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To: [licensing](#)
Subject: Re: The Fox, West Hoathly
Date: 17 September 2021 13:15:28
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Dear Jon,

Many thanks for your detailed response to my email regarding The Fox.

Living opposite a pub has meant we are well aware that there will from time to time be street noise from customers and from music. I would like to note that under the Licensing Objective:

2. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The Fox has always given advanced warning when any live music was to be played. That post lockdown live music was brought forward in timings in consideration to neighbours and thus in effect has NOT been a nuisance. That before Covid, when live music was performed, advanced warning was given and timings were kept to acceptable timings. I am aware of this because our young son's bedroom faces the pub and he has never felt disturbed.

I have been more disturbed by a neighbour's son who sits in his car, windows closed, listening to repetitive music than by the pub!

I hope this helps. With thanks,

Poppy Lewis

On Fri, 17 Sept 2021 at 12:54, licensing <licensing@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Poppy

Thank you for your email in respect of the application for a new Premises Licence at The Fox, West Hoathly. To be clear, the Premises Licence that is currently granted to the premises is not under consideration. This Licence remains in existence and is not affected by the application under consideration. The issues surrounding the current licence is a matter strictly between the pertinent parties and not a matter for the

Licensing Authorities involvement unless particular issues affect either the promotion of the 'Licensing Objectives' or impacts on the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

The application currently being considered is solely for the grant of a new Premises Licence for the current Leaseholder.

In respect of applications made under the Licensing Act 2003 relevant representations can be made in opposition to, or in support of, an application and can be made by any individual, body or business that has grounds to do so.

In Licensing Applications a representation is only "relevant" if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the Licensing Objectives.

There are four Licensing Objectives which are of equal importance. They are:

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
2. The Prevention of Public Nuisance
3. The Promotion of Public Safety
4. The Protection of Children from harm

Therefore, to be accepted in licensing applications a representation must be relevant to one or more of the objectives. I am not permitted to accept any representations that are not relevant under the Act. I appreciate that there is a strong groundswell of support for the current application, however I can only put before the Panel the specific comments that are related to the Licensing Objectives. Obviously, I will advise the panel in generality of the number of emails etc that have been received in support of the application.

I note your comments in the last sentence of your email. Potentially these comments surround the promotion of the licensing objective of Prevention of a Public Nuisance by the applicant. This includes noise nuisance. Are you able to confirm that this comment is in relation to this objective and if possible are you able to provide any other information in this respect.

Please note that the consultation period ends at 23:59 hours tonight (17/09) and I would need to receive this information by this time.

Kind regards
Jon Bryant

From: poppy berry <[email redacted](#)>
Sent: 16 September 2021 20:17
To: licensing <licensing@midsussex.gov.uk>
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I live in the community just above The Fox, you could say opposite, and have lived happily with a pub on my doorstep for 3 years. We are a family with children and have never found complaint with them.

I visit only occasionally, but when I do they are a true community pub of old. Villagers chat and socialise together, visitors feel welcomed and there is always a good vibe. The occasional live music events are well advertised ahead of time, and it's a PUB, so noise is to be expected.

Tim is a friendly landlord, without a pub the villages of Sharpthorn & West Hoathly will lack a place to find relaxed common ground where they feel that they belong. Yes, The Cat is there, but each pub has a unique character and The Fox is more dedicated to locals and it's locals who need these spaces.

I really hope the few don't ruin it for the many.

BTW, We've had Paul Lloyd knock on our door a few times asking if we have any grievances with Tim & Claire, noise or anything that disturbs us about The Fox. I've always been happy to tell him that we have not.

Yours sincerely,
Poppy Lewis.