

Appendix F1

**From:** Andy Daley <Andy.Daley@Chesterfield.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 April 2021 10:37  
**To:** Steve Ashby <Steve.Ashby@Chesterfield.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Representation against Speedwell Inn Premises Variation Application

Hi Steve

I am writing as an officer of Environmental Protection, a Responsible Authority, in order to submit a Representation the recent Premises Application to make a variation to the licence at the Speedwell Inn, Lowgates, Staveley.

I am objecting on the grounds that this application, if granted, would allow outdoor event at times that are not suitable for said events.

Specifically section F of the application form is asking for recorded music outdoors 24 hours a day. This is unacceptable considering the closeness of domestic properties.

Section H of the application form is asking for outdoor events up till 23:30hrs Sunday – Thursday inclusive, and till 01:00 hrs Friday – Saturday. This is also unacceptable for the same reason as stated in the previous paragraph.

Thanks

Andy

**From:** Adams, Matthew, 2387  
**Sent:** 26 April 2021 10:49  
**To:** Holden, Glenn, 229 <[glenn.holden@derbyshire.police.uk](mailto:glenn.holden@derbyshire.police.uk)>  
**Subject:** FW: Speedwell Inn, Lowgates

Glenn

As I mentioned earlier. We have had a call from the occupant of [REDACTED], Staveley – she is at her wits end with the pub. Incidents 1031 and 1044 of 24/4 refer.

Since the easing of lockdown and the opening of beer gardens, the Speedwell Inn, which I am told has never had a beer garden, has managed to squeeze one in between the buildings. The landlord has put some speakers in the top floor windows and been blasting music out. I visited the lady at [REDACTED] at to be fair it was horrendous, although the pub had turned off the music the drunken locals were overlooking her and her family, shouting abuse and making drunken comments. Literally her garden fence is the boundary for the pubs “beer garden”.

I understand that the majority of residents on Wharf Lane are upset by this and tensions are running high although I have only spoken with the lady at [REDACTED] who rang police

Prior to me arriving we had also had a call from the pub saying that the occupant of [REDACTED] had been throwing water bombs at his customers! Two drunken customers had gone around to the address, banging on the door making threats. She did say that her 14 yr old son had been throwing water bombs in her garden but not over at the customers.

Anyway the situation for the residents is very frustrating and likely to boil over at some point.

Can the pub just use any outside space as a beer garden? There has been no consideration for neighbours. The noise pollution from the speakers/drunken customers needs to be curtailed if possible? I understand he has applied to extend his licence until 1am? This is going to cause some issues unless he addresses these problems. Can we force the premises to close the outside area/beer garden as it is clearly not suitable?

Thanks.....Matt

Sgt 2387 Matt Adams  
Chesterfield North SNT



**LICENSING AUTHORITY**

Environment Services, Chesterfield Borough Council, Customer Service Centre, 85  
New Square, Chesterfield, S40 1AH Tel: 01246 345230

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**Representation Form**

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**I/We** Chesterfield Borough Council Housing Services **wish to make a representation in relation to an application that has been made in respect of the premises described in Part 1 below**

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Speedwell Inn Lowgates Staveley	
Post town Chesterfield	Post code (if known) S43 3TT

Name of Premises Licence holder or Club holding Club Premises Certificate (if known)

Townes Brewery Ltd

Number of Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate (if known)

N/K

Part 2 – Representor details

**(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTOR** (fill in as applicable)

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Rev)  Other title (for example,

Surname

First names

Please tick ✓ yes

I am over 18 years old or over

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post town

Postcode

Daytime contact telephone number

Email address (optional)

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER REPRESENTOR** (Business, Residents Association etc)

Name and address  Michael Moore Neighbourhoods Manager Housing Services Town Hall Chesterfield S40 1LP
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional):

**This Representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)**

**Please tick one or more boxes ✓**

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

✓
✓
✓

**Please state the ground(s) for making the Representation** (please read guidance note 1)

<p><b>The Prevention of Crime and Disorder</b></p> <p>Leander and Mallard Courts comprise approximately 40 flats designated for elderly and disabled people. They are currently being refurbished, but due to be re-let from later in 2021. The flats are between approximately 10 and 60 metres from the Speedwell Inn.</p> <p>Because alcohol consumption is intrinsic to these events, there would be an increase in alcohol-related crime and disorder extended to unsocial hours every night of the</p>
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week within a residential area, but having a particular impact on elderly residents of Leander and Mallard Courts due to their very close proximity

### **Public Safety**

Parking in proximity of Leander and Mallard Courts may prevent access by emergency services vehicles

### **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

Noise from the proposed activities and the times and frequency proposed would have a disproportionate impact on the elderly and vulnerable tenants of Leander and Mallard Courts.

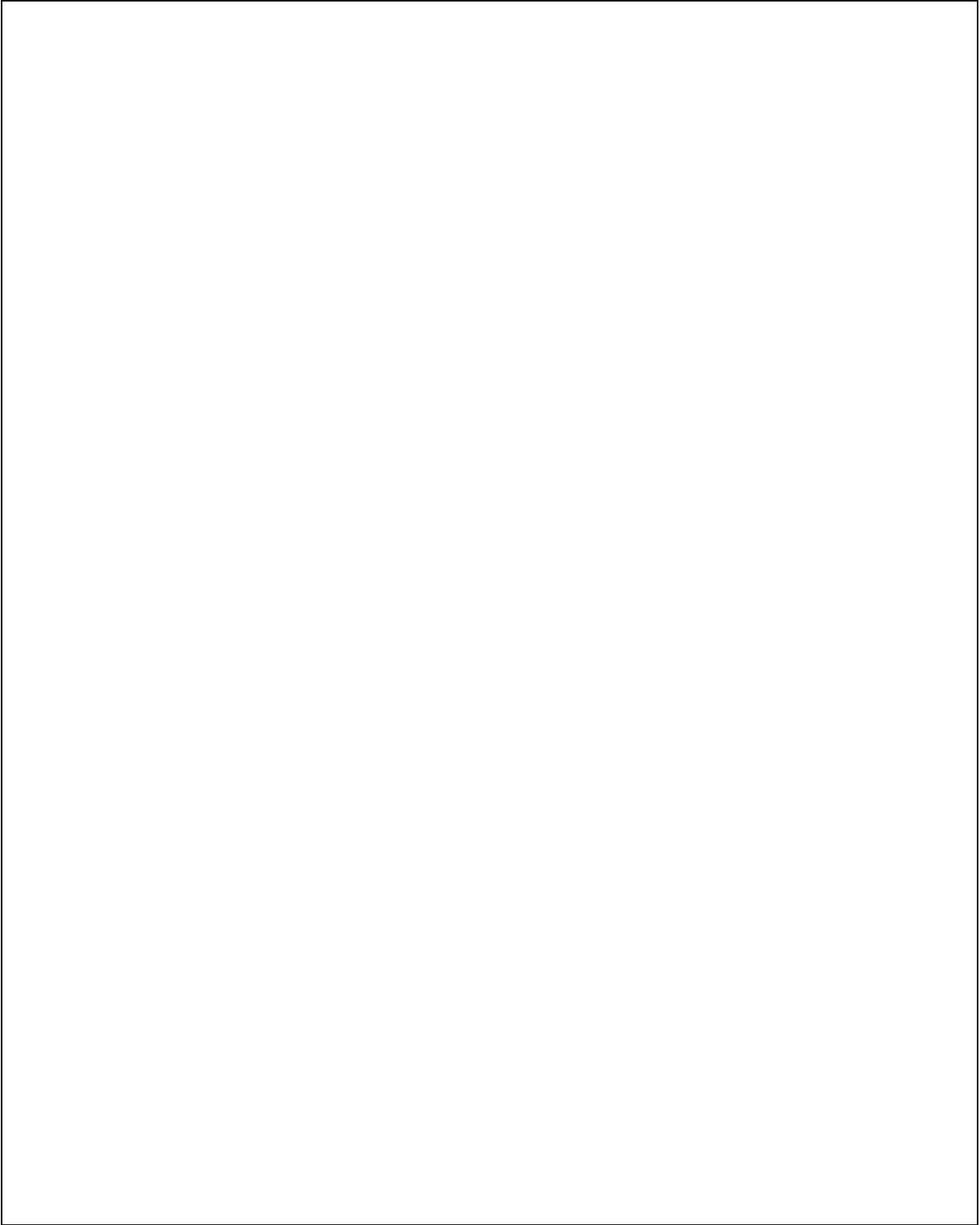
The Speedwell Inn appears to have little or no designated parking. Parking for the proposed events would therefore use the surrounding residential streets and parking areas where there is already parking pressure at night. The nearest designated parking areas are for use by tenants and visitors to Mallard and Leander Courts (within 10 metres). Parking near the buildings is essential because of the limited mobility of many residents. Their parking space is likely to disproportionately be used as a result of the events. Other areas likely to be affected include parking areas for residents of Pullman Close (within 100 metres).

Because of the nature and time of the events, there would be an unacceptable increase in disturbance even from activity that would not normally be considered to be anti-social (e.g., noise associated with socialising, taxi drop-off and pick up), but would still have a disproportionate impact arising from the times and frequency proposed.

### **The Protection of Children from Harm**

The Speedwell Inn is in an area of mixed sheltered and general needs housing within 100 metres. Households include children, whose health and wellbeing is likely to be particularly affected by noise and other nuisance and disturbance resulting from the proposed activities and their times and frequency.

**Please use this box if you wish to provide further details, additional sheets can be used if necessary.**



**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 2)

**Signature of Representor or Representor’s Solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 3). **If signing on behalf of the Representor please state in what capacity.**

Signature

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..

