

Denton, Antony

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**Subject:** FW: Application re The Fox Inn, Roby Mill

**From:** DEREK GIFFORD

**Sent:** 29 October 2013 12:11

**To:** Licensing Enquiries

**Subject:** Application re The Fox Inn, Roby Mill

Dear sir/madam,

As a resident of Roby Mill living less than 100 metres from the said premises I would like to comment on the following aspects of the application:

I have no objection to the general principles of the application but I must object to the times that are given in it.

I think that, even for private functions, a 2.30am closing time is much too late. Also the provision of food at this late hour might mean that the customers will not be leaving until possibly much later with all the inevitable associated noise.

As a member of the Musicians Union I would actively encourage the provision of live music but this is a small village and the sound would carry (as it has in the past when the pub was open) to our area. This would be OK on an occasional basis if the music stopped at midnight and not 2.30am.

Similarly, I'm not sure if the allowance of dancing were permitted it would be appropriate as there is obviously no special provision made for it.

I may be wrong but I get the overall impression that the owners are looking for a 'night club' type premises which would be fine in the centre of Wigan or Skelmersdale but totally inappropriate for a residential area in a rural village.

As a general comment I welcome the re-opening of the premises (even though we already have a lovely pub' further down in the village) and I'm sure my wife and I will be customers occasionally if it goes ahead.

Yours faithfully,  
Derek Gifford

22 Stoney Brow,  
Roby Mill  
WN8 0QE  
01695 625097

**Denton, Antony**

**Subject:** FW: FW: VARIATION APPLICATION: THE FOX, ROBY MILL, UP HOLLAND

**From:** DEREK GIFFORD

**Sent:** 11 November 2013 15:04

**To:** Denton, Antony

**Subject:** Re: FW: VARIATION APPLICATION: THE FOX, ROBY MILL, UP HOLLAND

Dear Mr. Denton,

Thank you for the new information regarding this application.

While I appreciate the changes that have been made might improve the future situation regarding the Fox Inn I'm afraid that I still have to continue to register my objection in terms of the length of the hours that are proposed particularly with regard to the Thursday to Saturday hours.

If alcohol is still being sold at 02.00 hours then the chances are that, even if the owners and staff are extremely strict on this matter, people will still be leaving the premises at an unsocial hour possibly up to 02.30 hours or later with the inevitable disturbance of motor vehicles, noise, etc.

Similarly, the Opening Hours and Late Night Refreshment sections have very late closing times, in my opinion, with all the associated possible problems outlined in my previous paragraph. In fact, with regard to the Opening Hours section, it could easily be 03.00 hours before all the customers have finally left the premises. This surely is inappropriate even at weekends for a small residential area such as ours?

If the owners want to host an occasional late night party (to which I have no particular objection) then they can always apply for an extension to the license for that particular occasion can't they? I hope the future owners will take a little more regard to their neighbours feelings on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Gifford

22 Stoney Brow  
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On 7 November 2013 16:27, Denton, Antony <[Antony.Denton@westlincs.gov.uk](mailto:Antony.Denton@westlincs.gov.uk)> wrote:

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**Denton, Antony**

**Subject:** FW: Objection to Application - The Fox Inn, 24 Roby Mill, WN8 0QF - Application to Change Licencing Hours to Extend to 2AM - LN / 000001064

**From:** David Johnson

**Sent:** 26 October 2013 23:05

**To:** Licencing Enquiries

**Subject:** Objection to Application - The Fox Inn, 24 Roby Mill, WN8 0QF - Application to Change Licencing Hours to Extend to 2AM - LN / 000001064

To whom it may concern,

I was born in Roby Mill 34 years ago, as was my father 60+ years ago, my grandparents on my father's side also raised seven children in Roby Mill. We are community minded Roby Millers and West Lancs villagers over four generations (now I have my own son, who although born as a Cheshire lad, now regularly visits his grandparents at No 28 Stoney Brow, Roby Mill). We are obviously true Roby Millers at our very core, and hold the whole of this area of West Lancs very dear in all our hearts.

I was very concerned to learn on a recent visit to my parents in Roby Mill that The Fox Inn (which had been abandoned after a previous tenant mis-management) has been purchased by a new owner that wishes to extend licencing hours up til 2am in the morning.

