

Appendix 3 – Representation Objecting to the Application

Ref premises license PL0239

Further to our recent correspondence at the end of May regarding the unlicensed use of an external area of the Crown, Marnhull we now discover that the Licensee, Hall & Woodhouse, has submitted an application for a variation of their external license to cover this area. We strongly object to this application on the grounds that it will create a public nuisance.

During April, when this area was used illegally with an outside bar we recorded noise levels averaging in excess of 60 db in our garden, rising to over 90 at times. The Crown applied for planning permission in 2018 to build a function room in its large beer garden, a condition of the granting of this permission was a noise assessment survey. Our property was included in this survey and, quite rightly, it was decided that the function room would not impact on our privacy. The area for which they have now applied for a license extension is right next to our boundary. The noise impact of customers eating and drinking in this area will affect us greatly, making our private garden potentially unusable from 12.00pm until 11pm on sunny days when we wish to sit in peace and privacy in our garden. My husband is xx with xxx so rarely leaves the house. Is he to be confined indoors so the Crown can use this outside space, especially when they already have a very large beer garden.

The smaller area near the road which has been used for drinking does not cause us a problem but the large area which, until last summer, was part of the car park, will impact greatly on our lives in the summer months. We did, in April, raise this with the brewery who told us in writing that no tables would be within 10m of our boundary but the business manager, Mr. Montgomery, has refused to move existing tables and, should this application be passed, will surely fill the area with more. The image attached is how it currently looks and there is currently no table service in this area but once restrictions are lifted we fear constant noise. The fence at the back of this picture is 3m from our private patio.

Appendix 4 – Representations of Support

1. I am writing to express my support for the above application. The Crown is a very well managed business where considerable care is taken to maintain good relations with their customers and local neighbours. The proposal for a small extension to the external service area will add to the facilities enjoyed by diners and drinkers alike. The pub is a valuable local amenity and a centre of the community, as well as attracting significant numbers of visitors. The proposed extension will only serve to improve that further.
2. I wish to make my support known to you for this application. As a “local”, I am 100% confident that the Landlord will ensure that this area will be used in the same way that the rest of the pub is used, in other words, respectfully and fully within the law.

In my view, there is no reason not to grant this.

3. I wish to support the application by the Crown Inn, Marnhall for an increase in size of their external licence drinking area.

The management of this hostelry is highly professional, well organised and has followed all rules on Covid restrictions. Their drinking clientel is predominately local and responsible in their habits. The outdoor area needs to be increased, especially with the pending potential for summer holiday trade and outdoor relaxing, assuming we eventually get a summer.

The area is well away from the road and does not impinge intrusively on local residences.

4. I am writing to express my unconditional support for the approval of the above application. As a resident of Marnhull village for the last 4 years, I have found the Crown Hotel to be one of the central hubs to the local community and a place where many residence gather for relaxing social interaction as well as excellent food.

I believe that approval of this extension will allow the Crown Hotel to expand its appeal throughout the village allowing it to host many more outside, village events to the benefit of the whole community.

I sincerely hope urge you approve this application.

5. Please accept this email as a comment regarding the Notice of Application for Variation of Premises Licence for the premises known as The Crown Hotel, Marnhull.

Having viewed the aforementioned application, I wish to offer my support in favour of said application.

The management and their team at The Crown Hotel go above and beyond in making The Crown a great asset to the village. Throughout the difficult times of the current pandemic, they have provided a much needed commodity to the community by way of a take-away meal service at a realistic price, despite the inability to have the premises open for long periods.

During this time, with minimal trade they have still managed the expense of fully redecorating the interior, whilst developing the garden area to great effect.

The Management team regularly sponsor local causes, not least of which is the funding of a defibrillator on site for public use in emergency.

I feel that a licensed courtyard area to the front and side of the building would be a great asset, making the premises appear more welcoming to passing motor and foot traffic, therefore enabling the business to attract further custom which after this past year it surely deserves. I can see no reason why anyone would deny this opportunity by objecting to the proposals, and in my opinion there doesn't seem to be any reason to do so.

6. We support & approve this proposal.

7. I am writing to support the variation of premises license for the Crown Hotel, Marnhull, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1LN.

The ability to be able to flex the outside area to include an external bar will support external events, hybrid events and more importantly support and future external social distancing which will benefit the pub and its customers without creating any increased disruption to others. Customers can already (in non-covid times) order at bar, pay and go and sit outside, this will give greater flexibility for certain situations already mentioned.

8. We are writing to you in regards to the crown inn application for their external license drinking area.

We wish to support it as sitting in that area with our dog on a summers evening to enjoy a drink and our playful dog is not a problem to any other customers.