Date 13 May

Capacity: Director Housing Services, Chesterfield Borough Council

**Please Note – Your address will be a matter of public record, if the application to which this Representation relates is referred to the Licensing Committee to determine at a Hearing.**

**Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this Representation** (please read guidance note 4)

**Post town**

**Post code**

**Telephone number (if any)**

**If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)**

## **COUNCIL'S PRIVACY STATEMENT.**

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### Notes for Guidance

1. The Representation must be based on one or more of the licensing objectives. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems if available.
2. The Representation form must be signed.
3. A Representor's agent (for example Solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
4. This is the address and contact details which we shall use to correspond with you about this Representation.

Appendix F3

11/05/2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you to strongly object to a notice of application for a premises licence variation of condition for the Speedwell Inn, Kingfisher, Stranraer SA3 3TT on the following grounds of:-

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

There has already been fighting and arguments recently leading to Anti-Social behaviour

Public Safety

The Speedwell Inn is situated on the busy A619 Chatterfield / worksop road. The premises has no dedicated parking. There

are double yellow lines outside the premises.

Patrons park on the pavement layby outside the public house close to Wharf Lane and Bellhouse Lane which is full capacity in terms of parking, furthermore the site is positioned close to a triple staggered junction of Far Road, Wharf Lane and Bellhouse Lane

#### Prevention of Public Nuisance

This venue is already causing problems for the residents who live nearby, in terms of noise late at night and noise from people making their way to and from the venue, if the licence is extended as proposed this will further add to the distress of local residents

There is already a letter problem in the area and the provision of yard on and off the premises and the late opening hours would only aggravate the situation

jeother.

Mallard Court, currently being refurbished is sited to the rear of the premises, a large complex for elderly people.

Hard amplified music from inside the premises can already be heard and is disturbing local residents. Allowing this to go on outdoors would increase the noise nuisance over a considerable distance.

Indeed I would recommend that a site visit for the committee to ascertain the close proximity of the venue to the local residents be arranged.

I would suggest that rather than extend the licensing hours it would be better to curtail the license to 10.30pm rather than 11pm, let alone 1am.

Also what sort of extraction arrangements will be stipulated to prevent unpleasant cooking odors permeating into the residents garden/home situated close

to the venue? They already suffer from the smell of tobacco smoke.

Prevention of children from harm

What will be the requirements for security staff to ensure public order at the premises?

What will be the arrangements in the licence for the accommodation and supervision safety of children at the premises, having in mind that the premises are situated near a large local school?

Young children may suffer sleep deprivation from the noise after people are leaving the venue beyond term

Best Wishes

Cue - Barry Fisher

Stanley North and Whittington.

## Appendix F4

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the application for a variation of premises license for the speedwell inn, lowgates, Staveley, Chesterfield S43 3TT.

We live at [REDACTED] and our garden backs directly onto the back of the property and outdoor seating area.

I am concerned about the amount of noise that will be coming from the outdoor entertainment. I do not think it is acceptable to be having music and rowdy drinkers partying until 01.00 hours on a friday and Saturday. I am also concerned about parking facilities for people visiting the speedwell inn.

We are already experiencing noise problems and are not able to relax in our garden due to the noise being created by people at the speedwell only being able to drink outside, also the continual music blaring out all afternoon and night for the past two weekends

Appendix F5



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05 MAY 2021  
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Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description  
SPEEDWELL INN  
LOWGATES

Post town STAVELEY      Post code (if known) S43 3TT

Name of Premises Licence holder or Club holding Club Premises Certificate (if known)  
NOT KNOWN

Number of Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate (if known)  
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Daytime contact telephone number

Email address (optional)

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Name and address

NOT APPLICABLE

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

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**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

WHAT MEASURES WILL BE PUT IN PLACE OR STIPULATED ON THE LICENSE FOR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.  
CONCERNS ALSO FOR POSSIBLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, DRUNKEN BEHAVIOUR | VIOLENCE.

**Public Safety**

THE PREMISES ARE SITUATED ON THE VERY BUSY A619 ROAD WITH 'DOUBLE YELLOW LINES' IN FRONT OF THE MAIN DOOR. WE HAVE ALREADY WITNESSED CARS PARKED ON THE PAVEMENT IN THIS AREA. THERE ARE NO PARKING FACILITY AND NEARBY STREET PARKING IS LIMITED.

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

LITTER - ALREADY A PROBLEM, IF PROPOSAL GOES AHEAD THIS COULD ADD TO THIS PROBLEM.  
NOISE - PREMISES PROPOSING 'LIVE' MUSIC, INDOOR AND OUT, CONCERNS THIS WOULD BE A PROBLEM AND A NOISE SURVEY SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE AMENDMENTS TO THE LICENSE ARE CONSIDERED. IMMEDIATELY TO THE REAR OF THE PREMISES, WHERE THE BEER GARDEN IS CURRENTLY SITUATED IS SHELTERED HOUSING FOR SENIOR CITIZEN'S, CURRENTLY BEING REFURBISHED.

**The Protection of Children from Harm**

WHAT WILL BE THE ARRANGEMENTS ON THE LICENSE FOR THE ACCOMMODATION | SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN AT THE PREMISES.

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Date .....

Capacity .....

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NOT APPLICABLE

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ADDITION TO - PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

LITTER - WILL THE LANDLORD BE PROVIDING LITTER BINS TO THE FRONT OF THE PREMISES FOR THE PROPOSED LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT, ON AND OFF THE PREMISES.

NOISE

IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, TO THE SIDE AND REAR OF THE LICENSED PREMISES. WE FEEL IT WOULD BE WISE FOR THE LICENSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO CARRY OUT A SITE VISIT BEFORE CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE STRONGLY OBJECT TO CHANGES TO THE PRESENT LICENSE.

Appendix F6

**RECEIVED**  
11 MAY 2021  
**LICENSING**

**Licensing Application: Speedwell Inn, Lowgates, Staveley, S43 3TT**

Speedwell Inn is applying for a license for the following:

**Indoor and Outdoor Music, Dance and similar entertainment**

Sunday - Thursday 11:00am - 11:30pm  
Friday - Saturday 11:00am - 1:00am

**Late night refreshments - On and off premises (takeaway)**

Sunday - Thursday 11:00am - 1:00am  
Friday - Saturday 11:00am - 1:00am

**Extend alcohol hours - On and off premises**

Sunday - Thursday 10:00am - 11:30pm  
Friday - Saturday 10:00am - 1:00am

I wish to object to the above licensing application for the following reasons:

1. It is unfair that a venue situated so close to local residents' homes should be allowed to be making noise and playing loud music this late into the night.
2. There have already been many reports of alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour i.e fighting, which is disturbing the peace and safety of local residents, let alone with extended hours.
3. The venue is located backing onto Mallard Court, which is a large complex housing many elderly people who do not need to be caused disturbance and upset due to any noise and commotion.
4. Loud music from inside the premises can already be heard at nearby properties - if this was to be extended outdoors, even more households would be affected by the noise.

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5. This venue is already causing a lot of distress to residents living nearby as they are unable to peacefully relax in their own gardens any night of the week the venue is open which will be made worse by extended opening hours.
  
  6. Serving food and alcohol on and off the premises will lead to excess litter, food odours, more cars and more noise at the venue. Insufficient street cleaners are provided by the council already, and it is left to residents to pick up the mess which they should not have to do.
  
  7. The council are already aware of parking issues at this part of Lowgates; the venue has no parking and has double yellow lines outside the premises. Already there have been many occurrences and issues of patrons parking on the pavements and nearby streets which are already full to capacity.

The licensing committee should consider not accepting the proposal to extend opening hours, and the ability to serve food and drink on and off premises for the above reasons.

Residents request that a site visit be made by the licensing committee to ascertain the close proximity of this venue to a quiet residential area.

**Article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998 states that - "Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence."**

**Signature:**

12<sup>th</sup> May  
2021

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Notice of Application for a Variation of a Premises Licence**

**Name of Applicant:** Townes Brewery Limited  
**Name and Address of Premises:** Speedwell Inn, Lowgates, Staveley, S43 3TT

I wish to place on record my **objection** to this application.

The Notice of Application states that the applicant wishes to extend their entertainment facility to 2330 Monday to Thursday and until 0100 Friday to Saturday. This raises a significant concern as a resident and neighbour of the applicant in relation to noise pollution and anti-social behaviour. Under the current licence, the applicant has permission to play live music. However, this music has been so loud at times that in my double glazed house across the street I have been able to hear the singer word for word. I, along with other residents and neighbours, have raised complaints with Chesterfield Borough Council. Esther Thelwell has been our contact with the council and she should have records of previous noise-related complaints. Council Officers did visit the outside of the Speedwell Inn during a Saturday night when a band was playing and noted for themselves the excess noise pollution. The applicant has also failed to adhere to their current licence by allowing bands to play loud music past midnight on almost every occasion that a band is booked.

The Notice of Application states that the applicant wishes to serve refreshments on and off-premises between 2300-2330 Monday to Thursday and 2300 – 0100 Friday to Saturday. This raises concerns regarding additional littering in the vicinity of the Speedwell Inn. Currently, visitors to the Speedwell Inn smoke on the front of the premises on the public footpath. Some, not all, then drop their cigarette ends onto the footpath. This litter is not frequently collected by the applicant meaning that the footpath can remain unsightly. The addition of on or off licence refreshments could result in significant littering in the vicinity of the Speedwell Inn, thus attracting rats or other pests to the area.

