

South Derbyshire
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8 Harper Ave,
Tichnall,
Derby.
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20th August 2007

Mr. Iain Jacobs,
South Derbyshire District Council.

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

Objection to Late Night Dancing
at The Wheel Inn, Tichnall.

I object very strongly to late
night music & dancing at The Wheel
Inn, Tichnall. Tichnall is a quiet
village & this would be very disruptive.
There is only a small car park, if
a smoking area is ever provided
there it would be even smaller. I
live round the corner in Harper
Ave. & I fear we may get parking
there as there is already parking on
the main street.

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Melbourne has recently had
trouble with late night revellers &
I fear the same could happen in
Tichnall.

The properties near to The Wheel
Inn would be badly affected.

M. J. Burns (Mrs.)

South Derbyshire
District Council

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20 , Harpur Avenue
Ticknall,
Derby,
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Mr. Carl Jacobs,
South Derbyshire District Council,
Licensing Section,
Civic Way,
Swadlincote,
Derbyshire,
DE11 0AH

Dear Sir,

I wish to object to the application by Punch Taverns concerning the Wheel Inn at Ticknall. I make the following points.

Noise.

People living close to the Wheel, in particular those in the council's old people's bungalows on Chapel Street, facing Main Street, will be adversely affected by the noise. Today's music is loud and percussive. Such noise occasionally coming from the Village Hall at night during evening parties can easily be heard at the top of Harpur Avenue. Such noise coming from the Wheel would badly affect people living next it as well as those in the old people's bungalows and it would be a regular disturbance.

Parking.

There is little parking at the Wheel so the overspill would need to park in adjacent streets which are already crowded at night. One of these is Ingleby lane which is opposite the Wheel. Exit from both onto the A514 is hazardous because of the blind bend. Also all side roads exit onto the A514.

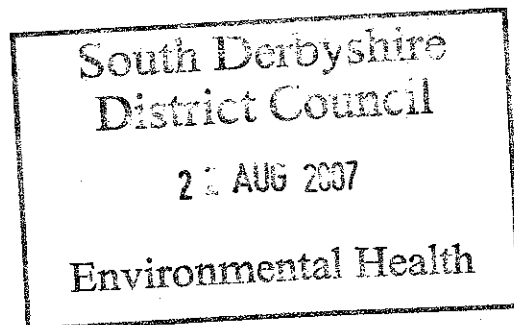
A seven day licence for alcohol, recorded music, dancing and late night refreshment. could promote incidents of crime and disorder. There is a major problem in Melbourne already with heavy drinking and violence. An unfortunate incident happened very recently with injured parties, and it is common knowledge that there is a police shortage in the area. This could happen in nearby Ticknall which is a pleasant village in a conservation area and should remain so.

Yours faithfully,

Ronald & Veronica Woodman.

Object to Wheel Inn Main St.

Ticknall Derbyshire. 62.



5 Hayes Farm Court
Ticknall
Derby
DE73 7JE

August 20th 2007

Dear Mr Jacobs

Planning application of Punch Taverns, The Wheel Inn, Main Street, Ticknall

I am writing to object to the above application in the strongest terms. I live across the road at Hayes Farm Court and I believe the use of the Wheel Inn as a late night dance venue will be very disruptive and out of keeping with the spirit of a country village that is a designated conservation area. The Wheel is located in close proximity to residential houses and residents would suffer intrusive noise from music, groups of smokers gathering outside the pub and from traffic leaving after midnight every night. I am particularly concerned that the proposed closing times are midnight every night and even later than that on Fridays and Saturdays. In the summer months this would be very disruptive as windows and doors are likely to be left open and there would be no respite from the noise. This would constitute a public nuisance affecting many.

I believe that the noise and nuisance caused by a late night dance venue will have a deleterious effect on the long term health and public safety of residents who live close by. Hayes Farm Court is already affected by occasional noisy social events at the Village Hall. The Wheel Inn is closer to Hayes Farm Court than the Village Hall so we would be affected by noise and nuisance on a regular nightly basis. Apart from the noise issue there is a public safety issue related to the increased traffic volume on an already busy A514. The A514 would be used for overspill parking near a very dangerous bend opposite the junction of Ingleby Lane. This would lead to an increase in stop-start noise of through traffic weaving around parked vehicles and is also likely to result in an increase in accidents. There are many near-misses on this road already! There would be a knock-on effect on our vehicle access at Ingleby Lane as patrons of the Wheel coming from the Derby area are likely to use Ingleby Lane as a short cut from Swarkestone. Ingleby Lane is narrow and this increase the danger for residents getting in and out of Hayes Farm Court, Rose Lane and Chapel Street in the evenings and late at night.

Please also consider the wider impact of this planning application on the character and heritage of the village of Ticknall. Ticknall is a conservation area and this means tight restrictions on what we as residents may or may not do with our private housing. I accept these restrictions as a means of conserving the character of the village, but I also expect local businesses such as the Wheel Inn to be subject to similar restrictions on their use of premises and how they affect village life. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the South Derbyshire District Council should not grant Punch Taverns a dance and gaming licence for the Wheel Inn.

