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TO: Licensing Authority, South Oxfordshire District Council, Benson Court, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford OX10 8NL.

FROM: Members of the Registered Police Neighbourhood Watch Number 40143 for the High Street and certain associated streets, Thame, Oxfordshire.

We, the undersigned, write strongly to object to the application by Fuller, Smith & Turner Plc for an extension to the licensing hours of the Six Bells public house, 44 High Street, Thame OX9 2AD.

This public house stands in a totally residential section of Thame, within the historic conservation area of the town. The absence of any other commercial properties in this area is one of the charms of this location and greatly appreciated by us and other residents.

The current proposal to extend the licensing hours would mean that the noise as people leave the premises would likely occur up until 1am and 2 am in the morning throughout the working week and at weekends. Cars leaving the premises, whether private vehicles or taxis, with associated door banging would disturb local residents into the early hours of the morning every day of the week. In the summer evenings, with the doors and windows open onto the High Street, there is already a lot of noise when staff are turning customers out of the premises and then cleaning up and stacking the furniture - for this to occur in the early hours of the morning each day of the week would have an adverse effect on all local residents. We consider that this would be unacceptable and would constitute a definite nuisance in this residential section of the town.

There are already a number of establishments in the centre of Thame which provide late night refreshments. Unfortunately some of these are renowned for late night/early morning noise, unpleasantness and trouble. We certainly do not wish to have similar problems within this quiet residential section, with only limited CCTV and which is not regularly policed in the early hours. Indeed any extension of the current licensing hours at the Six Bells would undoubtedly need policing, yet at this time of financial restraint it is quite unrealistic to think that any additional police cover could be made available.

We ask that this application be refused, as quite unsuitable and unnecessary in this quintessential residential quarter of Thame.

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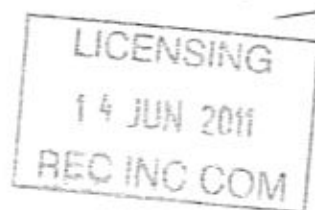
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OX9 3AE
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Dear Sirs

With regard to the notice of application to vary the licensing hours of the Six Bells, 44, High Street, Thame, Oxon, we would like to register our objection.

We have absolutely no problem with the pub as such and in fact have been and still are regular customers. It is a well run pub with very pleasant staff, and both food and ambience are to be recommended. It is, however, in a residential part of Thame which includes households with young families. As with any pub there is necessarily a certain amount of noise from car doors and people winding their merry ways back home, all of which is perfectly acceptable within reasonable hours. To extend the closing times to the early hours of the morning is a step too far and totally unnecessary.

In the centre of Thame are public houses which have extended hours and these are proving to be very unpopular with residents living nearby. It would be such a shame if the same were to happen in this part of town especially as no one seems to see the need of such a proposal.

Extended hours were requested some years ago and were turned down for the very reasons given here.

We look forward to continuing our support of the 'Six Bells' and trust the views of its customers and residents are considered.

Yours faithfully

Licensing Authority
South Oxfordshire District Council
Benson Lane
Crowmarch Gifford
Wallingford
OX10 8NL

10th June 2011



Re: Six Bells, 44 High St., Thame, Oxford, OX9 2AD

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you about my deep concern regarding the application for extending the licensing hours for the sale of alcohol at the Six Bells public house.

The reason for my objection is that I want to prevent the extension of unacceptable **public nuisance** caused by rowdy and antisocial behaviour by people leaving the Six Bells at such an early time in the morning.

Currently I have to tolerate this behaviour up to midnight and I do not want it extending to even later times as a good night's sleep is imperative as I need to get up to go to work the next morning.

I consider that as the Six Bells is in the middle of a **residential** area consisting of historic buildings of Grade 2 status that are unable, by law, to have double glazing fitted. This means that the families and elderly people who reside in them (including myself) are more susceptible to antisocial noise which is emphasised during the quieter periods of the night when all the traffic and background noise has diminished.

Extending the hours of alcohol sales to an even later time will attract and compound the antisocial behaviour of people who in the early hours cause discomfort to all the residents in the neighbourhood. This antisocial activity currently consists of loud chanting, extreme bad language, the banging on house doors and windows, slamming of car doors, urinating in our driveway, upturned wheelie bins and vomit (which I have to clear up in the morning).

Why should the quality of life in this historic neighbourhood degenerate further because a faceless, remote, detached brewery wants to make more profit. Surely the life of the local residents has a higher priority.

A good example of where the management of a pub has gone wrong is the Black Horse in Thame.