The Notice of Application states that the applicant wishes to extend the sale of alcohol on and off-premises to 2330 Monday to Thursday and 0100 Friday to Saturday. This raises serious concerns as a resident and neighbour of the applicant. The applicant fails to adhere to their current licence in relation to the sale of alcohol as such as they regularly hold 'lock-ins' after their advertised closing time. As a neighbour of the applicant, I can monitor closely how often this occurs. It appears that on Thursday and

Saturday nights especially, patrons of the applicant can still be seen leaving the Speedwell Inn after a 'lock-in', the latest I have witnessed is 0300. Those leaving after the official closing time do so loudly and in an anti-social manner, shouting and disturbing the peace. There are also frequent taxi bookings made for pick up from the Speedwell Inn in the early hours of the morning. These taxi's on occasion will sound their horns, contrary to Rule 112 of the Highway Code, in the early hours of the morning and will sit with the car engine idling.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 the applicant advertised and hosted a 'challenge' competition at the Speedwell Inn, a copy of the poster is attached to my email. This challenge was to begin at 1700 and entailed a timed beer drinking challenge, timed eating challenge and a throwing challenge. To my knowledge, the Speedwell Inn does not hold a food hygiene certificate, and I would be interested to know if the applicant registered the Speedwell Inn with Chesterfield Borough Council 28 days before distributing cooked food as required by law.

I was caused to call 999 for Police assistance on the same evening at 22:42 following a series of anti-social, alcohol-fuelled, disturbances emanating from the Speedwell Inn. Police reference 1313/2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 refers. A group of clearly intoxicated men emerged from the Speedwell Inn shouting, acting aggressively and one male was shouting threats to kill everyone inside the Speedwell Inn. A fight then ensued at the roadside outside the Speedwell Inn. Not only was this disturbance late at night and a severe breach of the peace, but it caused distress to elderly residents close by and made them feel unsafe in their own homes. Police attended briefly but upon their arrival, those involved had left the scene. At this time the front doors to the Speedwell Inn were closed and curtains closed giving an appearance that the applicant had closed. However, I took a video showing a large group of people leaving shortly after the Police had attended at approximately 23:00. One male left the Speedwell Inn carrying two full pints, another male was seen to urinate in public on the street adjacent to the Speedwell Inn where residents park their cars. The video also shows a woman carrying a child out of the Speedwell Inn in her arms. This video has been attached to my email to the Licencing Team and can be viewed until 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 unless downloaded.

This Notice of Application has been made at a time when vulnerable and elderly residents living at the sheltered housing block on Pullman Close are potentially unaware of it, and as such have not been allowed to voice their support or objection. The activities and behaviour of the applicant affect all residents in the local community and as such, they must be given a voice whilst their accommodation is being renovated.

Following the Government's National Lockdown in response to COVID-19, the Speedwell Inn has appeared to remain closed. I have made a Freedom of Information request to Derbyshire Constabulary regarding any breaches of Lockdown Restrictions relating to the illegal sale of alcohol on the premises. I am currently awaiting a response to this request.

Since re-opening, the Speedwell Inn has utilised an area to the rear of their premises for an outdoor beer garden. It is my understanding that any licence for the sale of alcohol is for the actual pub building itself and does not extend to a beer garden. Photographs taken from the applicants own social media platforms are attached. There is no Notice of Application detailing the addition of this facility. Also, it has been noted that since re-opening the applicant has closed the main entrance door and the curtains as soon as daylight is lost. I and other neighbours can still hear intermittent talking from the Speedwell Inn and patrons are seen leaving from the main entrance some time after the doors are closed. This is highly suggestive that the applicant is allowing their patrons to mingle inside the Speedwell Inn contrary to current restrictions.

The applicant allows children and minors to enter the premises and remain in there until closing time, whenever that happens to be. I have witnessed intoxicated adults leaving the premises with young children in their care. The adults are barely able to stand themselves let alone care for a child. Children are often allowed to play unattended outside the premises on the public footpath. This has happened on many occasions during the summer and winter months. As the Speedwell Inn is located on the very busy A619 the danger to these children is tangible. The applicant also permits teenagers to enter the premises unaccompanied by an adult, with some being dropped off by private cars and others in a taxi.

During these challenging times, I am very much in favour of local and independent businesses working to make their living. However, the applicant has total disregard for any aspect of their current licence and will not adhere to any variations as proposed. The applicant is smug and tries to use intimidation when neighbours express their concerns; the applicant feels that the rules everyone must follow do not apply to them. Should Chesterfield Borough Council approve this variation it will only endorse the applicant's sense of immunity.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Lee Rowley, Member of Parliament for North East Derbyshire. I am happy to discuss any points raised in greater detail.

Yours faithfully

## Appendix F8

11 May 2021

Dear Sir,

Licencing Application Speedwell Inn Lowgates S43 3TT

I wish to object to the application you have received for the above mentioned premises in relation to the indoor and outdoor music and the extended alcohol hours.

The premises have very limited outdoor space and is in the middle of a residential area.

The outdoor space runs parallel and adjacent to residential properties. The house wall of the adjacent property forms the boundary for one the outside areas and garden walls from properties on Wharf Lane form the boundary for the rear outside space.

To the rear of the property is the Chesterfield Borough Council sheltered housing scheme Mallard Court (currently being refurbished to high standard).

The premises have no parking space and off -street parking in the local area is at a premium for residents with most properties having no off road parking available to them.

The increased noise from entertainment at the establishment will cause stress and anxiety to local residents and this could lead to increased noise and anti social behaviour complaints being logged with the Council.

The extended hours could also lead to an increase in antisocial behaviour and noise as customers leave the premises to return to their vehicle or to walk home.

If possible it may be prudent to do noise monitoring when groups are playing and crowds gathering. The late May bank holiday may be a good time for this.

Yours faithfully

## Appendix F9

Withdrawn

## Appendix F10

My family and I live directly behind the recently made up beer garden at the rear of the towns brewery. We have lived here for 20 years .

Not at any point have the people from the Pub approached us informing of a beer garden opening on the rear of the pub . Which we find very disappointing. Considering we are in close proximity of it . Since this as reopened 12th April we felt our privacy been invaded and my garden is now a no go area. My garden is the one thing I love to do to relax and unwind after being at work all day . We have now been subjected to music, loud voices and smell of cigarettes in my garden. If this was to continue till 1am in the morning then it would be completely unacceptable, invasive,distressing, disruption of sleep and will not be something that we as residents for the past 20 year have experienced and dont think we should have to endeavour now . We understand that this is the only way with the current government regulation that the pub can open. Extending the licensing hours in a residential area is only going to cause disruption, distress , antisocial behaviour, noise,disturbance .We strongly object to all these changes .



12th May 2021

As residents of the above address we would like to object to the application for a license from the Speedwell Inn at Longates to extend opening hours.

We have lived here for 34 years and never had to tolerate the behaviour on the premises as much as we have since the present occupants have taken over.

We cannot sit in our back garden in the middle of the afternoon, without having to listen to music from 'INSIDE' the premises, incidents of alcohol-fuelled anti-social behaviour.

We cannot go to bed at night with our windows open, because of the noise. People do have to go to work early.

DEAR SIR received  
10/5/21

MY HUSBAND AND I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE LICENCE  
PUT FORWARD BY THE SPEEDWELL INN.

THIS PUBLIC HOUSE IS NOT IN THE RIGHT PLACE FOR  
THIS KIND OF VENUE THE PUB IS FAR TOO CLOSE TO  
HOUSES AND IS NOWHERE LARGE ENOUGH FOR  
OUTSIDE MUSIC AND DANCING.

ALSO WE DO NOT WANT ANOTHER TAKE-AWAY AS WE  
ALREADY HAVE ONE SOYAS AWAY.

THERE IS NO CAR PARK [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

WE ALREADY HAVE PEOPLE URINATING UP OUR  
WALLS & CARS THATS COMING OUT OF THE PUB  
YOU'RE REFURBISHING MALLARD COURT SO THESE  
RESIDENTS WILL BE IN FULL FORCE OF THIS VENUE

WE STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS  
LICENCE BEING ISSUED YOU'RE  
PLEASE COME & LOOK FOR YOURSELVES  
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OBJECTING

## Appendix F13



**RE: NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE**  
**LICENSING APPLICATION: SPEEDWELL INN, LOWGATES, STAVELEY S43 3TT**

We as a family wish to place on record our objection to the above application for the following reasons:

1. Wishing to extend their hours for live entertainment and playing music both inside and outside raises significant concerns due to noise pollution. We already have to endure this for their current licence and music can be heard in our house going late into the night past their current licencing time. Any extension will cause even more disruption to sleep and being able to relax in our own home.
2. During the summer months we are unable to sit outside in our garden because of the noise pollution from music being played from INSIDE the venue and we have to have our doors and windows closed to try and block out the noise from the live entertainment the venue has on. If they are then able to have this playing outside as well, this is going to be even more unbearable and we will be prisoners in our own home not being able to enjoy the simple pleasure of sitting in our garden on a summer evening, or even being able to have our doors or windows open.
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5. On several occasions we have had incidents where patrons bang on our windows and front door as they go past after coming out of the pub. On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021 members of staff were sent to bang on our windows and our neighbours windows, and

even confronted some of our neighbours. We should not have to feel intimidated in our own homes and wonder when the next incident is going to take place. On this occasion the police were called.