Yours Sincerely

Dr M. K. Horton-Salway

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12 Harpur Avenue,
Ticknall,
Derby.
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Date 21st August 2007

Attention of Carl Jacobs

Licensing,
South Derbyshire District Council,
Civic way,
Swadlincote,
Derbyshire,
DE11 0AH

Dear Sir,

Reference the licensing application by the Wheel Inn Ticknall Derbyshire.

We are lodging our objections to the new licensing application for change of usage and extended opening hours for the following reasons.

Access.

The only access to the car park is situated on a sharp bend and is difficult to see if approaching from the direction of Derby or Melbourne.

Visibility of traffic approaching from the Swadlincote and Ashby direction is also impaired by the fact that there is a bus stop directly outside on both sides of a busy main road.

It is also opposite the Ingleby Lane junction onto Main Street (A514). This in itself can be busy when the village hall, which is situated a few yards up the lane, holds a function.

The more cars using the car park the more likelihood there is of an accident occurring.

Car Parking.

The Wheel Inn car park is very small and would be inadequate to cope with a large number of cars.

This would result in customers parking either on the A514 or Ingleby Lane creating problems for the local residents who already have difficulty parking outside their homes.

The other alternative would be the customers parking in nearby roads or lanes causing access problems to local residents.

Once again any excessive parking along Main Street (A514) or Ingleby Lane is likely to cause an accident due to visibility.

Inconsiderate parking could also inhibit the Emergency Services who regularly use the A514

Noise

Even if the customers are well behaved and considerate when leaving the premises they cannot avoid the noise of talking and cars doors closing affecting the people living in the close proximity of the Wheel Inn.

Having personal experience of living in the close proximity of the Staff of Life we are concerned about how sudden or unusual noise can startle people, especially as there are a number of elderly residents living in bungalows and cottages adjacent to the Wheel Inn who could be frightened or upset by late night noises.

We hope when reviewing the application for the Wheel Inn at Ticknall's license you will take into consideration the views and opinions of local residents.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bryan Ramsell', followed by a second signature that appears to read 'Janet Ramsell'.

Mr Bryan Ramsell and Mrs Janet Ramsell

South Derbyshire
District Council

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Environmental Health

29, Chapel Street,
Ticknall,
Derby,
DE73 7JY

22nd August 2007

Dear Mr Jacobs,

**Application for an entertainment licence to include late night dancing,
The Wheel Inn, Main Street, Ticknall.**

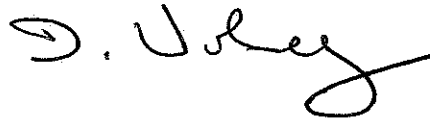
I am writing as a local resident both on my behalf and on behalf of my elderly neighbours, Mr and Mrs S. Draper of 22, Chapel Street, Ticknall to object to the granting of the above licence. My reasons are based upon:

- a) **Sustainability:** It is national and local policy to avoid the generation of unnecessary journeys by private car. There are few people within the age range who live in Ticknall that would be attracted to use this "fun pub" and it would not be viable in any event to convert the present premises solely for the use of such locals. It follows that the use is aimed at attracting patrons from a significantly wider area. There is a bus service through Ticknall but it is not frequent, there are only a limited number of destinations and it does not run late into the evening when users would be in need of the service to travel home. As a consequence there is likely to be a high incidence of journeys to and from the premises by private car. Although it could be argued that patrons would not use their cars if they wished to drink alcohol it is the case with many dance establishments that patrons visit solely for the dancing facility.
- b) **Noise and disturbance;** The Wheel Inn is located in the centre of the village and is adjoined on all sides by residential properties. The property is old, being a listed building, and has single glazed windows. The building is not therefore very "noise tight" and because of its listed status it is unlikely that your colleagues in the planning department would allow it to be altered to improve matters in this respect. It is self evident that a licence for late night dancing will involve the use of amplified music. Because of the heavy beat that is prevalent in modern dance music the low frequency noises generated will travel further, and particularly so at night. It is likely that properties from a significant distance around The Wheel will be affected by this. It should also be recognised that the property is relatively small in terms of usable floor area and the windows are relatively large. On warm summer nights windows are likely to be opened allowing the noise even easier passage outside. It is equally likely that patrons will spill out of the public house onto the car park (which is directly adjoined by residential properties) and onto the highway. It should be stated that background noise levels in Ticknall are low and thus the additional noise generated by this new use will be more evident. The village hall is occasionally hired out for parties and the like and there is a significant wealth of experience and evidence locally to support the contention that such uses in this particular environment will be a significant nuisance.

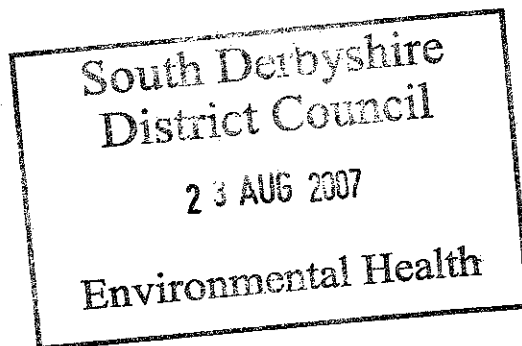
- c) **Mitigation.** I have examined the mitigation measures proposed by Punch Taverns and consider them to be wholly inadequate to offset the obvious issues and difficulties that will arise from this proposed use.