This pub has attracted its customers by providing **extended hours**, music and certain entertainment that has attracted a customer base that has no respect or consideration for the local community and its residents.

Please reject this application for the extension.

Yours faithfully

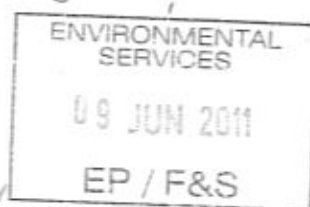
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Paul, Alison & Tamsin Howells

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35, Lower High Street
Thame, OX9 2AA.

8th June, 2011



Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Six Bells, 44 High St, Thame, OX9, OX9 2AD

I have recently been made aware that Fuller, Smith & Turner have applied to S.O.B.C for an extension to the licensing hours for the above Public House.

The present licensing hours for the premises are, I feel, quite adequate, and therefore I object most strongly to any change.

Lower High Street, Thame is a residential area, where many families live with young children. Many pensioners also reside there, myself included, and we do not wish to be disturbed in the early hours of the morning by revellers leaving the Six Bells.

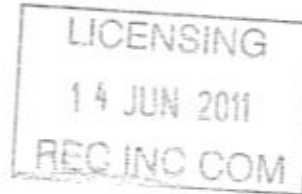
Late one night in 2010, in my absence, the ornamental wrought-iron and flowers were torn from my window ledge and thrown on the road. I informed the Police and have enclosed details of the P.C.S.O. who visited me. My neighbours at no. 36 kindly fixed it back in place.

Hopedfully, you will listen to the concerns of the residents of Lower High Street and refuse the proposed application.

Yours faithfully,
A. Brabin (MRS)

Mr & Mrs Oliver Norman
51 High Street
Thame
OX9 2AD
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12 June 2011



The Licensing Authority
South Oxfordshire District Council
Benson Lane
Crowmarsh Gifford
Wallingford OX10 8NL

Dear Sir/Madam

THE SIX BELLS, 44 HIGH STREET, THAME OX9 2AD
Licence Extension Application

We are writing to object strongly to the proposal by Fuller, Smith & Turner PLC for an extension to the licensing hours of the Six Bells public house, 44 High Street, Thame OX9 2AD. We believe the proposal to extend the drinking hours is totally inappropriate for a pub in this wholly residential part of Thame which is also within the conservation area of the town.

The young drinking public is well served by the many pubs in the centre of town. Longer opening hours will inevitably bring more nuisance and anti-social behaviour. This in turn will require additional policing which in this day and age is unlikely to be available. We value the Six Bells as our 'local' and will continue to support it as just that – but not as a 'nightclub' as is proposed.

We hope you will refuse this application as being totally unnecessary in this part of Thame.

Yours sincerely




Oliver and Gaye Norman

Tel: 01844-212185.

41 Lower High Street.
Thame, Oxon. OX9 2AA.
7th June, 2011.

South Oxfordshire District Council,
Benson Lane
Crowmarsh Giffard.
Wallingford. OX10 8NL.

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SERVICES
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Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Proposed Increased Licensing Hours at
Six Bells, 44 High St. Thame,

Having lived two doors away from the Six Bells Public House for the past forty-eight years, we have experienced many changes regarding the behaviour of the clientele departing after closing time. Whilst things have quietened down considerably after the action that Fullers has taken, and the installation of a CCTV camera, rowdiness still takes place occasionally, especially at the rear of the premises. We are not prepared to tolerate the public nuisance, crime and disorder we had to contend with a few years ago.

This is a residential area where families with young children reside and old people live, and we strongly oppose the idea that

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licensing hours should be increased until 12.30a.m. from Monday - Thursday, and 1.30a.m. on Friday and Saturday, as this will undoubtedly cause an increase in the risk of the sort of behaviour we have had to deal with in the past.

Yours faithfully,

~~S.P. Houston~~
~~A.C. Houston~~

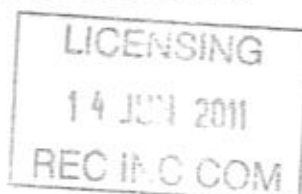
(S.P. HOUSTON)

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PEARA

Priest End Area Residents Association

Thame, Oxfordshire



Please reply to:
39 Old Union Way
Thame
Oxon OX9 2DF

The Licensing Authority
South Oxfordshire District Council
Benson Road
Crowmarsh Gifford
Wallingford
Oxon OX10 8ED

9th June 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION BY THE SIX BELLS PUBLIC HOUSE TO EXTEND LATE NIGHT OPENING HOURS

PEARA, Priest End Area Residents Association in Thame represents approximately 170 properties/households in Priest End, the Homesteads and Fishponds, the Renaissance Estate of Michaelis Road, College Close and Old Union Way, part of the High Street from Priest End to the Six Bells Public House, Church Road and Gadge Close. The above streets form an entirely residential area and all of the properties we represent are a short walk from the Six Bells.