6. An extension in opening hours and alcohol serving times will increase the antisocial behaviour we already have to endure. For example, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 the venue advertised a series of drinking games and cheap beer. On the same evening a group of youths could be heard shouting and fighting outside the pub and in front of mine and my neighbour's house with one threatening to knife somebody. Again, the police were called on this occasion.
7. There are no parking facilities for the pub and this is something we have to battle with as residents. This has caused issues for my family and residents who are unable to park at their own homes. Patrons park with no regard for local residents and will park on the pavements up and down Wharf Lane, Fan Road, Mallard Court and the side road next to the pub. My family has had numerous damages caused to their cars due to patron's inconsideration.
8. The pub is situation in the middle of a residential area, backing onto Mallard court which is a residential complex for elderly people. This is currently being refurbished so the residents are unaware of the above application. The licences the venue wish to apply for is inappropriate for its location and should not be approved.
9. As with lack of parking, there is also lack of a children's play area. Children of the patrons therefore play outside of the pub next to the busy A619 or on the side roads where residents park their cars. On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 there was another incident where a car hit our house, this was late at night but could happen any time when potentially a child could be seriously injured while playing in front of the pub. There are numerous occasions where cars mount the pavement to undertake cars turning right onto Fan Road which again only needs a child to run into its path.

The venue is already causing much stress and anxiety to local residents who work hard and have the right to be able to come home from work and relax in their own homes. This is currently not possible and will become even worse if their new licencing request is approved. As Article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998 states 'everyone has the right to respect for your private life, your family life, your home and your correspondence – It is a right to enjoy your existing home peacefully'.

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Licence Townes Brewery Ltd  
Speedwell in lowgates.

To Whom It may Concern,  
We write in reference to the  
above planning Application. We strongly  
Object to this application because we  
feel the current licence hours is not being  
Kept to.

We feel that the Crime and disorder  
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is already. We have already had the police  
out for various disturbance recently and  
in the past, we ourselves have had to  
Call the police regarding the noise at  
unsociable hours. The current hours for  
P.T.O

The bands is causing ourselves and other residence stress now from inside the pub let alone if it was outside as well, [redacted] our house walls vibrate with the noise and we have to have our television volume between 30-40 to be able to drown out some of the noise from the pub.

There is also the safety aspect of the pub with taxis pulling up on the front path because we have a yellow box on the road [redacted] and pub. We also feel this is not safe for the children that visit the pub because they play on the front and also children walking on the path.

The pub side beer garden is [redacted] [redacted] so we hear all the noise and even conversations people are having. When it's late at night it sounds as though

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They are in our living & dining rooms. We also have customers of the pub banging on our front door and walls, at all hours of the day and night.

We would therefore ask you to deny this application to safeguard us and other residents including the children from the foul and abusive language and also the drunken antics that we already have to put up with and we feel would only worsen with longer hours.

We would also like you to consider reducing the hours from what they are now and not extending them.

Environment team  
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Yours faithfully.

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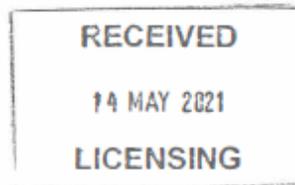
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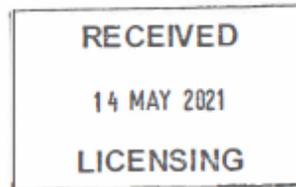
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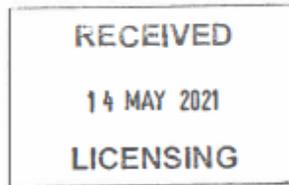
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Application 14052021

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to provide a brief outline as to why the variation to the establishments license should be approved.

I have been a patron of the Speedwell Inn for the last five years and during that time I have seen the pub become established as a thriving, vibrant asset to the local community. Not only does it provide a welcome relief from the faceless brewery chain owned pubs, but it also provides an important part in maintaining the sense of community in Stavely. The vast majority of its clientele are indeed local living within 10 minutes' walk of the pub, many of these people are elderly and benefit from being able to catch up with their friends over a pint or two. It is one of those traditional pubs where everyone is on first name terms and looks out for one another, indeed over the time I have frequented the pub I can't ever recall seeing any antisocial behaviour of any sort (the locals are of the more mature age and not want to cause any sort of unpleasantness).

Since taking over the tenure of The Speedwell the Landlord and Land Lady have worked tirelessly to improve the whole fabric of the pub, including a creation of two outside seating areas, replacement windows, constant decorating, provision of handrails etc to make access easier for elderly/disabled customers. They have also established the Speedwell as a must go to venue for live music- the bands are universally well attended both by locals and folks travelling from further afield. These music evenings are well managed with all consideration being paid to neighbours regards managing the possible inconvenience caused by live music- people are encouraged to leave quietly and in an orderly and respectful manner to avoid causing any potential problems.

So to sum up in my opinion (and that of many others) it would be no detriment to grant the proposed variation to the existing license, this would no doubt result in The Speedwell continuing to grow in stature as an important part of the local community and play a vital role in the regeneration of Stavely.

## Appendix F28

I would like to register my support for the above application for the licensing hours change.

I am aware that there is a form letter being distributed around the local area by a very small number of residents encouraging people to oppose the extended hours application. I would like to take the opportunity to refute these points from the position of a local resident and regular patron of the Speedwell Inn.

As I do not have digital copy of the opposition letter the points will be paraphrased here

### **1. Noise Issues**

1a. All of the patrons of the Speedwell Inn are also hard working local residents, who also pay council tax. The venue has no large in house PA system and other than the occasional special event, does not put on live music. The noise generated by this venue is minimal at best and I would estimate this falls well under the legal 85db levels for background music and ambient conversation.

### **2. Parking Issues**

2a. The issue of parking is a moot point, the Speedwell Inn does not generate inbound traffic from outside the local area on a day to day basis and the vast majority of regular patrons are local residents. There is also ample parking space round the back of the venue adjacent to Mallard Court should a special event generate additional traffic

### **3. Fighting and anti-social behaviour**

3a. The owners of the venue take a very strong zero tolerance stance on these behaviours and while every pub, from time to time, will experience some element of this, incidents in the Speedwell Inn are extremely rare and are handled quickly and professionally.

### **4. Litter Problems**

4a. Simply put the Speedwell Inn does not generate any litter, there is nothing for the patrons to litter with as this venue does not provide takeout or any other litter generating services. I am also a member of the Staveley and Local Area voluntary litter picking teams and well aware of what businesses around the area generate problems. The Speedwell Inn is not one of them.

### **5. Food Sales**

5a. The Speedwell Inn has never, and has no plans to, ever sell a food service or provide a takeout food service, therefore this point can be discounted.

### **6. Mallard Court Location**

6a. Unsurprisingly, given the location of the venue and its role as a community social pub, many of the residents of the Mallard Court housing complex are regular visitors to

the Speedwell Inn and in the many years I have been a regular patron I am unaware of any complaints coming from Mallard Court.

### **7. Children on the premises**

7a. As you are probably aware the Licencing Act 2003 removed the majority of restrictions on families with children visiting pubs and as happens in every pub up and down the country, the supervision and safety of any children in the pub falls on the families themselves and not on the venue (with health,safety and public liability taken in to account).

### **8. Site visit request**

8a. As mentioned above this is a very small number of residents and not something the wider residential community is requesting. I would also point out that the Speedwell Inn has been a public house for many many years and its proximity to the local residential areas has been a net benefit to the community as a social gathering space.

### **9. Outdoor amplified music**

9a. The venue has no external PA system and the increase in outdoor drinking is simply due to the coronavirus restrictions currently in place. Once the restrictions have lifted (Monday 17th May) external noise will drop significantly.

### **10. Distress to local residents**

10a. While I cannot speak to the feelings of the authors of the opposition letter I do know that many local residents, including myself, benefit greatly from having a safe local establishment to socialise in and relax in after a hard day's work. Historically the venue has hosted many special occasions for local residents including birthdays, engagements and anniversaries, these are a net benefit to the community and local residents.

### **11. Human rights act (Article 8)**

11a. While article 8 does indeed state that:

"Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence."

I find it interesting that the opposition letter does not include the full article, which also states:

"There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right **except such as is in accordance with the law** and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, **or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.**"

To my knowledge the Speedwell Inn has always acted within the local licencing laws and regulations and therefore has not contravened the Human Rights Act (1998).

In summary the Speedwell Inn has been a cornerstone of the local community for many years and this application, to allow the venue to compete with other local

establishments, should be granted in full. The complaints laid out in the opposition letter are fully without merit, poorly presented and borderline misleading.

As local residents and supporters of our community spaces, we the undersigned, fully support the above application for the Speedwell Inn.

Appendix F29

Afternoon Sir

I am [REDACTED] and currently residing at [REDACTED]. I have lived at [REDACTED] for 19 years I cannot recall any trouble from Speedwell Pub.

We have been in lockdown for more than a year and as a nurse I feel strongly that this is a good thing for our community.

It will certainly bring the people of Staveley together where can dance to line dancing or dance to oldies or listen to good music.

We can have a glass of wine or what's is preferable.

I am positive that the owners would not breach any regulations since he is a decent gentleman who always wants to help our society and this is from my own experiences

We need to bring entertainment to Staveley, we need to stimulate the people, we need to be proactive, we need to socialise whilst maintaining and following govement guidelenes.

My husband is retired but I am still working at nights but I am sure that my husband can visit the pub as a form of entertainment rather being at home alone which can lead to early Dementia

Retired people needs entertainment within reasons so as to stimulate the brain.

There is gardening in the day but what of evenings?

Staveley needs this now, please I am begging you to approve the licence

The owner is a respectable gentleman a good man of society

Bless you

Yours sincerely

## Appendix F30

I'm writing as a customer of the above Public House. Not a daily customer but frequently over the last 20 years. Formerly living in Shuttwood then up until last month 8 years at Mastin Moor and currently 75 Bainbridge road Bolsover S44 6UA.