Can you please ensure that members of the Licensing Committee are either given copies of this objection or have an accurate summary given to them. I would also like to be informed of when this application is to be heard by the Committee and be allowed the opportunity, if this is permitted, to make my views known directly to the members at the meeting. Please acknowledge receipt of this objection.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Wolsey', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mrs D. Wolsey



26 Chapel Street
Ticknall
Derbys
DE73 7JY

22 August 2007

South Derbyshire District Council

For the attention of: Mr Carl Jacobs, Licensing Officer

Dear Sir

The Wheel Inn, Ticknall

I am writing to you in support of the application in relation to the above premises.

I have been shocked by the uninformed rumour, innuendo and outright dogma which the licence application has generated via a feeding frenzy of evermore outrageous predictions.

I am concerned that the Parish Council, particularly in the form of their Chairman, have sought to generate and encourage this scaremongering by personal visits, biased communications and a similarly biased public meeting.

I enclose copies for your information.

The Wheel Inn has been a public house for centuries, it was also in recent years a venue where food was served and background music was played.

The licence being applied for seems to be perfectly "normal" in the year 2007 and indeed it is not different to the one currently held by The Chequers on Ticknall High Street and no doubt similar to The Staff of Life also on High Street.

I attended the public meeting on 21 August; it was ill informed regarding the intentions of the landlord and their proposed tenant. The meeting was informed that neither had been invited to attend to explain their business plans, target clientele, entertainment intentions etc. It was also not particularly well attended by Ticknall residents.

In the circumstances, the meeting of circa 20 Nr households developed into an increasing crescendo around drug taking, vandalism, noise, traffic and anti social behaviour etc. It was claimed that it would become a nightclub with young people bussed in (shock, horror even from Swadlincote). Given the size of The Wheel this is pretty far from reality when the venue would be struggling to hold 50 people on the first floor dining area.

I failed to discover at the meeting why a centuries old village public house was going to suddenly degenerate into a den of depravity bringing mayhem to the district. We already have two public houses and people readily agreed how "good" they were but were unanimous The Wheel would be "different" for reasons which were not evident beyond the ownership by Punch Taverns.

Punch Taverns are apparently dedicated to maximising their profits by single handedly destroying the village of Ticknall. I have no particular knowledge of Punch Taverns beyond their ownership of other venues in the locality which do not seem to be afflicted in this way. It is also relevant that in recent years (until 2004) The Wheel was owned by Enterprise Inns, a similar conglomerate owner of public houses, once again there were no problems and the manager was considered to be an exemplary publican.

I also wish to address the other issues being raised concerning the conservation area. The Wheel Inn is a listed building in the conservation area and a fairly recently submitted planning application for it to be reclassified as a house was vigorously opposed (and defeated) by the community.

If the community want public houses and other facilities in the village then they have to be capable of commercial success in order to be sustainable.

The public houses, shop, village hall, church, school and other facilities in the conservation area are the community itself. Without them we do not have a community. What we have is a collection of expensive houses occupied by people who commute in and out by car and seal themselves in their castle at all other times.

The dreamy concept of a village pub serving beer to local people on the rare occasions they choose to visit is not reality.

I support this application and anything which will sustain the village community I have sought to promote for many years.

Yours faithfully

N Thomas

Mrs N Thomas

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TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL - THE WHEEL LICENCE APPLICATION AUGUST 2007

These notes are addressed to Parish Councillors and Clerk, the Village Hall Committee Chairman, District Councillors, and all Residents adjacent to the Wheel Inn or potentially affected by the knock-on impact of the Licence Application for late-night dancing at The Wheel Inn.

This Licence application was duly discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on 31 July 2007. The Parish Council had no comments to make because the times applied did not seem to be unduly late for weekends. We now find that it is midnight every night and half-past midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and that a dancing licence is also requested. There will also be gaming machines.

We have been poorly served by South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) when they notified Celia Bunston, our Parish Council Clerk, about the application, in that they made no mention of dancing, only the times to which the application related. Clearly, had we had any suspicion that dancing was being mooted then the discussion at the meeting would have been somewhat different.

Our next scheduled Parish Council meeting is not until 11 September, and any objections need to be with SDDC by 26 August; hence the reason for this communication.

A number of residents have contacted Celia to register their objections and the Parish Council will be responding suitably and will object to the proposal for dancing. But, in my judgement, this alone will be insufficient. **For the application to be rejected there needs to a significant number of individual objections lodged with SDDC by the deadline of 26 August 2007. Therefore it is in your own interests to write to SDDC yourself.** Be aware though that the Solicitors for the applicant will have sight of all letters, and they will try to get discounted all those that are they consider to be too far away to be affected. Therefore please ensure that if you are a considerable distance away that you strongly emphasise what your concerns are; for example, the knock-on impact on parking and the associated late-night noise, etc.

If you wish to object, there are only 4 licensing topics which will be considered as valid:

- 1) Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- 2) Public Safety
- 3) Prevention of Public Nuisance
- 4) Protection of children from harm.

However you cannot say, for instance, that it will cause crime and disorder through drunkenness, when the people have left the pub.

