (Mrs)

South Derbyshire  
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Mr Clarke  
Miss Hedges  
38 Main St  
Ticknall  
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Dear Mr Jacobs,

I am writing this letter with great concern and objection in reference with the application for late night dancing and entertainment at the wheel inn in Ticknall,

Myself Mr Clarke and my partner Miss Demelza Toewood are owners at 38 Main St Ticknall only a few doors away from the pub, our main concerns are as follows, with the license for dancing and entertainment we feel this will attract more traffic to the village parking is already a problem in Ticknall and with the wheel inn only having 20 parking spaces we will get an overspill onto Main St and the surrounding roads. There has already been a sharp increase in people parking in the village due to the shop being open and we have had no cars damaged by people trying to squeeze into spaces outside our house.

There are often events held at the village hall which cause enough disruption with noise and people walking through the village late at night damaging public property. Ticknall is a lovely quiet village and the prospect of changing our traditional

Village pub restaurant into a dancing and drinking pub creating noise is obviously going to have an impact on the character and charm of the Village; after all Ticknall is a conservation area ~~which~~ with strict rules on what we can do to our houses which we all as residents of the Village gladly follow as we want to see the character of the village upheld.

There is also no air conditioning so we don't see how the noise from the dancing venue could be contained without the windows being opened in the summer months, with the wheel inn being so close to the houses this will pose a great problem as will the noise created by people smoking outside the pub gathering in groups.

We just do not feel this kind of licence should be granted for a traditional village pub in the conservation area of Ticknall.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Clarke & Miss Howard

South Derbyshire  
District Council

28 AUG 2007

Environmental Health

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23 August 2007

Dear Mr Jacobs

**Licensing Application by Punch Taverns for The Wheel Inn, Main Street,  
Ticknall**

We have seen the Licence application by Punch Taverns in respect of The Wheel Inn in Ticknall. We are pleased by the prospect of this empty public house re-opening however we have objections to specific aspects in the application.

Ticknall is a tranquil village and is designated a conservation area in order to preserve its traditional features. We object to the proposed late night opening hours on every day of the week and the proposal for dancing in the application as this is changing the traditional pub/restaurant into a drinking/dancing venue that is totally out of character of the village.

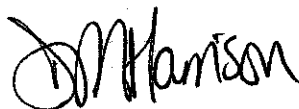
The proposed licensing time to midnight on Sunday through to Thursday and half-past midnight on Friday and Saturday is an unacceptable extension to hours residents expect to be affected by a pub operating in a peaceful village setting. In addition to the duration of the noise nuisance arising from the proposed opening hours we are concerned that the volume of noise generated by a dance venue will increase as a result of the music being played and the greater number of visitors that such a venue will be looking to attract. We fail to see how the building can contain the noise of dance music when even with its windows closed sounds from quieter activities inside are audible outside. From our own experience we know that the building can become unbearably hot inside with the only relief coming from open windows, on such occasions the noise nuisance from dance music will be even greater. The noise from this along with the chatter of customers who will inevitably gather outside to smoke and the noise of customers arriving/departing will carry in the quiet evening/night hours and disturb our sleep and that of our young child.

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We are concerned that overspill parking will endanger the safety of all road users in the area. The car park at The Wheel Inn is small and it exits onto the A514 near a bend and is opposite a road junction. Its size is unlikely to satisfy the parking needs for a greater number of customers expected to frequent the premises as a drink/dancing establishment compared to when it has been a drink/restaurant establishment. There are existing parking problems in the area which will be aggravated by overspill parking whether it is on the A514 roadway, its pavements/verges or in the nearby side roads even though some of these are private.

For the reasons given above, we are concerned that the proposals in the licensing application compromise the character of the village and our enjoyment of our family home. Accordingly we object to The Wheel Inn operating later than the pre-midnight closing times we are accustomed to and for it to operate as a music/dance venue.

Yours sincerely



Dawn Harrison



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South Derbyshire  
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To MR C JACOBS SDDC

28 AUG 2007

RE Planning application for The Wheel Inn  
Environmental Health

I live on the opposite ~~the~~ side of main street to the wheel Inn and believe that this application as worded is not appropriate for the village. Generally there has been no great noise problems but I believe that to permit a different style of entertainment which would bring with it loud music, judging by other establishments that I have heard, would be intolerable. Also the car park does not have many spaces so this could lead to vehicles being parked on any space available. There is already parking difficulties due to the nature of the Estate type of village. There are 2 bus stops within 30 yds, one being across the



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entrance to the Wheel Inn car park  
also opposite the Wheel Ingleby Lane  
opens onto Main Street. Also there is  
restricted visibility for traffic travelling  
East to West because when buses halt at  
the wheel traffic travelling W-E cannot  
be seen because the road curves to  
the left.

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## Licensing Application – The Wheel Inn, Main Street, Ticknall

The Parish Council has instructed me to write with the following comments regarding the above application.

The Parish Council has reviewed the Punch Taverns licence application for The Wheel Inn, Ticknall and was also requested to attend a public meeting organised by residents who live in the immediate vicinity of The Wheel, at which 36 people attended.

As a peaceful village, an acceptable licence for The Wheel to the people of Ticknall is one which promotes a typical rural public house, with reasonably restricted opening hours, occasional parties or functions involving some music and/or dancing which may go on until later, but authorised by exception. This application seems to be an all-encompassing blanket application (admitted by Punch Taverns) that is more suitable to a city centre popular venue, being open all-day and every day until very late (admittedly not the latest possible) and with dancing every night of the week including Sundays. No mention is made of the food to be served prior to 11:00pm so we have no idea whether it is intended to be a dining pub with occasional parties or a trendy disco bar with all the attendant overspill into the community.

