



# WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Kent  
ME19 4LZ

25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Sirs,

Re: The Farmhouse, 97 High Street, West Malling - Application to vary premises licence (18/00496/PREM)

Members of the Parish Council wish to object to the application made by the Farmhouse West Malling to vary their premises licence.

The application to vary states that the 'purpose of this application is to simply extend the terminal time for sale of alcohol by 30 minutes Monday to Thursday and Fridays, Saturdays, Bank Holiday Sunday and New Year's Eve by 1 hour in line with other premises in the area'; the Parish Council are not aware that other licensed premises stay open as late as the new suggested opening hours and are concerned that should the hours be extended that this will set a precedent within the town. If one public house /restaurant chooses to stay open later than others, it will be a natural consequence that visitors to West Malling will congregate at the end of the night at the premises that closes the latest; the Farmhouse is surrounded by residential properties that would be further impacted by noise, in particular those properties that back on to the garden of the premises.

The Parish Council continue to have concerns about ongoing anti-social behaviour at the premises and are fearful that longer opening hours would only exacerbate the current situation. It is our understanding that in recent weeks the Police have been called to the premises due to anti - social behaviour and it would therefore not be wise to extend the licensing hours in view of the current situation. On this point, it has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the employed security personnel are not always positioned where they should be in accordance with the conditions set out in June 2013.

Yours faithfully,

Claire Christmas  
Clerk to West Malling Parish Council

**Leeann Leeds**

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**From:** David Mitchem [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 April 2018 16:33  
**To:** Licensing Services  
**Subject:** Application to Vary Premises Licence: The Farmhouse, West Malling

**Categories:** Leeann

I wish to register my objection to the proposal to extend the captioned sale of alcohol from 23.30 to 24.00 Monday to Thursday and from 23.30 to 00.30 on Fridays, Saturdays, Bank Holiday Sundays and New Year's Eve. My grounds for objecting are both Prevention of Public Nuisance and Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

So far as public nuisance is concerned, the end of the evening when drinkers are more boisterous and noise increases is a critical period. With households close to the east, south and north of the Farmhouse and especially given the pub's open patio area, even a thirty minute extension at so sensitive a time greatly magnifies the probability of 'nuisance'.

Regarding the second grounds for my objection, the record of the Farmhouse in avoiding drink related disorder has not been unblemished. Despite management attempts to address the issue through employing security staff, trouble has still occurred. It seems highly likely that extra drinking time will only exacerbate the problem.

I would ask that you take my submission in to account when considering the licensee's application.

Thank you

David Mitchem  
[REDACTED] High Street  
West Malling  
[REDACTED]

**Leeann Leeds**

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**From:** roger north <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 26 April 2018 12:11  
**To:** Licensing Services  
**Subject:** The Farmhouse West Malling

**Categories:** Leeann

Dear Sir Madam

As a resident living in the High Street West Malling I would like to add my concerns re the proposed licence extension of The Farmhouse.

With the current hours we suffer awful behaviour and noise from the patrons in the street for an hour or so after closing. This includes driving dangerously up and down, wheel skidding, much to the enjoyment of the crowds outside the premises. If the extension is granted this would result in this noise and behaviour going on to the early hours of the morning. The Farmhouse and other licences premises nearby are simply not concerned with the behaviour outside and the disturbances to residences nearby. Police resources mean that they cannot afford attend on a regular basis and therefore we rely solely on yourselves to assist. This is a village with residents as neighbours to these premises and not Maidstone where there are plenty of bars for those patrons to go

The extension will also set an unwanted precedent to other licences premises in the village

Roger North  
[REDACTED] High Street  
West Malling  
Kent  
[REDACTED]

Leeann Leeds

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**From:** Licensing Services  
**Subject:** FW: Farmhouse pub

> From: Gillian Golding [redacted]  
 > Sent: 17 April 2018 12:29  
 > To: Licensing Services <Licensing.Services@tmhc.gov.uk>  
 > Subject: Farmhouse pub

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 > I live almost next door to The Farmhouse and strongly object to them having their license extended in every way. They start 'practicing' at 3.30pm as it is, usually on the loveliest day to be in the garden, and the noise is raised louder and louder as the evening progresses. This is a residential community and surely we have some rights to our peace and quiet. Before now, I have phoned the police with the phone out of my window so that the noise can be heard, it is like having them in my own garden and at times also in the house. I strongly object to their license being extended and what is more, when should the noise start, surely not mid afternoon?