As part of their application, Punch Taverns have had to make statements as to how they intend to mitigate the impact of their request. Their statements against each of the categories above, plus a general comment, are as follows:

General – The licensee will seek to retain a harmonious working and social environment with the local authority and responsible bodies, and the local neighbourhood, and will be prepared to support where reasonable local incentives/schemes to promote the licensing objectives.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder –

- Strict anti-drug policy will be enforced
- Identity checks will be applied where necessary
- Toilets will be checked on a regular basis
- External areas will be well lit to deter criminal or antisocial behaviour

Public Safety –

- Emergency lighting, fire extinguishers and illuminated exit signs will be in place throughout the premises
- The building is suitably ventilated in the interests of the health and safety of customers and staff

Prevention of Public Nuisance -

Signs will be placed at the exits requesting that all customers depart quickly and quietly in respect of the local neighbourhood.

A licensed taxi service will be contacted in the event of customers requiring onward transportation

Protection of children from harm -

No unaccompanied children at any time

All children must be off the premises by 22:00hours

Items that I suggest you include in your letter are:

Noise problems. Use your experience of the less frequent but nevertheless disruptive sessions which sometimes occur at the Village Hall, and the disruption caused by guests walking through the village late at night – telephone box damage etc.

Make statements to the effect that Ticknall is a quiet village and this proposal is changing the traditional village pub/restaurant into a noisy suburban drinking and dancing establishment, with the inevitable impact on the character of the village. Mention that it is a Conservation area.

Emphasise the proximity of houses to The Wheel and that the new anti-smoking laws will inevitably lead to a lot of noised outside as smokers gather together (remember, smoking shelters have to be open-sided)

Unless Punch Taverns are going to install air conditioning (extremely unlikely) then I do not see how they can contain the noise of dance music without the building becoming unbearably hot inside, especially in warm weather.

It is one thing to have a restaurant with say 30-40 diners, but quite another for say 50-100 to be regularly partying in a small room, with music no doubt somewhat louder than in a restaurant, especially in the summer months.

Parking problems & public safety. The Wheel car park is small and exits near a bend and opposite a road junction; we have existing parking problems at night despite there being a public car park; there will be more parking on the A514 plus increased overspill into side roads, including Ingleby Lane, Chapel Street (even though it is private), Rose Lane, Harpur Avenue and even Church Lane. We may also find non-residents parking in Hayes Farm Court.

There are no doubt other valid objections that I have not mentioned. It would be helpful if you could send a copy of your objection letter to the Parish Council Clerk; then if we end up with problems associated with dancing being allowed, we have some benchmark against which to complain in the future.

To register your objection you should write to:

Mr. Carl Jacobs, South Derbyshire District Council, Licensing Section, Civic Way, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 0AH or you can email to: licensing2@south-derbys.gov.uk

You would be advised to say your objections are against the application of Punch Taverns, The Wheel Inn, Main Street, Ticknall, so that no confusion is made with The Wheel in Findern (which also has an application going through). **And it must arrive by 26 August 2007.**

I hope this note creates the required response. Repton was successful, but only because a similar application was withdrawn due to the number of individual objection letters. **THE OUTCOME IS IN YOUR HANDS – A PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTION ON ITS OWN CARRIES INSUFFICIENT WEIGHT.**

Yours sincerely,

Stefan Green Chairman – Ticknall Parish Council
17 August 2007

South Derbyshire
District Council

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Environmental Health

"Meadowbank,"
14 Harpur Avenue,
Ticknall,
Derbys.,
DE73 1JS.
Tel: 01332 862662

18.8.07.

Dear Sir,

Re: Application - Wheel Inn, Ticknall

We were most alarmed to hear of the proposals regarding the Wheel Inn, Ticknall and are concerned that our quiet, idyllic village may have an establishment used for dancing, partying and containing gaming machines, open until after midnight which would be damaging to the surroundings, causing a major problem due to the narrowness of the road causing the clientele to park inconveniencing residents who park there. The noise would be offensive to residents, from the music, car doors banging, engines, talking, the open air smoking provisions. A further problem is highly likely and who is responsible for clearing it up? Residents will be at risk together with their property, cars and gardens. Taxes also would add to the noise and congestion. Our Village Hall has already been damaged internally by party guests, also the phone box. It is our view that the granting of this application will create a public nuisance, crime and disorder jeopardising public safety.

We live in a conservation area, all residents respecting and treasuring this and wish to retain a village to be proud of. A well run village pub is one thing but a suburban drinking and dancing establishment would have a detrimental effect on the village discouraging visitors rather than attracting them.

Yours sincerely, H. & R. Bentley

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22 August 2007

Dear Mr Jacobs

The application of Punch Taverns, The Wheel Inn, Main Street, Ticknall

We are writing to object to the licensing proposed for The Wheel Inn at Ticknall.

Ticknall is a quiet village situated in a valley in which sound carries further than in other rural areas. Ticknall is a CONSERVATION area with many listed buildings which are not allowed to have double glazing or secondary glazing, and so therefore the residents would be greatly affected by the external noise and disruption of this proposal to change the traditional pub/restaurant into a noisy suburban drinking and dancing establishment, with the inevitable impact on the character of the village.

The two pubs already in the village are normally closed by 10.30pm and are very quiet well run establishments, which are open at lunch and evening, but not all day.

The proposal to let the Wheel have a licence from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 midnight every night and half past midnight on Fridays and Saturdays with a dancing licence is totally inappropriate for a small CONSERVATION village.