It is indeed great that someone has now purchased the building, and wishes to trade again as a pub, bringing the long-standing historic village pub quota back up to two - alongside The Star Inn near Ayrefield Road. It is also positive that the new owners are renovating the building, although this must be in accordance with the established restrictions surrounding developments and alterations to existing buildings within a conservation village - something which the recent removal of 30+ year old render in bizarre patches on the main pub building clearly is not, and thus requires reversal back to it's original condition (see attached photo). To have The Fox Inn running again as a pub will indeed be a good thing for Roby Mill.

However, to permit an extension of licencing and opening hours til 2am and 2:30am respectively would be completely wrong in this conservation village setting. There are no public transport links which operate at such times, which thus necessitates volumes of taxi's (many of whom still commonly announce their arrival with the sounding of car horns despite the hour), and could even contribute to incidences of drink driving home from such a remote rural village location. There are families with small and infant children residents in the cottages immediately opposite The Fox Inn, there is a pre-school nursery opposite, there are old age residents in the cottages immediately adjacent on Stoney Brow, and there is an old age people's care home approx 100 yards away in the Don Orione Centre; there is also an excellent CofE Ofsted Rated Good primary school opposite on School Lane. All these local residents and vital small community facilities would be put at risk by likely anti-social behavioural elements naturally involved with late-night nightclub style opening hours: noise disturbances, food and packaging litter, glass bottles, cigarette ends etc commonly left outside venue areas from the early morning before, which affect people's quality of life during the small hours, and at the start of the next working day. Stoney Brow is an often busy arterial road between the settlements of UpHolland and Appley Bridge, it regularly has cars parked on the roadside near the area of the Fox Inn and the line of houses South of it (as residents houses adjacent to the road do not commonly have driveways large enough to accommodate vistiors). There have been numerous high-speed accidents involving written off cars and personal injuries along this stretch of road. Contributing to late night / very early morning traffic by extending The Fox's opening hours, and perhaps even giving rise to a higher risk of drink driving, is not a wise route to follow to mitigate future accident risk. In short, Roby Mill is clearly and simply not a viable location for what effectively could become a nightclub with such extended licencing hours.

14/11/2013

I would suggest that if the current new owners have bars and clubs in Wigan and Pemberton under the 'Fifteen' banner, they should encourage responsible drinking in a village atmosphere within The Fox Inn in Roby Mill until standard licencing hours such as are observed by the other pub in the village, The Star Inn, then if customers wish to continue drinking beyond 11pm, they could be encouraged by the new owners (perhaps even in conjunction with Pemberton Taxis via special rate taxi fares) to visit another of their establishments in Pemberton, and Wigan, were later licences are already established. The correct migration of late-night revellers is indeed from village to town and city, not the other way around.

I would hope that West Lancs Council agree with the common sense above and deny the permission to increase licencing hours to The Fox Inn in Roby Mill on this application.

Yours Sincerely,

David Joseph Johnson BA Hons.  
c/o 28 Stoney Brow, Roby Mill, UpHolland, Skelmersdale, Lancs, WN8 0QE

**Denton, Antony**

**Subject:** FW: FW: VARIATION APPLICATION: THE FOX, ROBY MILL, UP HOLLAND

**From:** David Johnson

**Sent:** 08 November 2013 19:50

**To:** Denton, Antony

**Subject:** Re: FW: VARIATION APPLICATION: THE FOX, ROBY MILL, UP HOLLAND

Yes Anthony, myself and my family of No 28 Stoney Brow, Roby Mill (Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Sheila Johnson) still wish to object in the strongest terms to ANY 2pm or 2:30pm licencing / trading hours at The Fox pub, Roby Mill as this is completely unsuitable or acceptable in a Conservation Village.

May I recomend to you that, if you have not done so already, you visit the site to observe the pub in its Conservatiob Village context, and decide whether you feel nightclub opening hours would be suitable in such an environment - I think all would become very clear to you based on just a short visit, observing tge residential cottages immediately adjacent and opposite, and the Primary School immediately opposite.

The Fox is a Conservation Village pub, and should never be allowed to resemble a nightclub. I wonder whether the villagers of Bispham Green would allow 2pm licencing hours at The Eagle and Child... I suspect not.

Please defend Roby Mill as a Conservation Village Mr Denton, my whole family of all generations, along with many others in the village will thank you and West Lancs DC for doing the correct thing here. The applicant should recognise he has decided to save a village pub, which I am sure he can make thrive again; if he wants to taxi people to his other establishments in Pemberton and Wigan post 11pm, good luck to him - but such late night reveller migration should never work the other way from town to rural village residential areas.

