

3 Seeleys
Old Harlow
Essex CM17 0AD

1st December 2022

Licensing Authority
Harlow District Council
Civic Centre
The Water Gardens
Harlow
Essex CM20 1WG

Dear Sirs

Reference: The Chequers PH
2 Market Street
Harlow
Essex CM17 0AH

It has come to our notice that there has been a further application for variations to the Premises Licence with regards to the above establishment.

We have lived for almost 43 years only yards from the premises in question, and we wish to object to this application. Our objections remain the same for as for similar applications for other nearby licensed premises in the past. The Chequers is very close to homes in both Seeleys and Market Street, whose residents, often elderly or with young children, will be disturbed by late night opening and the playing of music, whether live or recorded , indoors or outside.

Over the years there has been an unfortunate and documented history of disturbances, and anti-social behaviour associated with these premises. This includes-

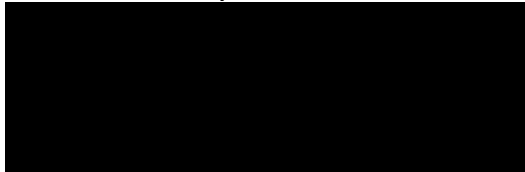
- Urinating in the street after the premises have closed.
- Drug dealing in the street and nearby alley ways.
- Fighting under the influence of alcohol – previously there been at least one stabbing, and several serious assaults.

- The Police being called on many occasions to deal with after-hours disturbances.
- Damage to property
- Litter from sale of late-night refreshments – on and off the premises

All of these problems have abated significantly during this year ,and especially since the helpful decision of the Licensing Committee on these premises earlier this year.

The three nearby licensed premises have all been in existence for many years, and certainly predate our moving in to our present home in 1979. However, at that time licensed premises closed at 10.30 PM Sunday to Thursday, and 11.00 PM Fridays and Saturdays. Furthermore, there was little if any music played, whether that be live or recorded other than the occasional jukebox. We continue to wish these local businesses success, but not at the expense of our wellbeing. There is a balance to be struck between the interests of these businesses and the interests of local residents, especially as this is a predominantly residential area. The present status quo seems about right and we hope the Licensing Authority will agree.

Yours faithfully

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Signed by Charles Cochrane on behalf of Charles and Marilyn Cochrane