As there have been many unsuccessful tenants in The Wheel Pub over the last eleven years to my knowledge, we feel that Punch Taverns will be a new broom which will want to make the pub into a theme pub, most likely aimed at the young. It is one thing to have a restaurant with say 30 -40 diners, but quite another for say 50 - 100 to be regularly partying in a small room with music no doubt somewhat louder than in a restaurant, especially in the summer months.

This application, as it stands, will have a detrimental affect on our CONSERVATION village due to the following:-

1. Due to the new smoking requirements, we believe that the grass areas opposite the Wheel will become a place for the customers of the Wheel to stand and smoke and drop their litter. Also the bus shelter opposite will be a focus of attention in bad weather. This will be extremely unpleasant for people walking through the village having to pass large gangs of youngsters.
2. Due to the young using drugs, we fear for the safety of children waiting for the school bus in the morning (as young as 5 years old) in the bus shelter picking up drug related materials.
3. We believe many people will decide to walk home to Melbourne, this will mean that noisy people will be walking past our house in the early hours, dropping litter, vandalizing cars and property, being sick and urinating (as happens currently in Melbourne). We are not allowed to have double glazing and therefore would be greatly disturbed by noise on the road. We know this to be the case, as sometimes we are disturbed at present, if there has been a party in the village hall.
4. Music and dancing allowed until half past midnight, would disturb us in our home. Sound carries a long distance in Ticknall, due to its valley situation. Music systems for dancing are very loud, windows and doors will be open due to the number of people in the building and the anti smoking policy with people in and out more often than before. As noise travels significantly at night, we feel that we would be greatly disadvantaged due to the extra noise levels. We are not allowed double glazing due to Ticknall being a CONSERVATION area and our home being listed, and so even though we are not next door to the pub, we would hear the noise of the sound system. We know this to be the case, as sometimes we are disturbed by dance music if there has been a party in the village hall or a private house party.
5. The extended hours will bring many people to Ticknall with the sole reason of drinking. The risk of crime and disorder is immense. The village is served by a day/night bus service (No. 69) so access is unlimited. The problems that arise will be from people outside the village. You only have to look at the problems associated with Melbourne to see what could be in store for us in Ticknall. To make the problems even worse for the residents of Hayes Farm Court the bus shelter is part of the Hayes Farm Court buildings, so the late night noise from people waiting for the bus will be magnified into the residents' homes.
6. The Wheel car park is small and exits near a bend, opposite a road junction and next to the school/regular bus stop. Ticknall already has existing parking problems at night, despite there being a public car park, If this development is allowed to proceed there will be more parking on the A514 plus increased overspill into side roads, including Ingleby Lane, Chapel Street (even though it is private) Rose Lane, Harpur Avenue, Banton's Lane and even Church Lane. We may also find non-residents parking in Hayes Farm Court.

7. With the possibility of people being able to drink alcohol from 10.00 a.m. until midnight and beyond, this would mean that there would be a possibility of drivers having consumed too much alcohol leaving the pub when school children were getting off the school bus, outside the Wheel, which could prove disastrous.

Even if Punch Taverns put notices by every exit asking customers to leave the premises quietly, it is our experience that the young and the drunk do not read signs above doors they are stumbling out of, so this will have no effect whatsoever.

The majority of young drinkers, spend all their money on drink and so therefore even if Punch Taverns do have a licensed taxi service they can contact, customers will be on foot, on public transport or drink driving rather than using an expensive taxi.

We have not yet met a landlord of a themed public house who can stop drugs being used and changing hands on their premises, so Punch Taverns strict anti-drug policy is questionable.

Unfortunately well lit external areas does not deter criminal or antisocial behaviour, it just lets them see what they are doing! so Punch Taverns putting modern inappropriate lighting in a CONSERVATION area is of little consolation to us.

We believe that this licence application has such potential to cause unlimited damage to the fabric of village life in Ticknall and that it is incumbent of the Licensing Authority to maintain the character of the CONSERVATION village and protect its residents from unlimited distress.

Yours sincerely

AJ Hancock

S Hancock

Mr and Mrs S Hancock

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Mr Carl Jacobs
South Derbyshire District Council
Licensing Section
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20 August 2007

Dear Mr Jacobs

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

As a Ticknall resident I wish to register my objections to the above application. To return the Wheel Inn to the traditional 'village' pub it was originally would be most welcome but, I do not wish to see it become a typical 'town style' tavern.

My objections are based on the following:

1. Ticknall is a quiet, tranquil village in a 'Conservation Area' and such villages are fast disappearing in South Derbyshire. The other two pubs blend in with this traditional village atmosphere and so should the Wheel Inn. Late night music, dancing and the associated noise could give rise to disorder and / or public nuisance.
2. Parking and public safety problems could arise as villagers are already obliged to park on the road around the Wheel. The Wheel car park is small and exits near a bend and opposite a junction on the A514 road.
3. This morning on Radio Derby incidents of violence and disorder in the nearby small town of Melbourne were discussed. General feeling is that these arise when youngsters from adjoining areas travel to the town for the evening entertainment provided by the pubs. We must do everything possible to prevent the spread of such behaviour to Ticknall.

Ticknall is a 'village' and not a 'town' and long may it remain so, therefore I hope my objections are considered seriously when reaching a decision on the future of the Wheel Inn.