**David Johnson**

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**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: FOX INN, ROBY MILL Re public notification

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**From:** Barbara Tomlinson  
**Sent:** 28 October 2013 15:42  
**To:** Licensing Enquiries  
**Subject:** Fw: FOX INN, ROBY MILL Re public notification

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Further to the email letter I sent to you this afternoon, this is to inform you that on my way to the post box, I have just seen a blue letter pinned to the disused front door of The Fox Inn regarding their licensing application. I think this is a very UNSATISFACTORY notification to their neighbours of their intention to have such late licensing hours.

If a neighbour applied to have a garage or modest extension built it would be a different matter to have such a small insignificant notification but this application is on a different magnitude.

People in the village were generally pleased to see The Fox being refurbished. We had no idea of the scale of this business venture. This is not a city centre/town centre venue. This is supposed to be a quiet residential area. THE APPLICANT FOR THIS BUSINESS VENTURE WANTS IT TO BE VIRTUALLY A 24 HOUR A DAY BUSINESS.

Yours, Barbara Tomlinson

On Monday, 28 October 2013, 14:33, Barbara Tomlinson wrote:

Regarding the hand delivered letter I have received today, 28.10.13, I wish to very strongly object to the Applicant from The Fox Inn selling alcohol 10.00 am until 2.00 am, plus only closing at 2.30 am.

As a resident at 6 School Lane, Roby Mill, I would like to see an 11.00 pm cut off for the sale of alcohol. Pub Traffic, I.e., loud voices, car doors slamming and engines revving are a disturbance of the peace when most people are sleeping. Added to the above is music noise until 2.00 am or maybe 2.30 am.

What does the applicant mean by 'live music will only be on occasion'? I would anticipate that would be at least each Friday / Saturday night.

I also think the Police & the Environmental Noise Complaints Department of the Council are going to have a full time job on their hands with the continual complaints from the residents of Roby Mill.

I have tried to access the full planning application for The Fox Inn but was unsuccessful.

I would also like to thank whoever is responsible for bringing this planning application to our attention. Thank you very much.

In addition I always thought neighbours were informed by the Council of planning applications.

Barbara Tomlinson



**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: RECOMMENDATIONS for the THE FOX, ROBY MILL, Licensing Hours

**From:** Barbara Tomlinson

**Sent:** 08 November 2013 12:00

**To:** Denton, Antony

**Subject:** RECOMMENDATIONS for the THE FOX, ROBY MILL, Licensing Hours

Dear Mr Denton,

Our recommendations for The Fox Licensing Hours are as follows:

**FRIDAY and SATURDAY - CLOSE at 1.30 am**  
**SUNDAY through to THURSDAY - CLOSE at 12.00 midnight**

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Live Music was to be <i>occasional</i> - that is meaningless word 'occasional' mean to the applicant?)	Sunday to Thursday Friday & Saturday	10.00 – 23.00 10.00 – 01.00 am	(I thought this (What does
<b>OPENING HOURS</b>	<b>Sunday to Thursday Friday &amp; Saturday</b>	<b>10.00 – 12.00 midnight 10.00 – 01.30 am</b>	
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I think the above times although late for a village situation would perhaps be tolerated by the village residents. We are all aware that there is still going to be noise after these times because of voices, cars exiting, transport for customers arriving, i.e. taxis.

I do hope the Licensing Committee agree that 2 late nights i.e. Friday & Saturday are sufficient.

Again, thank you for keeping us informed.

Barbara & David Tomlinson

On 7 Nov 2013, at 23:08, Barbara Tomlinson wrote:

Dear Mr Denton,

Looking at the alterations to the licence application below, I am still not happy with the amendments. The fact that sales of alcohol and refreshments finish at 2.00 am and the pub closes at 2.30 am Thursday to Saturday doesn't mean all goes quiet. There are taxis pipping their horns to notify their customers. Even voices can disturb the peace at this time of night in what was a very quiet village. We all know that noise carries and is more noticeable at night.

Closing at 12.30 am Sunday to Wednesday is still too late for the same reasons I have mentioned above.

For the majority of people Monday to Friday are working days. Even people who don't work need and deserve a good night's sleep.

It is good to see there is a CCTV system.

Thank you for keeping me informed.

