

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 January 2021 21:25
To: Chesterfield Licensing <Chesterfield.Licensing@Chesterfield.gov.uk>
Subject: Spotted Frog Chesterfield Application for extension of license

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regards to the 'Notice of Application for A Variation of a Premises Licence' for 'The Spotted Frog (Chesterfield) Ltd'.

I have attached a letter of concern regarding this application. I understand that today is the deadline for submitting an objection. Although I appreciate that letters are supposed to be made in writing, I have been shielding and it has only been brought to my attention today that an application has been submitted. There has been no engagement with local residents, other than a letter in the window of the pub, which I have obviously not seen due to shielding.

My partner tried to hand deliver the letter today but as your offices were closed, he was unable to do this.

I therefore attach the letter and expect that given the circumstances surrounding the reasons why I haven't been able to submit this letter by the proper channels, that this will suffice. I believe, as explained in the letter that the thoughts of the local residents in this particular case need to be taken into account as it has a direct impact on us and the circumstances have meant that we haven't all had the proper opportunity to have our voice heard (especially those of us that have been unable to leave the house).

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

To Whomever it May Concern,

I am writing with regards to the 'Notice of Application for A Variation of a Premises Licence' for 'The Spotted Frog (Chesterfield) Ltd'.

I have today (18th January 2021) noticed that they have placed a notice of application in the window of their premises (dated 21st December 2020). (I will deliver this letter to the offices during my daily walk to ensure that it arrives in time for the deadline).

As a local resident, whilst I have no objection to the extension of opening hours, including within the rear car park, I wish to submit my objection to the amendment of regulated entertainment. The car park of the pub is located in a very busy residential area. Outdoor entertainment, specifically live music will have a significantly negative impact to local residents. In addition to this, there is to be new assisted living accommodation, due to open in March directly opposite the pub and I strongly believe that the noise levels stemming from live music in particular has no place in such a busy area.

Last summer, I and the local residents were subjected to live music at the weekends coming from to car park of this venue (which I am not entirely convinced was OK under their current licence). They had rock bands, drums, guitars and exceptionally loud speakers, with a complete lack of sympathy for those local residents who would like, and indeed have the right to have some peace and quiet, in their own homes, on their weekends. I live two streets away from the pub and it was so loud, I could hear it over my TV with all of the windows shut. Not to mention the fact that, on a hot summers day, I was unable to sit in my garden due to the level of noise.

Whilst I understand and fully support the pub industry in its struggle following Coronavirus and its

need to ensure its survival when they are open again, it cannot be at the expense of the quality of life of local residents. I envisage that this will create a significant noise nuisance and have a detrimental effect on local residents, their wellbeing and potentially on the value of property in the surrounding areas.

I would also like to point out that the application was only dated 21st December 2020 and no real effort has been made to engage or consult fully with local residents. Given that we have spent most of that time between the notice being made (21st December 2020) and the closing dates for representation (January 18th 2021) under lockdown, I am of the belief that not many residents will have had a chance to consider this or will even know that it is happening. I must ask that the quality of life of the residents that live near by is fully taken into account when making this decision as I do not believe that this is in the best interest of the local community.

Yours sincerely

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