Yours sincerely

K. W. Daykin

Mr K Daykin

Cc – Celia Bunston, Clerk to the Parish Council, Ticknall

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Environmental Health

22nd August 2007

Dear Sir

Application by Punch Taverns for an
extension of opening hours
Wheel Public House, Main Street Ticknall

I wish to object to the above application
on the following grounds:-

Ticknall is a Conservation Village in a
peaceful location. The village only has
one shop and three public houses, the
rest of the village is entirely residential.
There are a lot of retired and elderly
people who would be most upset by
the disturbance caused by late night
customers going home causing much noise.

We also have young children living near the wheel and their sleep would also be disturbed.

Should you take up the dancing option on the license the noise of loud music of young people would make things even worse.

Outside smoking also adds to the problem with loud conversation of laughter.

I cannot stress enough how close all the houses are to the wheel, there is no distance at all.

Parking would be a complete nightmare due to the car park being quite small. The road is very dangerous outside with a nearby bend where there have been accidents of near accidents.

In conclusion please do not allow an extension to the hours as requested and spoil a delightful and peaceful village.

Yours faithfully

J Hurst

17 J-Hurst

Tel.01332/863881

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Roy Hammerton,
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August 22nd 2007.

To the South Derbyshire District Council,
The Licensing Section,
Civic Way,
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(For the attention of Carl Jacobs Esq.)

re Application by Messrs.Punch Taverns towards "The Wheel Inn".

Dear Sirs,

My wife and I object strongly to the above proposals, which we deem to be quite out of character with the Conservation village which is Ticknall. The village has always been active over the years in developing along with the demands of the day, but is always conscious that its peaceful lifestyle should be maintained. We feel that a more inappropriate site is hard to imagine.

Surely, the invasive and insistent sounds generated by "music for dancing" as envisaged, is likely to spread over a considerable area about the venue, which our inhabitants are entitled to expect to be peaceful. This in addition to the problems associated with the movement of vehicles and their occupants during the unsocial hours envisaged in the application.

Such noise pollution would surely be likely to increase during the warmer months when windows at the venue are likely to be opened for ventilation purposes, as would those of the surrounding properties.

In these days of restrictions on smoking, whatever the management might seek to impose on its clients, it is felt that a substantial number might seek to avail themselves of the pleasant green space opposite "The Wheel", and perhaps during inclement weather, to use the existing bus shelter for the activity.

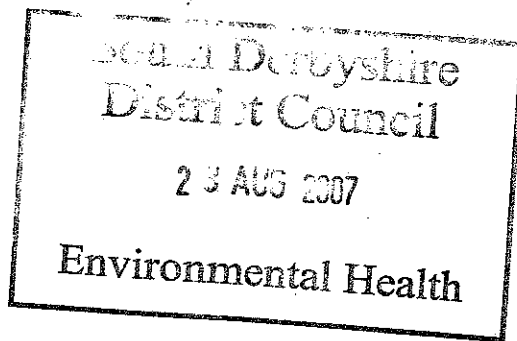
Further, all the roads in the area are presently overflowing with parked vehicles at most times, to which any addition would be undesirable – quite apart from the extra noise generated by late night departures of clients from such a festive site.

Use of the site as a family style eating house would certainly be a more acceptable development, to which we would not raise any objection.

I am

Yours faithfully

Roy Hammerton
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21 August 2007

Dear Sir

License Application of Punch Taverns - The Wheel Inn, Ticknall, Derbyshire

I have been the occupant of 55 Main Street, which is directly opposite the Wheel Inn, for the past 13 years and wish to OBJECT to the above License Application. My grounds for objection are as follows:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Ticknall is a quiet village. The Wheel, and the other 2 licensed establishments, have in my experience, generally fitted the character of the village well.

This application would permit regular drinking until midnight on weekdays and half past midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. It is reasonable to anticipate that drinking to this hour, and late night dancing, will attract a larger volume of younger and more exuberant clientele than this village would normally expect. The results of this, based on my direct experience of infrequent parties held at the Wheel Inn over the last 13 years will be:

- significant noise throughout the evening from the establishment, as the small rooms will need the windows open to augment the ventilation,
- noise throughout the evening from smokers outside,
- significant noise outside at the end of drinking, no matter what advisory signage is placed inside, as those under the influence of alcohol will be very unlikely to take notice.

The noise will affect a significant number of dwellings. Sound from occasional parties at the Village Hall (some ¼ mile away) travels easily (owing to the local acoustics), and at a disturbing volume, to my property.

Parking issues in Ticknall will be exacerbated. Parking along Ingleby Lane is already a problem and the Car Park at the back of the Wheel is incapable of holding 60 cars (say) for 100 couples dancing.

Prevention of Disorder.

Urination at the back of the bus shelter, after drinking, has been a problem in the past and volumes of youths waiting for busses have demonstrated their capability to turn this location into a very unsavory position, for the adjacent resident and passers by.

My past experience has been of major noise on the Village Green, next to my house, for some time after closure of the Wheel after parties. I have not complained to the police for fear of retribution. This would be very disturbing for me and, I expect, some of the elderly residents in the locality

Public Safety

The A514, through Ticknall, has shown itself to be dangerous, owing to the bends and cars breaking the speed limit. The inevitable parking, on this narrow and windy A Class road, will be the cause of more accidents and, potentially, fatalities.

I urge the Council to consider the above issues, respect the wishes of the residents of Ticknall Village (and conservation area) and help to preserve the character of The Wheel.

