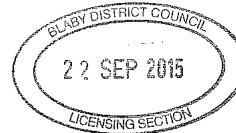


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21 September 2015

Dear Sirs

Application for Extension of Licensable Activities to Midnight at Badgers Mount Hotel Elmesthorpe

Elmesthorpe Parish Council objects to this application for the reasons set out below:

1. Badgers Mount Hotel is located in a residential area in Elmesthorpe village. This application is to extend the Licensable Activities for the sale by retail of Alcohol and the Provision of Regulated Entertainment, both to finish at Midnight. If the extension is granted, it would permit the playing of music, both recorded and live music, on the Hotel premises including in the Hotel gardens, until midnight in a quiet residential area every night of the week.

Whilst the application is for an extension to midnight, if it is granted, once the alcohol sales, entertainment or music have finished at midnight, any customers not resident at the Hotel will leave either on foot or by car so the noise disruption to people living in nearby homes is likely to be until 12.30am. Of particular concern is the noise of car doors slamming at this time of the day when the rest of the village is quiet.

The Parish Council is very concerned about the adverse impact of the noise on the residents living nearby, and the general detriment to their quality of life.

2. A number of the trees and bushes around the Hotel which previously helped to reduce the impact of noise from the Hotel have recently been reduced or removed. The green area along the front perimeter of the Hotel have been cut back reducing the "acoustic baffle", and some of the trees and bushes on the car park's central island in front of the Hotel have been removed, thereby removing the screening which had previously reduced the impact of the noise from the Hotel on the people living in the homes opposite the Hotel.

3. There is also an issue with the lighting on the front of the Hotel which, since the reduction and removal of the trees, shines directly into the bedrooms of the homes opposite the Hotel. The lighting is on during evening opening hours and until customers leave at the end of the evening, so with the

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current licensable activities ending at 11pm, the nearby residents can expect the lighting to be at a reduced level by 11.30pm. However licensable activities are extended to midnight, then the lighting is unlikely to be at a reduced level until 12.30am which the Parish Council considers is wholly unreasonable.

In view of the above matters set out above, the Parish Council would ask that the application for an extension to midnight is refused.

Yours faithfully

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