Mrs. Gillian golding, [redacted] high street, west malling, [redacted]

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 > Sent from my iPad  
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**Leeann Leeds**

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**From:** Jeff W Hurst [redacted]@btinternet.com  
**Sent:** 18 April 2018 14:41  
**To:** Licensing Services  
**Cc:** trudy.dean@kent.gov.uk  
**Subject:** The Farmhouse application to extend late hours Licence.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**Categories:** Katie

Dear Sirs,

I very strongly wish to to oppose this application. The noise and drunken behaviour is already reaching intolerable levels for all the residents in the High Street.

The so called "Security Staff" seem to have little or no effect on the problem. We have the misfortune to live just up the road from this deeply unpleasant place.

Sitting in our garden on a summer's evening is often ruined because of this greedy business's simple desire for extra profit. Please stop them making things worse for all of us.

Jeffrey Hurst  
[redacted] High Street

**Leeann Leeds**

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**From:** Licensing Services  
**Sent:** 30 April 2018 15:24  
**To:** Leeann Leeds  
**Subject:** FW: West malling farmhouse application

> From: Nick Robinson [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 17 April 2018 19:58  
> To: Licensing Services <Licensing.Services@tmhc.gov.uk>  
> Subject: West malling farmhouse application

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> Hello I wish to object to the license extension application of the farmhouse pub in west malling. They seem totally incapable of controlling their patrons outside and regularly block the pavement with drinkers. Indeed I was recently abused when trying to walk on the pavement past the pub one evening. The bouncers seem totally ineffective and the patrons rude and abusive.

> Other pubs in the town do not suffer from the same voice, attitude, out of control patrons problems as the farmhouse does and I think if their licence were extended to later in the evenings the problems would only get worse.

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> With thanks,  
> Nick Robinson

[REDACTED] lavenders road  
West Malling  
[REDACTED]

**Leeann Leeds**

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**From:** Jocelyn Granville [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 April 2018 16:52  
**To:** Licensing Services  
**Subject:** Re: I object to the licensing hours of The Farmhouse being extended as I live close by and will be disturbed by late night noise

**Categories:** Leeann

My objection must be valid under clause4 as later night opening would be a public nuisance. Jocelyn Granville

Sent from my iPhone

> On 25 Apr 2018, at 13:09, Licensing Services <Licensing.Services@tmbs.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Thank you for your email, unfortunately your representation is not valid.

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> In order for your representation to be valid you will need to demonstrate how one or more of the licensing objectives would be undermined should the premises licence be granted. For your information I have set out the objectives below for you:

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> 1. Prevention of crime and disorder

> 2. Promotion of public safety

> 3. Protection of children from harm

> 4. Prevention of public nuisance

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> If you have any queries regarding this email then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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> Mrs Leeann Leeds

> Licensing Officer

> Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jocelyn Granville [REDACTED]

> Sent: 20 April 2018 19:08

> To: Licensing Services <Licensing.Services@tmbs.gov.uk>

> Subject: I object to the licensing hours of The Farmhouse being extended as I live close by and will be disturbed by late night noise

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> Jocelyn Granville [REDACTED] High Street

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**Leeann Leeds**

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**From:** Karolina [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 May 2018 21:02  
**To:** Licensing Services  
**Subject:** objection to licensing hours of the Farmhouse in West Malling to be extended  
**Categories:** Leeann

Dear Leeann,

Hereby we would like to object to the plans for the licensing hours of the Farmhouse in West Malling to be extended.

We live opposite of the Farmhouse and two bedrooms( our children's) are facing the High Street.

We wish to object on the ground of the prevention of public nuisance.

Pub guests are putting glasses on our window seal. They park in front of our house and create disturbance in form of shouting, singing and arguing, which escalates into physical violence like pushing etc. This makes me feel worried, particularly as a parent.

West Malling must stay safe and child friendly and not turn into one 'big pub', if this makes sense.

Our concern is that it gets more out of control with the even longer hours.

Kind regards

Karolina & Marcin Kwiatkowski

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] High Street

[REDACTED] West Malling  
[REDACTED]  
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