When in a car we park down Fan Road and do not cause any difficulty for residents or other road users. Many of the customers are in fact local and walk(as we did for 8yrs from Mastin Moor) or come by public transport some by taxi reducing further the impact on parking. These all go towards helping the local economy too.

So I and my wife and friends have experienced different landlords. The current owners who have continued the traditional brewing on site of excellent Derbyshire ales have revitalised the pub in every way. Decor outside spaces and encouraged loyal regular customers. They have also introduced occasionally live music supporting the local musicians who have fewer venues to share their talents.

At no time on any of my visits has there been any signs of violence or abuse or littering. In fact when there is music the Landlady restricts use of the outside spaces for those who have to have a smoke but always within the pubs boundaries. She also ensures the doors and windows are kept closed to reduce noise drifting out. Obviously its impossible to nullify sound but it is only occasionally and anyone living near a Public House should expect some noise and as the Pub has been there for many years. It therefore should be a consideration when deciding where to live.

As this is not a Brewery owned Pub but owned and operated by the Landlord & Landlady as their home and key income source it is vital they within the law strive to improve and increase income especially after having been locked down for so long.

I therefore fully support the application and disagree strongly with the points raised in an objection letter I have seen.

### Appendix F31

I am a long standing resident of staveley and the owner of [REDACTED] which has served the chesterfield area for some sixty years. The speedwell inn happens to be the quietest pub in the area by a country mile and It's clientele are in the more senior age range. With this in mind I fully support this application.

### Appendix F32

I have been a resident of Staveley for 17 years now, I am [REDACTED], over the years I have struggled within the village to find a nice quiet pub, with good standards and values for myself my partner and children to be able to enjoy a quiet pint in a safe environment, we have found these values and traits at the Speedwell, it offers a safe and quiet environment with " A Good pint " Nicoletta and the team run a " tight ship " with a no nonsense approach to some of what I would describe as Staveley's less desirable customers, I take solice in this safe warm local environment in the knowledge that alongside the good atmosphere I can be assured a safe evening with no trouble, I would support the idea of the pub to serve food, as we don't have any pubs in Staveley now where we can get a bite to eat, and after the difficulties of lockdown, longer opening hours can only help this small business recover.

### Appendix F33

I believe that the venue is a local friendly and welcoming venue, I have never witnessed any issues at all with any type of violence.

The venue is a well run astablishment with very friendly residents..

I feel that there may be a underlying issue with some neighbours trying to get the venue shut down.

I recommend that the extending opening hours are very exceptable and should stay..

### Appendix F34

It has been brought to my attention that certain people are opposing the Speedwell inns recent licence application. This is apparently due to the pub being noisy and the anti-social behavior associated with the pub. I for one have never witnessed any sort of ant-social behavior on my visits to this pub and always been very impressed with the warm welcome and the clean environment in this pub. The pub is often frequented by pensioners, middle aged people and the millennials alike who appreciate the fine ales and craft lagers that this pub offers within a traditional pub environment. When there is live entertainment in the pub it is usually every other week on a Saturday and always and I mean always shut off for 11-1130. Nicoleta and Laurie are quite sticklers for that as they appreciate their position within the local community and their location to the residential area. The village needs to keep what's left of the traditional pub and this is one of the best i have been to in a very long while.

## Appendix F35

To whom it may concern.

I am writing in support of the licencing application to extend opening hours for the speedwell Inn located at Lowgates Staveley S433TT

As a frequent customer for 7 years I can honestly say that it's a quiet pub and I've never witnessed any form of hostility/violence from other customers. It's one of the reasons i and many others choose to drink there.

The pub is also safe for kids and many families choose to bring their kids to this pub without experiencing any problems.

The speedwell inn is always tidy inside and outside the premises any litter is always cleaned up.

As for customers smoking in the beer gardens throughout the opening hours. I could argue that its no less harmful than the bonfires coming from the neighbours garden or the emissions produced by the vehicles on the main road.

The landlady also does her best to keep noise levels to minimum.

## Appendix F36

I have been going into the Speedwell Inn at Staveley for many years and I don't think it would cause any undue stress for anyone if the planned opening hours were extended.

## Appendix F37

We are residents of [REDACTED]. I have received a letter from a [REDACTED] inciting us to complain about the application for the Speedwell Pub to extend its licensing hours. It is a very strong letter and we would like to disagree with all the points in the letter they are asking us to complain about.

We have been patrons of the Speedwell inn for quite some time and do not recognise any of the issues raised in the letter of complaint/ opposition.

We even take our 8 year old daughter in there and she is always made welcome and we have never witnessed any trouble and feel she is safe being in their environment.

Please accept this email as our support for the application.

## Appendix F38

I was shown an "objection to the licencing application" today. In my humble opinion the statements given for objection are quite aggressive in their nature.

I am a local resident and I frequent the Speedwell Inn on quiet nights in the week and live performance nights too, over many years under many different landlords.

██████████ lived in the end house next door to the Speedwell in its "heyday" of live music in the 60's and 70's I was a young kid then and even then the music from the speedwell was acceptable in both volume and quality. There isn't many venues around here for live music now. The pub scene in Staveley and Lowgates, Mastin Moor has been decimated over the years. It's dying as it is and doesn't need killing off. Live performance at this venue isn't a problem and never has been, what is a problem is residents moving to the locality near to a venue of public institution and complaining about a valuable community service and spirit that has, quite frankly existed for decades.

Answering the following reasons as stated on the letter....

1 Whenever i've been in the pub and left. It's quiet both inside and outside. There is no trouble.

2 ██████████ live on Wharf Lane and have for the last 30 years, i have too in my youth. There isn't overspill from the pub parking area as far as i am aware.

3 Whenever i have been to the pub i have never witnessed fighting or anti social behaviour inside or outside the premises.

4 I've not noticed litter problems around the premises.

5 I have never heard something so ridiculous as tobacco smoke being a issue outside. The smoking area outside is well ventilated and i would assume everything is in line with government guidance on smoking area requirements.

6 Mallard court has mostly been used as a elderly residence since it's inception decades ago. I remember it being built when i used to visit my grandparents, the house next door but one to the speedwell.

7 There are sufficient things in place for children to be there safely. I take my children there sometimes and i can assure you if it wasn't a child friendly atmosphere then i wouldn't take them.

8 The Speedwell is and always has been situated in a quiet residential area. It's a public house, there are not many left now. These national institutions provide a much needed injection of life into residential areas.

9 At best there is muffled music from the speedwell on live performance nights. I'm pretty sure that the landlord and landlady know their business and all it entails inside out and work within ALL current and will continue to work with future performance times, with a duty of care to customers and residents of the locality.

10 I have not heard one single complaint about the speedwell inn . I visit [REDACTED] regularly on wharf lane and there has been no mention of any noise pollution, rowdiness, litter, anti-social behavior or anything else of that matter. They are elderly in their mid to late 70's and have lived within the vicinity of the speedwell for the last 30 years at least.

11 i have read Article 8 "Respect for your private and family life" and find this of no real relevance to these objections.

This email has been forwarded to the landlady at the Speedwell Inn at her request.

Thank you for reading.

## Appendix F39

Being a local resident and having a petition forced in my hand by possibly a speedwell inn neighbour. I thought I would draft a small email so you can see this from another perspective by myself.

I am [REDACTED]

Like most people I like a quiet drink now and again with my wife.

When I moved to Staveley four years ago I went in some of the local public houses eventually ending up at the speedwell inn.

This is now the only pub I go in as it is quiet and both Nicoletta and Laurie the landlord and land lady in my opinion have turned one of the oldest pubs in Staveley into the only friendly family pub in Staveley, they are always happy to see you and always polite and professional.

I have visit the pub mainly on a Sunday afternoons were the pub as a lovely friendly atmosphere and it is mainly the same locals you see every time i would guess the age group of people are mainly late thirties upwards unlike the all inn that caters more for the youngsters. The speedwell has no jukebox or gambling machines so I guess that it doesn't attract them. I have also attended live music events on a Saturday night but these always are at a manageable volume were you can still talk and the music I would guess finishes at no later than 22.00hrs.

I fell if you read this petition properly it is an attack on not just the Speedwell Inn but infant all local business and even the local council as it goes on about litter takeaway foods etc. I think the person who wrote this petition just simply has it in for everyone.

I would like to counter argue each point of the petition that I am sure will have seen.

1. Hard working local residents that pay there council tax should be subjected the noise from this venue. I am sure you have done a site visit, i have no idea how old the Speedwell Inn is although it does show on the old 1881 ordnance survey maps. This building is off old construction solid walls, solid wood and stone its is not a 1980,s poorly built venue it has been built to last thus having sound dampening capabilities purely by construction alone. the pub as a garden to the rear that has only been used during the cover 19 rules and a smoking garden to the right that is gated in. Nicoleta doesn't allow smoking in front of the pub itself.

2 .The petition refers to parking this argument holds no water as no one really parks at the pub because they have a drink. Very Different if a food license was being applied for I agree.

3. i have never ever seen or hared of any incident at the speedwell inn I am sure the local police station can confirm this.

4. I feel the litter issue can't be directed at any pub as they do not do take aways this is more a direct dig at the shop across the road and takeaways close by.

5. The only food served in the pub are nuts and crisps and the odd birthday cake for the locals.

As the petition says there are plenty enough in the 2 miles around the Speedwell Inn. i am sure you agree that claim itself is outrageous.

6. The pub backs onto mallard court yes it does however the public bar that was at that end of the pub is now a micro brewery. The distance from the front bar to mallard court is vast. it is clear that whomever wrote this petition is a none supporter of local business at all whatever the business.

7. i have only ever seen children in the pub being looked after and never in the late evening or close to closing time.