Regards, Barbara Tomlinson

Sent from my iPad

On 7 Nov 2013, at 16:25, "Denton, Antony"  
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**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: Fox Inn, Roby Mill  
**From:** brian ashcroft  
**Sent:** 25 October 2013 17:41  
**To:** Licensing Enquiries  
**Subject:** Fox Inn, Roby Mill

RE Application number : LN/000001064 The Fox Inn, Roby Mill

I'm aware of this application for a late license of 2.00am at the Fox Inn.  
I feel this inappropriate in a small rural village setting of 184 residents.  
The pub is within a conservation area surrounded by many older people. We have previous history, going back a few years, of drunken behaviour and vandalism to nearby front gardens after closing time, when normal hours were in force.  
I welcome the re-opening of the Fox but not with night club opening times. I live on Stoney Brow and would not appreciate extra traffic and "walk home" noise in the middle of the night.

Yours sincerely

B. Ashcroft

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**From:** brian ashcroft

**Sent:** 08 November 2013 09:11

**To:** Denton, Antony;

**Subject:** RE: VARIATION APPLICATION: THE FOX, ROBY MILL, UP HOLLAND

Dear Antony,

The key issues remain and I wish to continue with my objections. The "ammendments" do nothing to help.

Live music and a 2.30 a.m.(opening time) licence Thursday to Saturday....with music until 1.00 a.m. is just inappropriate in our village setting.

This is effectively allowing a night club in an historic Conservation area. It's totally out of character. Many older residents live well within earshot. Don Orione Old peoples' home is 50 yards away. Even well behaved revellers, leaving at 2.30 to 3.00 a.m will surely create noise and traffic nuisance. We have historically suffered much "stagger home" noise and regular vandalism, to the front of our property which is on Stoney Brow, 200 yards from the Fox. And that's when it previously operated under normal opening times.

However I welcome the re opening of The Fox as a proper pub.

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**Subject:** FW: 15 @Fox inn liquor and entertainment license

>-----Original Message-----

>From: David Mobey

>Sent: 28 October 2013 17:39

>To: Licensing Enquiries

>Subject: 15 @Fox inn liquor and entertainment license

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>The application seems excessive in every way the opening times are far  
>to long and the extension to allow minors in the bar area to 11.00pm is  
>outrageous.

> Let's hope the licensing committee see this and allow the pub  
>to operate with consideration of the people and groups around it  
>including schools, nursery and a residential care home all in close  
>proximity.

> Noise in the early hours concerns me due to people making there  
>way home also early morning drinking while children are in the  
>playground does not sit right with me

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> Yours sincerely  
> David Mobey

>3 Banktop Robymill.

>Sent from my Xperia(tm) smartphone

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**Subject:** FW: 15 @Fox inn liquor and entertainment license

From: David Mobey  
Sent: 07 November 2013 22:34  
To: Denton, Antony  
Subject: RE: 15 @Fox inn liquor and entertainment license

You may give my representation of the first application and as a foot note still object to the opening times of the amended application these still seem excessive for a village pub near to residential property and given the proximity of schools and care home also can I have clarification of what is meant by light refreshments

Kind regards D Mobey

Sent from my Xperia™ smartphone

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>I must ensure you are aware of this procedure before I process your  
>representation and would be most obliged if you could clarify, as soon  
>as possible.

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>Kind Regards

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>From: David Mobey [mailto:[David.Mobey@westlancs.gov.uk](mailto:David.Mobey@westlancs.gov.uk)]  
>Sent: 28 October 2013 17:39  
>To: Licensing Enquiries  
>Subject: 15 @Fox inn liquor and entertainment license

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>The application seems excessive in every way the opening times are far  
>to long and the extension to allow minors in the bar area to 11.00pm is  
>outrageous.

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>Let's hope the licensing committee see this and allow the pub  
>to operate with consideration of the people and groups around it  
>including schools, nursery and a residential care home all in close  
>proximity.

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>Noise in the early hours concerns me due to people making there  
>way home also early morning drinking while children are in the  
>playground does not sit right with me

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**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: licencing application Fox Inn at Robey Mill Up Holland,

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**From:** W. Henderson

**Sent:** 28 October 2013 17:48

**To:** Licensing Enquiries

**Subject:** licencing application Fox Inn at Robey Mill Up Holland,

Dear Sir/madam, I find it hard any license would be applying for a licence to sell alcohol and food, the way pubs are closing at the current rate it is more than surprising that the new owners feel that there is a need for supplying alcohol food, and entertainment from 2am till 2.30am in a village like Roby Mill, that already has a licensed premises serving alcohol and food and have not a need or requirement for such a extension. The other concern is the proximity of Don Orion care home for the elderly I would like to think some consideration would be forthcoming when this application is examined. The last thing we need is an attraction for late night entertainment bringing the type of clientel that nobody wants, if people have not had enough alcohol before 2.30am then they should get a job, and turn out earlier.

