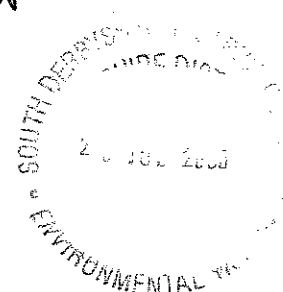


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Appendix 6.



The Licensing Authority
South Derbyshire District Council,
Civic Offices,
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Swadlincote,
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27 July 2005

Dear Sir,

Objection to late opening at Hawk and Buckle Inn, Main Street, Etwall

I have noted that the Hawk and Buckle has an application to increase its opening hours to 1 o'clock in the morning. I wish to make an objection to this on behalf of 48 and 50 Main Street, Etwall. I live at 48 Main Street and own 50 Main Street which, together, comprise a detached house immediately adjoining the Hawk and Buckle in the conservation area of this village.

The grounds of the objection are the disturbance which such opening hours would cause at a time when the occupants of both houses would expect to be asleep.

There is no gap or driveway between my property and the Hawk. The exterior wall for one of its bars forms the boundary to one side of my front garden. When the windows of the bar which face the road at the front of the Hawk are open interior noise is reflected back onto the front of my house, where five bedrooms are located, from the high wall on the other side of the road. Our bathroom and one bedroom immediately overlook the beer garden at the back which is often occupied by patrons even after the lighting has been turned off. The windows of a second bedroom although facing to the front of the house are within a matter of feet of a gap between the Hawk and our house and thus receive noise directly from the garden.

The Hawk has no parking facilities and it is the norm for cars to park on the road immediately in front of my property. Conversations between patrons at closing time and before getting into their cars are clearly audible, as are car doors closing and cars driving off. Such noise can be present for anything up to half an hour after drinking-up time.

In purchasing a house alongside the Hawk we could reasonably expect a certain amount of disturbance linked to the traditional closing times. At these times we are up and about. However, an increase to 1 a.m. plus drinking up time plus talking on the pavement after this would provide us with a totally unreasonable level of disturbance at a time of sleep.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Colin McArdle'.

(Dr) Colin McArdle