8. The quiet residential area has had the Speedwell Inn in it for 200 years residents have lived with it without double glazing and various other sound proofing building material and furniture unavailable 200 years again I have never heard noisy people leaving and the pub never has capacity like the all inn.

9. As stated there is no duke box so no amplified music apart from band night once every now and then and that always finishes at a sensible time.

10. i believe point 10 is probably a attack from a bitter neighbour I have never smelt cigarette smoke coming in the pub from the smoking area or outside the front gate of the pub. i am also a anti smoker and wouldn't like this, this is a false segment by far. there are certainly no outdoor speakers or as stated no duke box inside the pub. there is sometime music via a phone connected via bluetooth as you know even on full blast they are certainly not amplified.

In conclusion I feel the petition is a direct attack on all the local business takeaways shops pizza place chip shop etc.

The speedwell in my opinion by extending its hours will have little to nothing effect on local residents as it is not a noisy pub anyway it is simply an old fashioned family run pub for hard working and retired locals that was (not drive) to the pub for a quiet pint or two.

This is the last local public house business in staveley and it should be supported in any way it can by locals and local government.

Thank you for considering my honest opinion

## Appendix F40

I have seen today a letter objecting to various aspects of licensing at the above establishment.

I find the objections therein both surprising, and highly inaccurate.

I would like to address some of the points therein:

To my knowledge The Speedwell has no intention of serving food on a regular basis, for consumption in the pub, and certainly not for takeaway.

Regarding parking, as a regular customer I do not know of any customer parking outside the pub on the pavement at any time. I have seen on several occasions however, people parking on the footpath to run over to the shop opposite for provisions. To my knowledge there has only been one occasion, and that was fairly recently, where there has been any trouble.

An isolated incident in all the years Laurie and Nicoletta have owned the premises. Indeed one lady customer told us tonight she feels very safe in the Speedwell coming in on her own with her dog, not feeling uncomfortable at all.

The food cooking smells mentioned cannot be coming from The Speedwell as they do not serve food, the only smells around that area are from Pizza Uno, and these are not excessive or unpleasant.

Regarding the smoking problem, I do not believe it exists. As a non smoker myself, I do not find the smoking outside a problem, as it is only a few people. I fail to see how this can be a problem to local residents, if it is not a problem in the pub garden itself. Litter from takeaways from the pub can hardly be a problem, when they don't serve takeaways.

With reference to public disorder being a potential problem to Mallard Court, there is no throughway to there from the Speedwell.

It will be up to parents to control their children should they bring them in to the pub, as it would be in any establishment.

The reference to it being a quiet residential area is totally inaccurate, the premises are on an exceptionally busy A road, and at a junction with Fan Road. Meaning that the large amount of heavy lorries have to turn in to Fan Road.

Fan Road is an incline, and heavy lorries have to make several gear changes as they leave the junction outside the pub, providing a colossal amount of traffic noise.

I am assured any outside music would be on a very occasional basis.

In my opinion Laurie and Nicoletta run a very pleasant and well managed establishment, with as previously mentioned, almost no problems.

One final point I would like to make is that if the complainant is so upset by cigarette smoke, noise, music etc, why on earth would you rent a house next door to the pub.

## Appendix F41

To Whom It May Concern.

Reference Speedwell Inn public house Lowgates, Staveley, Chesterfield S43 3TT

My name is [REDACTED] i am the founder of Glam Fever. We are one of many live bands that perform at The Speedwell Inn.

I wish to make the following statement with reference to The Speedwell Inn.

We have been playing live music at this venue for a few years now on a Saturday evening. We have always been highly welcomed at this venue the landlady and staff make us more than welcome every time we visit.

We always enjoy a great social evening with everybody enjoying themselves and have gained a great fan base at this venue. The audience that we perform to always have a great time. Their customers are always well behaved and respectful and we have never witnessed any trouble at all.

I think the landlord staff and customers all deserve respect for their roles in running this pub. The customers and band members always leave the premises as quietly as possible to respect residents who live nearby.

Every time we perform at this pub its always full which is great for the business and the economy and proves that this pub is a success and supports live music.

If you have any questions relating to this statement you can contact me direct by email [REDACTED]

I provide this statement with the full backing of all band members

## Appendix F42

I have been a customer for the Speedwell Pub, Staveley for approx 4 years now. I have never witnessed any anti social behaviour or trouble in the pub.

We bring the kids in at early evening and when we have a babysitter, on occasion I have been for a night out in the pub with friends and the pub in my opinion is friendly, respectful and a massive part of the community for the better.

Nicoleta tries her very best to entertain her customers, which is a very welcoming thing with everyday life. If I had any worries about going in the pub, I wouldn't take the kids there. We don't go to the pub every week.

Please contact me for more information I can give you.

## Appendix F43

Hello Steve, I work for the Speedwell inn I have been made aware of a letter that has been posted to people in Staveley. I feel I have to tell you the actualities as this letter has quite a lot of inaccuracies.

### 1. The letter states -

'It is outrageous that hard working local residents - who pay their council tax - should be subjected to even more noise into the night than is already caused by this venue'

Many of our customers are also hard working local residents, we adhere to last orders/closing times.

### 2. The letter states -

'The council will already be aware of parking issues at this part of lowgates, the venue has no parking and has 'Double yellow lines' along the main road outside the premises. There are already issues of patrons parking on the pavement. Wharf lane nearby is at full capacity as is Bellhouse lane.'

Our customers do not drive to The Speedwell Inn to spend hours drinking, Our customers are typically walking or using taxi's. I am sure you can appreciate we are a small venue and we are rarely busy enough to require two members of staff. Before covid if we had a special occasion or entertainment there could be two staff for 4/5 hours on a Saturday, then we would close at closing time and customers would go home or go to another near by pub licenced till 1am, so I am not sure who is causing the parking issues on those streets but I can tell you they are not at our venue because it's not busy enough and our customers are not so irresponsible.

Currently I'm doing 6 hours a week and before covid I would do around 9, weekend afternoons can be our best shifts. On the weekdays now and before covid there would often only be 1 or 2 people in, we are not a night club, we are a real ale brewery inn. I have worked in many alcohol based venues so I have experience to say that we and our customers are respectful and responsible.

### 3. The letter states -

'There have already been reports of incidents of anti social behaviour and even fighting'

I don't know what these reports are, I have been working there for about 3 years, I have never had to call the landlord for assistance with any customer difficulties. We are a friendly welcoming environment and should not be blamed for any behaviours displayed near by of people who are not our customers as I know youths in the area cause problems like breaking into the over 55s residential refurbishments which was talked about amongst some of our customers who used to live there.

### 4. The letter states -

'There are already litter problems in this immediate area and the likelihood this venue will create even more. Insufficient street cleaners are provided by the council for Lowgates, therefore residents are expected to clean up the mess. Proprietors of the venue will NOT be required to clean up the extra mess.'

If our customers have snacks, bottles, cans etc, WE dispose of all rubbish correctly including recycling sections. WE regularly sanitise tables (even before covid) empty outdoor ashtrays and WE regularly collect all rubbish and glasses. The Speedwell Inn has plant pots outside the front door and I have arrived to work before and noticed that passing people have put rubbish in them, products that we don't even sell and we just dispose of in the correct manner as soon as noticed. We consistently maintain cleanliness to a high standard I guarantee that personally.

5. The letter states -

'The Speedwell Inn want to sell food both on and off the premises - i.e. takeaway - which will cause more rubbish, more odours, more cars, more noise. To deal with odours extractor fans need to be of correct capacity with suitable filters to prevent unpleasant smells outside the premises.

There are already 6 takeaways between Lowgates and Staveley - and upwards of 14 within a 2.5 mile radius; all reports on ill health cite fast food as causative factors of the worst diseases - cancer, diabetes, heart disease obesity etc.

On the topic of unpleasant smells, a number of residents closest to the venue are experiencing the smell of tobacco smoke - often continuously for hours - which is already established as the main form of lung cancer.'

We have no intentions of serving any food there is takeaway alcohol service like speciality brewed ales.

There are two beer gardens, a small side one with 4 separate tables and 12 chairs, it is walled off by the pub building and the wall to a neighboring terraced house, a high fence and gate leading to the main road.

There is a larger beer garden to the rear of the venue surrounded by high walls and there are 2 sheltered areas for smoking, the garden has 4 tables and 18 seats and 2 wall shelves for standing room for an extra 4. We follow all the correct rules and I don't think any extra could be done in regards to smokers as it is high walls surrounding garden and sheltered roofs on the wall that separates from residential dwellings.

6. The Speedwell Inn is located backing on to Mallard Court (Currently being refurbished) - A large complex for elderly people.

A large part of our customer demographic is those elderly people. They were moved when refurbishments began and some may return afterwards, some may stay in their new places close by. We are more than just a place to drink for many of these people, its company and friendship.

7. The letter states -

'What will be the arrangement in the licence for the accommodation/supervision/safety of children at the premises.'

I am not sure what this person is referring to here, as far as I am aware supervision and safety of children is their care givers responsibility. We are family and dog friendly, we don't have many children visit, when they do they are often spending time with grandparents/family (covid has affected the family meet ups obviously) in an afternoon. I have never once been concerned about the welfare of a child that has visited our venue.

8. The letter states -

'The local residents request that a site visit is made to ascertain the close proximity of this venue to a quiet residential area.'

Lets not forget The Speedwell Inn has been a local venue since before people moved in so closely to it.

9. The letter states -

'Loud amplified music from inside the premises can be heard already from nearby properties - if this was to be extended to outdoors very many more householders would be effected, outdoor amplified music can travel a considerable distance particularly at night; it would make sleep impossible and life unbearable for those nearby.'

