

APPENDIX B

Licensing Authority.

Blaby District Council.

22nd. Feb 2020.



Ref Tithe Barn Cafe Ltd.

FAO Licensing office,

I now see the owner of the above business has made application to increase their hours for selling alcohol if granted from 8.30 am to 10.30 pm 7 days a week this would extend their working day far longer than at present. And in trying to make their application seem reasonable they claim no outdoor activities will take place after 10.00 pm, this I find very hard to believe as there are more outdoor tables and seating areas outside than seating inside the actual Barn itself. It maybe speculation but picture Summer evening groups sitting outside enjoying the evening then asked to now move to inside the Barn come 10.00 really is that going to happen?

The additional noise factor surly is not acceptable and will become more of a nuisance than it already is, we have had different events taking place at this business over the time it has been trading at the last event a stage for live performances was erected over outbuildings and not taken down after the event, so clearly they plan to hold more of the like over coming years, and these events are never low noise levels.

Warmer weather will see more cars once again parked both sides of Main Street basically turning the road into a one way street with cars unable to get through, the public transport has many times failed to get through the gap left by parked vehicles so these additional hours if granted clearly would be causing yet more problems for the ever increasing traffic trying to drive through the village. I accept that this is not the only business in the village where people frequent but in general they are only at these other businesses for a short time calling to pick up items. This establishment sees their customers staying for far greater time periods, many of their customers meet other friends who arrive in separate motorcars all needing to find parking spaces which there clearly isn't enough of, so for example one pre booked table can see far more than one car being parked in Main Street causing yet another public nuisance to through traffic.

Should the owner manage to create additional parking space it still will not be sufficient to accommodate all the vehicles. Weekends in the village now gets busy with the other two licensed premises which seem to provide more than adequate service for the community. I clearly remember when we had an additional Public House and 10.30 on any night of the week became 11.00 before customers leave, on other nights when events took place there was noise in the street even after midnight so having extended hours here will cause addition noise to now many of the recent new homes built in close proximity some with elderly people and others with young families who may be inconvenienced in different ways by these later opening.

Therefore strongly feel that if granted the surrounding homes would see what you would call a public nuisance, petty crime possibly increased by drunken patrons walking home. And with all the best intentions from the owner he is not going to be able to control people after leaving his premises no matter what assurances he gives. If memory serves I seem to remember the initial intent when the Tithe Barn was sold it was going to be for a company offices then shortly after that an application for change of business to what it is now. Later evening closures public safety must surely be taken into consideration even more cars being parked up on and around the blind bend more chance of local pedestrians getting knocked over plus I am sorry to say a far greater chance of residents parked cars getting vandalised by drunks fewer incidents of this have occurred in the local area since the Huntsman closed its doors and became the Co op in the past many incidents went unreported and only told to their local neighbours simply because the damage done was petty but annoying.

Yours sincerely

Barry Woodcock

27.29 Main Street. LE9 1UW.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing with regards to the recent application for the variation of a premises license made by the Tithe Barn Cafe Ltd. to increase their hours of licensable activities. Extending their provision of alcohol to be consumed both on and off the premises from 08:30 to 22:30 Monday to Sunday. With the stipulation that licensable activities will not take place after 22:00 in outdoor areas.

I find this completely unacceptable mainly because of the public nuisance already caused by their current hours of operation. To extend the hours would make the quiet enjoyment of homes and gardens of neighbouring residents impossible. The outdoor seating area is directly over the back wall of my garden and the noise levels produced are already annoying, but extending the sale of alcohol until 22:30 will make living here unbearable. The recorded music is also not "low level and relaxing background music". I understand that "low level" actually refers to volume, but over the Christmas period there was an extremely loud rock band playing from the roof of the premises. This was completely unacceptable!

It is also inevitable that serving alcohol for that amount of time is going to result in essentially having a pub in the heart of a residential area with drunken customers making excessive noise and the likelihood of crime and disorder will greatly increase.

The increased traffic has already made parking a real problem for local residents and a safety issue for pedestrians navigating the pavement along Main street and the public footpath through the property leading up to Park Road. Young children and the elderly are especially vulnerable. I have witnessed a couple of near misses and it is only a matter of time before someone is hurt. The Bus can not get through sometimes because of cars parked either side of Main street opposite the entrance to the Tithe Barn.

I believe that extending the licensing hours as proposed would create a public nuisance and also have a negative effect upon public safety as well as promoting drunken crime and disorder. There would also be increased risk to pedestrians as previously stated. Especially children and the elderly.