We have noted the application by the Six Bells to extend their late night opening hours as follows:

- Monday to Thursday nights, to serve alcohol until midnight and close at 0030am.
- Saturday and Sunday nights, to serve alcohol until 0100am and close at 0130am.

As an association we believe that the majority of our residents, living in an entirely residential area, would not wish to see these additional late night hours, with the possibility of disturbance from late drinkers arriving at or leaving the pub. Therefore, on behalf of our residents we wish to raise an objection to the Six Bells' application. If within our membership there are some residents who wish to support the application, then obviously they are free to do so and we have advised them accordingly, with details of where to write to.

The grounds for our objection are:

1. The area surrounding the Six Bells is entirely residential, including the Homesteads which is a retirement home estate, obviously with elderly residents and there have been some reports of late night drinkers passing through this estate with noisy behaviour. Residents along Priest End also report some late night vandalism, with damage to window boxes and flower pots on doorsteps, although these cannot be necessarily attributed to drinkers from the Six Bells. .
2. We are aware that the Six Bells does not deliberately intend to attract the late-night younger drinkers, preferring to retain their more mature drinkers and diners. However, if these extended opening hours are agreed the pub will become known for its later hours and inevitably the late night, probably younger drinkers will migrate there, after other pubs close.

3. There is already a late-night drinking culture based around the Black Horse public house in the market area of Thame, which we believe requires additional patrols by the Police and Town Clergy. We do not believe that our residents would wish to see this culture transfer to the Priest End area of Thame.

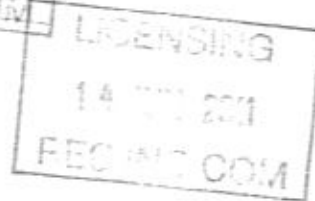
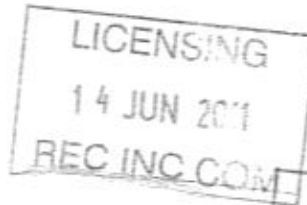
4. We recognise that in these difficult economic times the Six Bells has to take appropriate decisions to maximise its revenue and profit, but we do not see later opening hours as the route to this objective. The pub has recently significantly improved its decor and ambience, customer service and the quality of the food from its kitchen. It is now a pub with a very pleasant, welcoming atmosphere and we feel it would be a mistake to spoil what has been achieved with later opening hours and the sort of clientele that may attract.

Yours faithfully



Ann Powell
Secretary
PEARA - Priest End Area Residents Association

Licensing Authority
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Benson Lane
Crowmarsh Gifford
Wallingford
OX10 8NL



Sunday 12 June 2011

Re. notice of application to vary the licensing hours of the Six Bells, 44 High Street, Thame OX9 2AD

We object in the strongest terms to an extension of the licensing hours of this public house.

The Six Bells is in a residential area, well away from the central shopping, restaurant and café area of the town. At night this is a quiet part of the town. There are no shops or offices in this district.

When the Six Bells closes its doors, a good deal of traffic is generated by cars from its large car park, from cars parked in Church Road opposite the pub and from taxis and cars picking people up from the pub. In the warmer weather, when windows are open and a lot of people drink in the courtyard of the pub, there is a good deal of noise from music and voices – as there is when the pub closes and people leave on foot. At present, this noise ends at a reasonable hour, more or less at the same time that general traffic in the High Street is dying down.

If the licensing hours are to be extended to 12.30 a.m. on week nights and 1.30 a.m. on weekend nights, the noise from the pub will be extremely disturbing at times when most of us want and need to be asleep. Times of night which are currently quiet will become noisy from slamming car doors, people talking and sometimes shouting, cars speeding up along the High Street.

The Six Bells is a popular pub and attracts a substantial clientele all year, throughout the week and at weekends. If its hours are extended, it is likely to attract more late-night drinkers, as well as people who want to eat at a late hour.

There are plenty of pubs and restaurants in central Thame which cater to late-night clients. It is not necessary to provide a late-night venue in our area.

We hope that this application will be refused.

Jane Wainwright

Kate Watkins