We play music through a bluetooth speaker at appropriate volumes at appropriate times. The bluetooth speaker is located about 6/8 feet from the front door on a bottom shelf of a three tier bookshelf. The side beer garden is about 16 feet away to the right and the back beer garden is about twice as far, the back garden has a brick garage building with a speaker but that is not used regularly as not often busy enough to be using both beer gardens, there is no amplification as in special equipment nor is music ever so loud that people can't converse it's background music, not offensive in my opinion, we play older music that the customers like they enjoy it and I am sure they would complain if it was too loud, remember the majority of our customers are more mature.

10. The letter states -

'This venue is already causing much distress to those living near by. Instead of being able to peacefully relax in their gardens, after a hard days work, they experience noise and cigarette smoke.

The licensing committee should consider - instead of extending - curtailing the license to 10.30pm instead of 11pm. There will not be a single day or night free from outdoor music, alcohol, noise and cigarette smoke. This will affect much of the locality.'

I refer you to my previous replies where I explain the reality of what our venue environment is like, I think it is unfair for someone to move close to a pub and then make demands about cutting their trade even further, because we are so quiet in the week a good weekends trade helps like a good sunday afternoon with families or

Saturday night entertainment pre covid, with current licensing hours we had to turn that potential extra trade away, often to another venue close by who has 1am licensing.

11. The letter states -

'Article 8 of the human rights act states that - Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence'

I don't see how this applies here, if I moved next to an airport could I demand they can only do take offs at set times because it is affecting the locals? And I wonder is it against any rights to post a letter to residents with misinformation about a businesses intentions to generate a local irate response.

A few weeks ago I was at work on a Saturday, the sun was out and it was a good day, then customers became angry because someone from over the wall in the back garden was throwing/spraying water into the garden. It wasn't our fault that the customers were angry and shouting because someone was being malicious but I don't know who or where it came from. Landlord reported it to non emergency police line. Another time a while ago now, perhaps when we briefly reopened when covid rules were up and down, the neighbors in the terrace which is beside our small beer garden, had a relative visiting and they were parked in front of the gate entrance on pavement and that is our mobility scooter entrance. I had to go around and kindly ask them to move car because of mobility entrance although I was met with the response 'I'm not doing f\*\*\*\*\* anything for her', they later moved the car so things like this have happened that I know about.

I love my job, we are so much more than a pub, its a community all of its own, people need those things, especially those who dont have any family etc. I don't think a small minded person who doesn't personally know us and is spreading misinformation, should be able to post letters like this. Even the person who wrote the letter would be welcome to come visit, it is not our fault that they have a personal objection to public inn environments. In my opinion this persons malicious agenda should not be used to assess whether or not The Speedwell Inn should be granted licence extension because of how inaccurate and inappropriate it's composure and deliveries was.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

## Appendix F44

I am writing to support the document requesting that 'The Speedwell Inn' can extend its opening times. I for one am a member of the pool team and believe that opening later will seriously help this pub recover after the last year.

I would also like to add that to me, this pub is the heart of Staveley, this is a place that the local community of hard working men and women can come together and enjoy themselves. Denying this place the hours it needs to recover due to neighbours that CHOSE to move next to a pub is unfair and unethical. The problems raised with parking are ridiculous - the majority of people walk to and from the pub or get a taxi - and the problems raised with antisocial behaviour are also highly exaggerated - in the last 2 years I have not witnessed a fight in that pub.

I hope you move to make the best decision for this pub and the local community.

## Appendix F45

I write to you having read the letter which objects to the Speedwell's licensing application.

I have frequented The Speedwell Inn now for almost 40 years.

I can only assume that someone with a personal grudge is trying anything they can to cause problems for the owners Mr & Mrs Evans.

I say this because of all the pubs i have frequented during my life- The Speedwell has to be the most friendliest, well run and respected pub i have ever been in.

As such people can bring their children along knowing they are going to be in a safe environment, i have never witnessed trouble or fighting at The Speedwell, it is well known for being a respectable pub throughout Staveley and beyond. Music has always been played but not loud, certainly within reason for a public house.

Parking cars has never been an issue as 99% of visitors do not drive there, but walk.

There is no such thing as a litter problem at all.

Peolpe who smoke cause no issue to anyone as the smoke just dissipates before it can travel to offend anyone, and smoking has to take place outdoors, this is the same for all pubs etc.

How something as trivial as serving food can cause issue is beyond me.

I have played pool for the pub on many occasions enjoying the atmosphere with no problems being caused for anyone.

If The Speedwell was not a quiet welcoming pub with a frieny atmosphere i would not use it.

Please help protect a pub which gives great service to our local community and to visitors, the country needs to keep as many pubs open during these difficult times as many have closed over the years just in Staveley alone.

Anyone who has ever visited The Speedwell would surely share my views of it.

The Speedwell is a happy place for many of us, please help to keep it that way!

#### Appendix F46

Before lockdown me and my family always went to the speedwell especially when they had bands on which is always a fantastic night Nicolete and her husband always make us feel welcome me and my family and my friends, there is a good atmosphere and the music is not too loud and all the people who go are friendly nobody causes any trouble, they get 18 year olds go in and also 90 year olds going in so they have a wide variety of people who go

#### Appendix F47

This petition is disgusting.

The speedwell pub has been a public house for many more years than the residents opposing it!!! Common sense states that if you do not like pubs then don't buy property next to one!! Absolutely disgusting behaviour from residents to the people who use the Speedwell, most are elderly and only get to see people when they socialise.

If the licence extension is refused then we know its not been done fairly.

#### Appendix F48

just writing re. Opening hours plan at The Speedwell Inn in support of Nicoleta Evans; I have played this venue on numerous occasions with both of my bands I.e. Avit Blues band and BakbeatZ and the atmosphere is totally congenial as are the hosts and staff and clientele there; I have never even experienced a wrong word there, much less any trouble and when the show has gone on later I have always been instructed to lower volume levels, so as not cause any disturbance as any of my band mates would verify.

#### Appendix F49

The hospitality industry has been severely hampered by government restrictions during the pandemic. The Speedwell Inn, Brewpub or Brewery Taphouse needs extra freedom in terms of its opening hours in order to recover from this financial nightmare.

I strongly support their application for extended business hours. The current business model for public houses is over restrictive as can be seen by many closures over the last few years. We should all support the enterprising owners of the Speedwell Inn so this valuable community asset can continue trading.

## Appendix F50

I am just sending this email in regards to the proposed extension in opening hours to the Speedwell pub .

I have been coming to the Speedwell for a few years now . I don't go lots but class myself as a regular. The pub is a family run business with excellent staff .

The locals are extremely well behaved and not cause a nuisance for the neighbourhood. It's very rare that anyone parks on the double yellow lines or blocks anyone's road/driveway up .

I have never seen anyone fighting or causing a disturbance.

As for the litter there isn't any ! I have seen the owners on many occasions sweeping up outside to clear the street of dust !! There is a shop opposite the pub which does sometimes have children outside throwing rubbish about . Also a local pizza shop again with kids throwing rubbish . This is certainly nothing to do with the pub.

Once the pub opens back up to drink inside people would smoke at the side . This wouldn't interfere with the neighbours.

Maybe once a month a band may play till 1030 ish otherwise there isn't much noise and we don't have music on much .

It's been a extremely difficult 18 month due to COVID-19. The losses to the business would have been huge . Extended opening hours would help the business financially.

## Appendix F51

I have been asked by my friends at the Speedwell Inn Laurie and Nicoleta Evans to email you in support of their licensing application after a rather negative campaign waged by one of their neighbours who has been pushing this anonymous letter through letterboxes of properties in the area. I have been using the Speedwell Inn as my local pub for forty plus years and have been a resident of Staveley all my life and can state that while Laurie and Nicoletta Evans have been running this establishment it has always been a well run and friendly village pub. Taking the points raised in the anonymous letter:

1. I am also a hardworking resident of Staveley who pays his Council Tax and I enjoy the friendly atmosphere of the Speedwell to unwind with my friends after my days labours. I Would think if I moved into a property adjoining licensed premises then I would not be surprised to find a certain nuisance level at nights when it was open. The most noise generated by the pub is a couple on Saturdays a month when live music is played, the rest of the time the pub is quite quiet as most of the pubs in the area will confirm.
2. There have been a few times when the odd van has parked on the pavement outside the front of the pub when groups have been loading and unloading and when one of or two of our infirmed customers have been helped into cars/taxis, etc but if it has been a problem the local police would have been informed and to my knowledge there are no reports that point to this being an issue. As to parking in general, most of the customers are local residents and so do not use their cars to visit the pub.
3. Are there reports "reports of alcohol-fuelled anti-social behaviour" because as stated previously I have personally not witnessed them? The odd person who has caused a slight problem and been asked to leave by Laurie but that happens in any establishment of this type from time to time.
4. I can't see where the patrons of the Speedwell would cause a big litter problem, if there is a litter problem it is more likely to come from the shop opposite, the Pizza takeaway a few yards up the road of the sandwich shop the other side of the bridge. There is also a large school down in the area with pupils walking to and from it.
5. From conversations with Nicoleta she has no plans to sell food on or off the premises but if they did the kitchen on the side of the pub which would open up onto a small road on the side of the pub and so "odour" would be not be a problem.
6. I would think the council would have done a risk assessment before planning the changes to Mallard Court and there is a large car park between the back of the Speedwell and the front of Mallard Court.
7. It is an offence to allow unaccompanied children in to a licensed premise so I don't see the problem any children I have seen in the pub have been accompanied by an appropriate adult and only and only at times when the pub has been quiet.
- 9 The noise from live music is monitored by the owners and is usually only twice a month on a Saturday night.
- 10 The designated smoking areas are surrounded by high walls so most of the smoke would be dissipated before it causes much of a problem. I feel I am more likely to get a health issue from the very sulfurous discharge from the chimney on the property

adjoining the pub, when the wind is in a certain direction than cigarette smoke. I am not sure what it is they are burning but I wonder whether it contravenes the clean air enforcement in this area.