Sincerely,

Peter W. Brown

39 Main Street
Cosby, Leicester
LE9 1UN

I,

To whom it may concern,

We are writing concerning the recent application for the variation of a premises license made by the Tithe Barn Cafe Ltd. to increase their hours of licensable activities. That is, extending their provision of alcohol to be consumed both on and off the premises from 08:30 to 22:30 Monday to Sunday, with the stipulation that licensable activities will not take place after 22:00 in outdoor areas.

We find this change completely unacceptable mainly because the public nuisance already caused by their current hours of operation would be greatly exacerbated. To extend the hours would make the quiet enjoyment of homes and gardens of adjacent residents virtually impossible. For us, the outdoor seating area is directly over the back wall of our garden and the noise levels produced are already annoying. Extending the sale of alcohol until 22:30 will make them unbearable.

"Normal operation."

The noise pollution already varies at different times during the day and comes from a variety of causes. In the morning, during clement weather, many clients have breakfast/ brunch and eat and drink outside. Conversation is usually muted and the loudest noises often come from happy young children having fun. This is perfectly acceptable and in line with the original planning/licensing promises and expectations. It is what we were led to believe would be the situation, the normal life and activity of a 'European style' café (Bistro). Low level and relaxing recorded background music plays constantly but is not intrusive. Again, assuming clement weather, during the early afternoon food and beverages continue to be served outdoors without a unacceptable increase in noise levels. Later in the afternoon (between 1500 and 1800) conversational levels tend to become louder, often accompanied by bursts of raucous laughter. Such noise has rarely been so continuously intrusive as to be deemed unacceptable overall, but the later the hour the more often do individual outbursts transgress the limits of acceptable behaviour. Fortunately this has not been an everyday occurrence on weekdays, even during extended spells of good Summer weather. However it usually happens every Saturday and Sunday from lunchtime until closing. After 1800/1900 hours outdoor service of food (and drink) has usually greatly diminished or ceased entirely and no further problems have occurred. The Café has closed.

"Special 'Events'."

In addition to their normal activities the Barn have hosted regular 'Special Events, presumably requiring additional Licensing (and Planning?) permissions. These always are outdoors and usually involve 'live' music. They attract sizable crowds and are very loud. The recorded music, when played, is also not "low level and relaxing background music". I understand that "low level" actually refers to

volume, but over the Christmas period there was an extremely loud rock band playing from the roof of the premises. Although I appreciate a certain sense of irony, I found this neither amusing nor entertaining. Inside our house we couldn't hear our television turned up to full volume. Usually the noise of the customers is such that we cannot enjoy our garden or have our patio doors open and to have this at all is a nuisance, but to have it for the proposed duration would be unbearable. Are 'variations' to a premises license such as the one proposed merely a License to ignore and ditch the restraints of the original License? Do they herald a new and permissive divergence from the original Café (Bistro) promise? Is it inevitable that serving alcohol for this amount of time is going to result in essentially having a pub in the heart of a residential area with drunken customers making excessive noise and the likelihood of greatly increased crime and disorder at our back door?

Both my wife and I are in our eighties and feel there is a very real danger that we will not be able to have quiet enjoyment of our home and garden ever again!

Traffic Problems

The increased traffic from current activities has already made parking a real problem for local residents and a safety issue for pedestrians navigating the pavement along Main street and the public footpath through the property leading up to Park Road. I and several other pedestrians have nearly been hit several times by vehicles driving too quickly into or out of the premises onto Main Street. It is only a matter of time before someone is hurt and serving alcohol can do nothing but increase the danger. The Arriva service Bus on Main Street frequently cannot get through because of Barn customer cars parked either side of Main street opposite the entrance to the Tithe Barn.

In summary, I believe that extending the licensing hours as proposed would create a public nuisance and also have a negative effect upon public safety as well as promoting drunken crime and disorder. There would also be increased risk to pedestrians on Main Street and the public footpath, especially children and the elderly after dark. Our enjoyment of our homes and gardens and that of many other nearby residents would be greatly diminished.

Please reject this proposed variation of the premises license.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Dr. Peter Brown

Mrs. Barbara L. Brown

41 Main Street Cosby
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LE9 10W

I am writing to register my objection to the application for an extended alcohol licence for the Tithe Barn Main Street Cosby to sell alcohol inside and outside the premises until 22.30 seven days a week. I think the application is inconsiderate to the residents of Church Farm Close, at the recent event during the Christmas period the noise from the event was inconsiderate and kept me and other residents awake worrying if there would be any trouble after the people had left after drinking at the premises. I am concerned that if the Tithe Barn does proceed with this that myself and other residents will suffer due to people coming and going, we have people that are elderly and vulnerable who will not appreciate the noise of people shouting. I find this unthoughtful that some of the customers that currently use the Tithe Barn drive through this estate and park outside residents property, I am concerned this will get worse due to the limited parking. In view of the above I would urge the licensing authority to refuse the application.

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Amie Bettendge



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