It is now several years since The Wheel functioned solely as a public house. When it did so, its public house activities were confined to the ground floor. On being converted into a restaurant, it now has 2 floors available to the public, the middle storey being where 35-40 diners were previously accommodated in the restaurant. Now that it is reverting to a pub, the application for an all-encompassing late night drinking and dancing licence has sent shock-waves through the community resulting in many letters of objection being written to the SDDC Licensing Department, and a public meeting organised by the residents most affected, many of whom are very

worried about the possible outcome to their peaceful lifestyle should this licence be granted as applied for.

The main concerns are:

Noise

The threat posed by the dancing application for 7 days per week.

Increased parking problems

Increased crime and disorder problems

Whilst the Parish Council supports its residents in their fears, it also recognises that it has a wider responsibility in also supporting local businesses. However, it cannot support an application as wide-open as this one. It therefore objects to what in effect is an ill-thought out application, made without any attempt to consult with the village community (despite what is said in the mitigating statements and on the Punch Taverns website), and requests that in effect a probationary licence is granted which restricts the opening hours to those which are practised by the other pubs in Ticknall (what actually happens, not what is on the licence) until such time that an adequate history of usage has been created which can then be used to assess suitability for extensions.

Without this approach we are concerned about the following:

1. A neighbour of The Wheel has been in touch with Punch Taverns who have stated that they will be submitting plans to make substantial changes to The Wheel. We infer from their mitigating statements that some of these changes will involve additional lighting; this is to mitigate against increased crime and disorder. Clearly they are expecting increased crime and disorder to be a problem – this is unacceptable. The licence should therefore be restricted to minimise the risk of a rise in crime and disorder.

Already in South Derbyshire there are an increasing level of crime and disorder incidents as a result of increased opening hours and the new anti-smoking laws. We have heard of problems at The Wheel in Findern where there has been damage to neighbours property, and there are also problems in Melbourne, where people living in the vicinity of the main town hotel are experiencing a much higher level of noise and until very late, disruption and damage.

2. Guidance note 6 to the application says "... only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for this activity." In section J - Provision of facilities for dancing - the request is for every day until 12 midnight (Su-Thurs) or 0030 Fri & Sat. Given the likelihood of increasing problems in the larger towns and villages of South Derbyshire, we are concerned that a clamp-down by public house landlords in those larger towns & villages will cause a mass transfer to more relaxed hostelrys; this could be facilitated by the 69 bus which not only runs until late but also throughout the night. We already have an increasing and unacceptable number of problems regarding noise, anti-social behaviour and damage from functions held at the Village Hall, and these are only held 10 -12 times per year. This licence application, if granted, is going to potentially increase this problem by a factor of 30. This is completely unacceptable.

3. Parking issues. We understand that the Licensing rules do not consider increased parking problems to be valid. This seems to be a crazy situation. The Wheel only has a small car park, with only a little scope to enlarge it. Ticknall already has a major parking problem, with many kerbside cottages on the main A514 and B5006 having no parking space at all. When The Wheel was open as a restaurant, the parking situation was much worse with side-roads further afield being used. But at least the

clients were respectful of the peace in the village and the hours were in reality not that late. The dance attendance potential could easily create an additional 30-40 cars which would necessitate more side roads being used and more noise disturbance due to the later operating times.

4. The new anti-smoking laws seem to have several unintended consequences, one of which is the congregating of large numbers of people on pavements, in car parks etc. And even if shelters are provided these allow the escape of noise. Opposite The Wheel are some memorial seats on a pleasant grassed area; clearly this is going to become the unofficial smokers venue in good weather with the consequential increase in noise and litter.

5. Noise. The other aspect which is of concern is excessive noise from dance music. No mention is made of whether The Wheel is going to have air conditioning installed. We suspect that this would be seen to be uneconomical. If this is the case, then from experience of those of us who have eaten and drunk there in the past, the building will get very hot and the windows will be opened wide with consequential high noise disturbance to the neighbourhood. And of course, sound travels further at night, and therefore seems louder. Also, revellers do not tend to read signs when they leave - the noise at the end of a dance session will create a big disturbance.

In summary, given the usage history of The Wheel, we think this application is taking too large a step at one go. Clearly many residents feel the same. We are anxious to see The Wheel become successful, but it must not be at the expense of the quality of life of local residents. Ideally we would like to initially see all dancing functions being given permission on a case-by-case basis until such time that either a reasonable history of dancing functions with no consequential problems has been built up, or that a licence is granted which limits the number of dancing occasions to no more than 6 per year for the first 2 years, and also that the drinking closing time is restricted until an adequate history has been built up.

We also suggest that before any licence is granted Punch Taverns are persuaded to advise the village publicly in detail of their intentions and then resubmit their application accordingly.

Yours sincerely

*Celia A Bunston*

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Clerk to the Council

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21 August 2007

Dear Sir,

re:- The Wheel Licence Application  
August 2007.

I object to the above Licence Application because Ticknall is (apart from traffic noise) a quiet village and this proposal would mean a lot of noisy people, loud music and could possibly attract undesirable people to the village.

Ticknall is a Conservation area and would welcome a traditional village pub/restaurant with normal opening hours.

The Wheel is very close to residential housing and the noise etc. would definitely upset a lot of villagers.

There is of course the possibility it may

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cause crime and disorder. Also there  
would be more traffic around making the  
roads more unsafe and undesirable parking  
when the car park is full.

Yours faithfully

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