Yours faithfully,



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Environmental Health

20 August 2007

Dear Mr Jacobs,

**Reference: Licence Application – Punch Taverns,
 The Wheel Inn, Main Street, Ticknall**

We have been resident in Ticknall for nearly four years and chose to live here primarily due to the village atmosphere.

Further to the current application by Punch Taverns for additional functions and extended opening hours at the Wheel Inn, we would like to lodge our objection to this application.

Our objection concerns the following matters.

1. Expected significant increase in the daily traffic in the village late at night every night of the week.

It is not likely that large numbers of people from Ticknall village will attend the venue on a regular basis, so the majority of patrons will be arriving from at least several miles away. Due to the limited public transport to the village, it is highly probable that many of the patrons will travel by private car therefore making parking related difficulties inevitable.

The Wheel Inn has parking for only a small number of cars and patrons will have to park on Main Street and in the roads off Main Street. Main Street is quite narrow in places near the Wheel Inn and is reduced to one direction flow in some places where cars are parked on the road, for example in the vicinity of the shop. This section is straight with relatively good visibility and does cause difficulties for larger vehicles such as busses, lorries and agricultural vehicles. The Wheel is situated near some tight bends in the road which locals

do not park on. People generally don't like to walk and it is unlikely that patrons will use the village public carpark, even if they notice it is there. If parking becomes limited, it is likely that patrons of the pub will park on these bends as they are not marked with double yellow lines.

A significant increase in the number of vehicles parked on the road will make driving through the village much more difficult resulting in congestion and delays during the evening, and will significantly increase the risk¹ of accidents. We travel through the village, through this area, two evenings a week at approximately 8 and 10pm, so would be subject to the congestion and risk.

If vehicles are parked inconsiderately or in private areas, this creates a risk of confrontation between the vehicle owners and the residents, which would have a detrimental effect on the village atmosphere.

In addition, if patrons do use the public carpark, we would not be happy about the wear and tear damage that would be caused, as we would be expected to pay for repair out of village funds, especially when the use is caused by a profit making business which lacks parking, rather than general village activities.

2. Noise and Disruption from Patrons Outside the Venue

It is inevitable that a large number of the patrons will smoke. Due to current legislation these persons are required to go outside the venue. Where people congregate outside they generally create noise due to conversation, where the people were previously present in a noisy environment i.e. where loud music is being played, they are likely to talk loudly as their ears will not have adjusted to the quiet. This will cause a disturbance to local private residences, many of which have school age children who would be trying to sleep at this time. This would be a particular concern in summer, when it is hot and it is necessary to open windows at night, especially during exam time.

As the Wheel is a drinking establishment, it is likely that many patrons may plan to travel home by taxi. Ticknall is served by a couple of individuals who operate taxis, and other firms who travel here from other locations such as the airport and larger surrounding towns. These other firms are only likely to send cabs here following an order, or accidental passing due to an inbound fare. It is therefore, highly unlikely that there will be sufficient taxis available at the venue closing time, resulting in many, most likely intoxicated people hanging around in the street waiting for transport. (Due to the bus timings and routes, it is also unlikely that these people would be able to take public transport. If cars are left behind in inconsiderate locations, this is likely to cause disruption to rush hour traffic in the morning, this will affect us.)

¹ Risk is generally interpreted as a calculation of consequence of an event, times by, likelihood of the event occurring; whilst the consequence of a collision is likely to remain the same, the likelihood of collision due to increased traffic and inappropriate parking will increase, therefore the risk will increase.

Regular late night disruption in the village around the venue, and possibly further along Main Street if patrons are waiting a long time for taxis, is very likely to occur. It is also conceivable that patrons might just start to wander around the village and, most probably being in an intoxicated state, would, at the least, be a nightly nuisance in the village, and a possible cause of petty crime, or worse, in the village (for example damage to gardens or being sick or urinating on doorsteps – please note that Ticknall public toilets are closed after dark).

In the case that there were sufficient taxis available at closing time, these taxis, waiting in Main Street outside the venue due to the lack of any formal taxi rank or other taxi queuing facility, would cause additional congestion and blockage on Main Street further affecting the safe flow of traffic through the village. They would also cause noise to adjacent residents from engine noise.

We have lived in the vicinity of an egress route from a late night venue before (i.e. not adjacent to the venue), and did find it to be disruptive, despite signage for patrons to be considerate when leaving. Being woken up due to this noise was one reason for moving to a quiet village. We are concerned that we are sufficiently far down the road from the Wheel that patrons will be outside the reach of staff attempting to keep leaving people quiet, and any signage will be out of mind by this point. We are therefore likely to hear noise from departing patrons, and due to the time of day, be woken up by it.

3. Damage to the Village Atmosphere

Ticknall Village is in a Conservation Area, and the addition of a night-club type of facility, as the description of activities suggest, will be completely out of keeping with the nature of the village. We moved here for the peaceful country atmosphere and greatly appreciate the quiet. We are extremely concerned about the prospect of the noise, disruption and intrusion into the village, akin to the town we moved away from.

We are concerned that a large number of people attending the village who would not normally come here will have a detrimental affect on the crime rate, as to a degree, crime is a function of the number of people. We enjoy our privacy and whilst the village does attract a number of walkers during the day, this is generally a different type of person to the late night drinker.

