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Subject: Representations against an application by The Royal Oak in Poynings made by Flint Bishop for a Variation of the Premises Licence
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Please refer to the title Variation Application and my comments related to the licensing objectives are:

Public Nuisance:

When the pub first instigated the use of the garden bar without bothering to apply for a variation, it was the noise from customers that instigated my investigation into the legality of their actions. The noise nuisance has also persisted over the last 4 weekends (24/24, 30/31 July, covered by a TEN application and 6/7 Aug with no TEN application and this last weekend 13/14 Aug). Having a second bar in the beer garden will serve more customers than the internal pub bar in the summer months May to September inclusive. More customers with their children de facto mean more noise as nearby residences have already experienced this year. The pub attitude to their noise nuisance from one of their managers is quote: 'What do you expect when you live so close to a pub'!! No such noise nuisance complaints exist from neighbours for example from the nearby Shepherd and Dog in Fulking. Noise nuisance is not compatible with living in a National Park. Furthermore I note that although Flint Bishop have applied for this variation, none of them are affected by this application nor is there a noise reduction plan available for comment which they wholeheartedly recommend on their website. Lastly we already experience offensive cooking odours from the pub even when the beer garden is not in use. By allowing another bar with more customers and thus more food orders, the odours will become more of a nuisance to neighbours.

Health and Safety:

Having a second bar in the beer garden will attract more customers and their children and dogs in the summer months. There are significant H&S issues with these customers moving from the garden to the pub building and back again to, for example, use the toilets. More customers also means more cars trying to park in the pub car park and also in the 'Street' public road which causes unacceptable traffic chaos leading to road rage by frustrated car users. The village through road 'The Street' is not wide enough to support extra volume traffic caused by larger pub usage with higher volume of cars and vans.

The variation seeks to allow the beer garden bar to open each day between 11am and 10pm. I am prepared to compromise with suggesting that any beer garden bar should only be open Saturdays and Sundays between 11 am and 6pm and closed weekdays. This is what has happened for the last 4 weekends.

Kind regards
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