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THE WHITE HART, CORN MARKET, WIMBORNE
REVIEW OF ALCOHOL LICENCE

1. This representation is made on behalf of The Corn Market Residents Association ("CMRA"), although individual residents may well make their own representations. The main aim of the CMRA is to bring together residents of the Corn Market to ensure the Corn Market remains a quiet, mainly residential area, with appropriate businesses, and that it continues to possess a strong sense of enclosure and intimacy, consistent with its inclusion in the Wimborne Conservation Area.
2. We were appalled by the altercation on November 4/5 which has led to the review of Marston's licence. Ever since the time when [REDACTED], on behalf of The [REDACTED], apparently became Designated Premises Supervisor, the level of poor behaviour, particularly on leaving the pub, has increased. We invited the [REDACTED] family to apply for membership of the CMRA, as our experience in the past of the publicans as members has been good. Matters of concern have been aired in a friendly and constructive way. Sadly, our offer was not accepted. It may well be that senior members of the [REDACTED] family concentrated their efforts on their other pub, [REDACTED]
3. We are by no means anti-pubs. An efficiently managed pub can add much to the well-being of market towns such as Wimborne, and in the past there have been some good managers/tenants, out-numbered sadly by those willing and able to turn a blind eye on drunkenness and drug dealing.
4. Having now met [REDACTED], the area representative for Marston's, we welcome the prospect of a sensible and constructive liaison with Marston's in the future. We understand that Marston's hold themselves out as community-minded, but this has not been the case so far in the Corn Market. [REDACTED] has agreed to liaise with [REDACTED], one of our Committee members, and we hope that she will persuade all new Designated Premises Supervisors to join our Association. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has been able to re-assure us that great care will be taken in choosing, installing and monitoring DSPs.
5. We also hope that future Designated Premises Supervisors will be mature individuals, able to gain easily the respect of their customers, that they will not have other alcohol licence responsibilities elsewhere, that they will ensure that all the licence conditions are met in full, and that they will apply for membership of CMRA, and become responsible members of the central Wimborne community.
6. The following licence conditions have not been adhered to, either in whole or in part: playing of recorded music within the allotted hours; asking customers to leave quietly at closing time; consuming drinks in the Corn Market; the use of the right-hand front door after 9pm; and the closure of all doors and windows during

live and recorded music, except for ingress and egress. We would like Dorset Council to maintain and enforce these conditions.

7. We request that all future licences contain the following changes or additions: no smoking by customers in the Corn Market, customers are requested to leave quietly at any time, and not just at closing time; closure times, Monday to Wednesday, and Sunday set at 23:00, Thursday to Saturday 23.30; performances of live and recorded music, dancing and so on: Monday to Wednesday, and Sunday 22.30, Thursday to Saturday 23:00, with an extra half-hour over Bank Holiday weekends. These earlier times reflect the position of the White Hart in a quiet residential area, where noise echoes within narrow confines, and our wish that the White Hart shakes off its image as a pub where it is alleged that drugs can be bought, sold and consumed, and where little attention is paid to the sobriety of its customers. We are encouraged that [REDACTED] wishes the White Hart to be operated no longer as a drinking man's pub, as appeared on Marston's website not very long ago, but as a pub where good, reasonably-priced food can be consumed, and where responsible drinking is encouraged. Our suggested closure times will reflect and underline this welcome change of approach. Additionally, we would like the licence to include maximum decibel levels both for inside and outside the pub, and a requirement that the SIA individuals are responsible for ensuring that customers leave the pub quietly at all times, ideally through the garden gate into the public car-park, do not congregate in the Corn Market and that staff and customers are dissuaded from parking in the Corn Market.
8. Please may we have a copy of the licence and all its terms when it is granted.

The Committee of The Corn Market Residents Association

5 December 2023

Rep 2

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 1:18 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: The White Hart, Wimborne

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you in furtherance of having telephoned this morning regarding The White Hart pub in the Cornmarket, Wimborne (BH21).

I feel very strongly that this pub should not be allowed to re-open, and request that no alcohol licenses be granted to this premises in future. For over 15 years The White Hart has been notorious as a 'drug pub', and has exerted a detrimental influence on the character of the surrounding area.

During these 15 years the Brewery have repeatedly said they will reform the pub, changing landlords frequently as drug dealing has flourished on the premises under one landlord after another. This has been to no avail: despite brief periods of operating 'above board', the problem always recurs. Decent landlords cannot make the pub viable, meaning they move on swiftly and the criminality regains its hold under a landlord more amenable to such activity.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I am detailing these events to demonstrate the consequences which can follow from anyone in the area surrounding the White Hart being believed to have attempted to get something done about the drug dealing in the pub. Other residents to have also experienced threatening behaviour from White Hart punters.

I believe Dorset Council's licensing department have a duty of care to the residents surrounding the White Hart not to allow this premises to continue in operation as a public house. I therefore repeat my opening request: please do not grant any further alcohol licenses to this premises.

If you require a statement delivered in person (as in court, etc.) regarding any of the above, I would be willing to stand up and do so. Something must be done about the detrimental influence which The White Hart pub has exerted on Wimborne for far too long.

My full details are:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Rep 4

From: Wimborne Minster Town Council <office@wimborne.gov.uk>

Sent: 30 November 2023 08:57

To: Aileen Powell <aileen.powell@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Cc: Kevin Brooks [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Open Applications

Morning Aileen

Please find below our comment regarding [The White Hart, Wimborne](#) – review of licence.

We are writing on behalf of the Planning and Environment Committee of Wimborne Minster Town Council for the recent license review request submitted by Dorset Police concerning The White Hart in Wimborne.

We acknowledge the commitment of Dorset Police in promoting the licensing objectives of Preventing Crime & Disorder, Preventing Public Nuisance, Promoting Public Safety, and Protecting Children from Harm. The evidence presented indicates a serious failure in meeting these objectives by the premises in question, as detailed in the license review request.

The reported incident, particularly the actions of the individual responsible for the management of the premises, is deeply concerning. The escalation of an incident of disorder and the deliberate acquisition of a weapon pose significant risks to the safety of customers, staff, and the general public. Such behaviour not only

undermines the licensing objectives but also places an undue burden on the broader community.

Given the gravity of the situation outlined by Dorset Police, we fully endorse and encourage the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider the range of options available under the Licensing Act 2003, with particular emphasis on the potential revocation of the Premises Licence. We share the view that, in this instance, other options may not sufficiently address the serious breaches and intentional misconduct demonstrated by the premises management. Unless, of course, Dorset Council can find mitigating actions as per the sit out licence application previously opposed by WMTC but granted by Dorset Council.

Our community places great trust in licensed premises to prioritise public safety, and incidents of this nature compromise that trust. We stand alongside Dorset Police in their pursuit of a proportionate yet effective approach to hold licensed premises accountable for their fundamental responsibilities.

We look forward to receiving further details concerning this incident and participating in the Sub-Committee hearing to ensure a thorough and just examination of the matter.

Kind Regards

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My normal working hours: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm Monday - Friday



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