Ticknall is generally safe to walk around in after dark, it is a small village and even if we don't know everyone by name, we now know faces and everyone says hello. We would be greatly concerned about a large number of strangers in and around the village and would be less likely for example to walk to the local shop after dark.

Whilst the application suggests that their 'external areas will be well lit to deter criminal or antisocial behaviour', what controls will be in place to stop individuals so inclined, from leaving their premises and returning?

We sincerely hope that the licence is turned down, as we would dearly love to keep the peaceful village atmosphere we moved here to gain, after choosing to leave the noise and bustle of a town behind.

Yours faithfully,

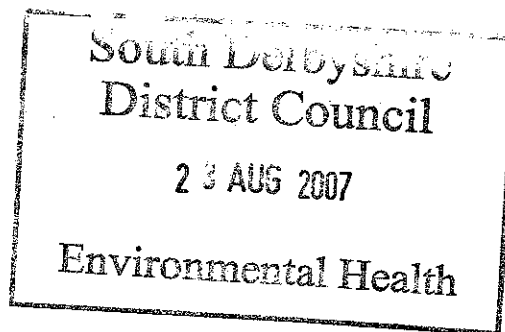


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20 August 2007

Dear Mr Jacobs

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

As Ticknall residents we wish to register our objections to the above application. To return the Wheel Inn to the traditional 'village' pub it was originally would be most welcome but, we do not wish it to become a typical 'town style' tavern.

Our objections are based on the following:

1. Ticknall is a quiet, tranquil village in a 'Conservation Area' and such villages are fast disappearing in South Derbyshire. The other two pubs blend in with this traditional village atmosphere and so should the Wheel Inn. Late night music, dancing and the associated noise could give rise to disorder and / or public nuisance.
2. Parking and public safety problems could arise as villagers are already obliged to park on the road around the Wheel. The Wheel car park is small and exits near a bend and opposite a junction on the A514 road.
3. This morning on Radio Derby incidents of violence and disorder in the nearby small town of Melbourne were discussed. General feeling is that these arise when youngsters from adjoining areas travel to the town for the evening entertainment provided by the pubs. We must do everything possible to prevent the spread of such behaviour to Ticknall.

Ticknall is a 'village' and not a 'town' and long may it remain so, therefore we hope our objections are considered seriously when reaching a decision on the future of the Wheel Inn.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R W Parritt".

Mr R W Parritt

Mrs V A Parritt

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V Parritt".

Cc – Celia Bunston, Clerk to the Parish Council, Ticknall

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23 AUG 2007

Environmental Health

18 Chapel St
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Dear Sir

I wish to register my objections to the proposed licence application for the Wheel Inn, as follows:-

- (1) Concerned that no mention of dancing was made to the Parish Council Clerk, and consider this to be gross negligence.
- (2) Concerned that elderly residents will be affected and for health and safety reasons these people should not be expected to be subjected to noise and disruption at such late hours.
- (3) Concerns over car parking which is woefully inadequate, and will only cause further congestion and noise.

I trust that the Licensing Authority of SDDC will take into account the above mentioned comments and fears, and that this application will be turned down.

Janet M. Wood
Ticknall Resident

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Environmental Health

Dear Sir,

LICENSING APPLICATION OF PUNCH TAVERNS
THE WHEEL INN MAIN STREET TICKNALL.

I wish to raise my objections to the above Licensing Application. Many aspects of this application cause me great concern, and I list some of these below, for your consideration, and request this application to be rejected.

NOISE PROBLEMS

I live close to the Wheel Inn and the Village Hall, which has only occasional disruptive sessions late at night, these are acceptable, however additional disruptions every night would be unbearable.

Ticknall is situated in a Conservation Area, and its charm and character is mainly due to the peacefulness of the village and its thoughtful residents. The proposal to change the Wheel Inn from a traditional village pub to a noisy

drinking, dancing and gaming establishment will have a severe impact on the character of the village.

The new anti-smoking laws will increase noise levels by smokers gathering outside smoking and drinking in an open sided shelter.

The noise from the dance music will be unbearable and even worse when windows and doors are open in the warmer weather, allowing customers outside for drinking and partying.

The extra 30 minutes allowed for "Drinking Up" will mean that partygoers will be around as late as 1.00am.

Residents in Main Street, Lingleby Lane, Hayes Farm Court, Rose Lane and possibly Harper Ave Church Lane will find the excessive noise levels to be unacceptable, and concern must be given to the retired residents living in the nine Council Bungalows in Chapel Street very close to the Wheel Inn.

PARKING AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

The Wheel Inn car park is inadequate and will certainly not cater for the required vehicles. The car park exit is obstructed by a Bus Stop to the left and parked vehicles and is near a dangerous bend on the A514 to the right, and opposite the Lingleby Lane junction and another Bus Stop on the opposite side of the A514.

A hazardous situation already exists on the A514 Main Street at this location and an increase in cars and taxis coming and going at late as 1:00 am will make matters even worse.

The vehicle overspill not able to use the car park will increase the existing parking problems for residents in the immediate areas already mentioned.

No further information can be obtained from Punch Taverns and they remain silent regarding their future plans and intentions for the Wheel Inn. I can only remain suspicious and accordingly I request for their application to be rejected.

Sincerely,

Arnold W. Dixon.