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Response from LPA:

The local planning authority objects to the application to amend the hours of operation for these premises on the basis that any increase in hours from the current situation is likely to give rise to an increase in noise and disturbance which would be contrary to the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance.

The use of the premises for the increased hours proposed within the license application would not comply with the restrictions currently set out within the planning permission for the use of the site and thus would require the benefit of planning permission from the Local Planning Authority. To date, no planning application has been made to seek such permission and it should be understood that since the use has been operational within the context of the current planning permission it has been necessary to undertake a number of enforcement investigations and serve various formal notices concerning breaches of the conditions, with local residents having provided evidence on a number of occasions of harmful impact arising from such breaches in terms of noise and disturbance in particular.

One of the key issues in determining any planning application that might come forward in respect of increased hours of operation in the way described within the license application would be the impact of the use on amenity. This would include the residential amenities of any nearby neighbours but also public amenity in more general terms given the location of the site within the village and its physical relationship to its immediate surroundings.

The Local Planning Authority considers that the use of the site for the proposed increased hours in all likelihood would give rise to an increase in activity within and around the site which could cause a harmful level of noise and disturbance within a densely developed village core which has a high number of properties in very close proximity to the site which would adversely impact on amenity.

As such, the Local Planning Authority objects to the licensing application.

Kind Regards

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