As I stated at the top of my email the pub is a well-run establishment and in current times as a lot of pubs are under threat is a much loved local resource. The writer as partially quoted Article 8 the European Human Rights Act. Does this still apply as we are out of the European Union?

## Appendix F52

Please see my reference for The Speedwell Inn Pub below;

I have been going into The Speedwell Inn now for around 7 years visiting at least twice a week both in the week and on a weekend, this is a very friendly establishment with a lot of locals who have become good friends through meeting here on a regular basis, I can only describe my experiences and the people that go into The Speedwell to be a great one to which I hold some very great memories, Nicoleta and Lawrie are great with the customers, they cannot do enough and are always very respectful which means so are their customers, I have never experienced any trouble in this pub and if there was then I know Nicoleta and Lawrie would take the appropriate measures to ensure it didn't happen again but overall this is a nice place that welcomes old and new customers, families, children in the day time and well behaved pets! The beer brewed here is very popular (you should try it) - always a nice welcoming atmosphere.

If you should require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Appendix F53

This email is in regards to the proposed extended opening hours at the Speedwell pub lowgates.

Before lockdowns I have visited many times quite often with my children and parents and I must say it's a very well run pub. Very polite staff & the customers there have always been friendly & just been a nice place to enjoy a drink and chat.

I have never witnessed or heard of any trouble there and we regularly walk past when taking our dog and children a walk and don't hear much noise at all.

Smoking outside is going to happen at every single pub you go to, atleast it's done outside & is in an open area that's never going to be prevented.

As I can only imagine the family run business has experienced extreme financial difficulties and I for one will say 11pm is early to close especially when you get chatting across the table and see someone you haven't seen in 18 months since the lockdown restrictions began. I certainly believe the extended opening hours would help the business financially & the customers have always been respectful as know that noise is to be kept to a minimal after a certain time. Many thanks

#### Appendix F54

I'm writing to you regarding the meeting about the speedwell inn, I have worked here [REDACTED] and Nicoletta has a strict rules regarding the outside area we have to make sure all customers are in from the side seating area at 10.30pm and moved to the back, this ensures that noise is kept to a minimum. We also let people out off the back to keep us from disturbing the residents.

The only antisocial behavior I have witnessed while working here is from the neighbor next to the pub who constantly lights fires so the smoke comes over the back drinking area, also on a personal note I had my engagement party here, which they tried ruining by throwing water balloons over the back garden drenching my guest and ruined there evening.

As I live local [REDACTED] I support the speedwells application for extending there opening hours

#### Appendix F55

This is just a quick message just to say as a local resident I support the speedwells application to open longer hours, I've been going in to the pub now for about 2 years and it's a great environment where staff and customers are pleasent, I've never seen any anti soical behaviour from the pub, and noise wise nicoletta and her staff are fair with there neighbours moving every one from the side garden to the back this keeps noise levels down.

Theres only one neighbour who's a problem who's constantly pulling the pub down and goes out her way to try and put people going In from lighting fires to wetting customers

## Appendix F56

I wish to support the licensing application submitted on behalf of the Speedwell Inn, Lowgates Staveley S43 3TT.

I have lived in and around Staveley most of my working life. First as a police officer and laterally as a small retailer. I am now retired and sadly severely disabled and confined to a wheelchair.

With the help of friends I still enjoy visiting the few public houses that remain in the area. I'm fortunate to be able to afford a WAV minibus (wheelchair accessible vehicle) and a carer to drive it. Now you will realise why I have so many friends.

I have read the many objections to this application and find most of the points without any merit whatsoever. I regularly, before the lockdown and just recently, have my vehicle reverse onto the sidestreet where I can safely alight. My friends help me getting into the Speedwell, my driver takes my vehicle away until I am ready to go home. I did use the pavement adjacent to the Speedwell to alight and enter my minibus and that wasn't the safest place for me but then a very nasty man moved into one of the terraced houses next to the Speedwell. I don't believe he's ever been in the Speedwell but it is him who regularly parks his vehicle right outside his house on the pavement. Once, when asked by my carer to move the vehicle, he referred to me as that spaz and was clearly going to be violent to my carer. An utterly despicable man.

Most of the objectors all argued for a reduction in the value of their house purchase And will now fight to close the pub and increase the value of the house.

What ever measures are put in place to keep the Speedwell solvent should be encouraged. It was the first and could be the last Brewery remaining in Staveley.

The previous Brewer could have had longer hours than this application when licensing hours changed several years ago that he decided to stay to the arcade times of the 20th century I did advise him at the time that he wasn't thinking for the future and he should've grabbed all the hours on offer.

Speedwell Speedwell attracts responsible real ale drinkers I wish to support the licensing application submitted on behalf of the Speedwell Inn, Lowgates Staveley S43 3TT.

I have lived in and around Staveley most of my working life. First as [REDACTED] and laterally as a small retailer. I am now retired and sadly severely disabled and confined to a wheelchair.

With the help of friends I still enjoy visiting the few public houses that remain in the area. I'm fortunate to be able to afford a WAV minibus (wheelchair accessible vehicle) and a carer to drive it. Now you will realise why I have so many friends.

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Most of the people living close to the Speedwell would have argued discounts on their house purchase price and would now like to see the Speedwell closed to increase house prices .

The Speedwell Inn is full of responsible drinkers and never in the 23 years of my patronage have I witnessed any trouble of any kind.

Please, please, please grant this application.

## Appendix F57

I am writing this letter on behalf of my local pub the speedwell Inn at staveley and the recent letters and criticism they have been receiving which I must say is very harsh to say the least. I have been going to the speedwell for a fair few years now and I've never once witnessed any trouble... The pub is a friendly place with a friendly atmosphere which I have taken my kids in from time to time. I also play for the speedwell inn's pool team on Thursday nights and I've never known the people who are there to be getting out of hand or over noisy as when the games are played you have to be quiet. I hope this letter is helpful to you.

Appendix F58

A REPLY TO THE LETTER SENT TO SPEEDWELL INN  
WE HAVE GOING TO THIS ESTABLISHMENT FOR OVER  
TEN YEARS AND FOUND IT A VERY GOOD ATMOSPHERE.  
WITH NO TROUBLE WHATSOEVER IT IS A OLDER GENERATION  
PUB THAT WHEN THERE IS LIVE MUSIC PEOPLE WILL  
RESPECT WHEN LEAVING AND ANY OTHER TIME  
NICOLETH AND LAWRIE HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN  
RESPECT TO THEIR NEIGHBOURS. WE LIKE EXTENSION  
ON THE TIME OF THE PUB SHUTTING SO WHEN WE PLAY  
POOL THAT EXTEND THE TIME TO MIX AFTERWOODS.  
AND ENJOY BIT OF TIME AFTER THE MUSIC HAS FINISHED

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Appendix F60

I have been coming to the Speedwell for the last 4 years and the environment is nice and friendly.

The pub is part of a local pool league, which supports local businesses through purchasing prizes from them.

Around 10pm, the landlady/landlord makes sure people move into the back garden, rather than the side garden, to reduce noise. Then, from 10:30pm everyone is asked to come inside the pub, to keep noise to a minimum.



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To Whom it may Concern

I would like to write to you in support of the Speedwell Inns application to extend its opening hours.

I am a local resident and the Speedwell Inn has been my local pub for over 20 years. It is a quiet friendly old fashioned local pub and a social life line for many local residents which has never been so vital to those who live on their own.

Most customers live local and are in walking distance. Any cars parked in the area i.e. on pavements, are people who stop to go to the corner shop which is opposite the pub.

Therefore I ask that the application to extend the licensing hours are looked upon favourably. I thank you for your time & consideration.

Yours faithfully



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To whom this may concern

The landlord & landlady of the  
Speedwell Inn howgate  
Staveley Chesterfield have  
& Nicola Evans

These 2 people run an amazing  
pub - there is never any trouble  
rowdy people or idiots in the pub  
It is a nice friendly no frills  
drinking establishment & only  
attracts people who want a good  
pub of beer



Appendix F63

Speedwell is a great Pub  
been coming for the past 2 years  
Never had any trouble everyone  
is really friendly and easy to get  
on with. Only have been involved in an  
argument with my brother John maybe 2 weeks  
ago on Sunday night. Landlady sent us home.  
But we stopped and kept arguing and people  
came out the Speedwell ~~from~~ front beer garden  
to find out why we were arguing and it all  
escalated until the landlord sent us home.  
Speedwell is the best pub in my area. The  
staff work very hard and are lovely and  
easy to talk too.

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## Appendix F64

I am writing to you as a customer of the Speedwell Inn, this is an excellent pub where I frequently take my sons with me for a decent pint and pre covid a good few games of pool. I have never had any issues binging my kids here the staff are excellent and very professional and the customers are very friendly. My kids have never felt intimidated coming here and quite often come with me for a coke in the back beer garden and are normally begging me to go to the Pub with them, the only downside is she likes younger kids to be out by 8pm and because I normally meet another friend with his younger son we tend to leave at the same time.

Appendix F65

PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE SPEEDWELL INN'S APPLICATION  
TO EXTENDING OPENING HOURS  
MON TO THUR 11pm to 11.30pm Fri & Sat 1pm to 1am & Sun 10.30pm - 11.30pm

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