Regards W.Henderson. Resident.

## Denton, Antony

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**Subject:** FW: Objection to Application, The Fox Inn, Roby Mill

-----Original Message-----

From: Stuart M

Sent: 29 October 2013 22:27

To: Licensing Enquiries

Subject: Objection to Application, The Fox Inn, Roby Mill

Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to the licence application for The Fox, Roby Mill, Up Holland as I do not believe it promotes the four objectives of the Act, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

### 1. Prevention of Crime:

The village has very low levels of crime and has very little police presence required. With opening hours to 2am, it allows more drinking time and the opportunity to consume higher amounts of alcohol. There is a very real correlation with this and incidence of crime on and around these types of premises. The clientele that would be attracted by these hours similarly would not be the type of customer looking for food and a quiet drink. With little or no police presence maintaining safety and security is going to be a challenge and once out of the premises, private security no longer has any control over the behaviour of patrons. Also, the location is not served by public transport at night and is rural, the temptation to drive under the influence would be very strong.

### 2. Public Safety:

The location is rural but it is also close enough to Up Holland and Skelmersdale that making the journey on foot along College Road/Stoney Brow would not be unreasonable. This is a poorly lit route, it has poor visibility as it ascends the hill towards Up Holland and does not have continuous footpaths on both sides. It is also common to find speeding motorists on this at night as well as heavy goods and agricultural traffic. This presents a significant danger to the pedestrian, particularly those under the influence. Many of the locals also use this road for dog walking, jogging, etc at all times of the day and encountering drunken pedestrians would not only be a nuisance but a potential public safety issue.

The roads adjacent to the Fox Inn are narrow and have bends with poor visibility. This development will increase the number of vehicles setting-down and collecting passengers (both taxis and private vehicles) in the evening and will pose a significant traffic hazard. Similarly, drunken patrons exiting the premises are exiting on to a road with poor visibility and traffic often travelling too fast with little or no room to manoeuvre to avoid an accident. Footpaths here are also very narrow, less than a metre wide in places.

### 3. Prevention of Public Nuisance

The opening hours are totally inappropriate to the rural location. Roby Mill is primarily a residential village with closely spaced houses around the Fox Inn. My own house backs on to the premises and noise from it carries very clearly. We would have considerable disruption (my 4 year old daughter's bedroom window faces the pub directly). For the village in general, a venue with a 2am closing time is completely out of character. At night the area is extremely quiet, any noise is very noticeable, and this would make the disturbance on residents have a far greater impact. Opposite the Fox is a care home for the elderly with dementia, many of the residents in adjacent properties are also elderly, I believe the opening hours proposed will cause considerable distress.

Anti-social behaviour accompanies even the best development such as this and I feel the proposed opening hours will encourage it. This is creating a potential for general nuisance, vandalism, public hygiene (urinating in the street and alleys, vomit), litter and considerable inconvenience to local residents. I have lived next to

premises like this in the past and all these factors have accompanied it.

#### 4. Protection of Children From Harm

The pub is immediately opposite a primary school. Encouraging late night drinking is also encouraging anti-social behaviour as outlined in (3), this is not appropriate opposite a school where urine, vomit, broken glass and litter may become a problem.

There is a variance in the application to allow children to remain on the premises up to 11pm. This does not promote the protection of children from harm, if anything it increases their exposure to it as they will be in an environment with increasingly inebriated people at this hour. Having children on the premises at this time may even encourage public nuisance at night. The application suggests this is to reflect the views of the local residents, it certainly does not reflect mine nor anyone else I have spoken to.

On these grounds I would urge you to refuse the application as it stands.

Yours faithfully,

Stuart Morrison

The Old Church,  
16A Roby Mill,  
Roby Mill,  
WN8 0QF.

**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: The Fox Pub licencing application

**From:** Phil Barnett

**Sent:** 30 October 2013 09:07

**To:** Licensing Enquiries

**Subject:** The Fox Pub licencing application

We wish to strongly voice our objections to the licences which have be applied for on behalf the The Fox in Roby Mill.

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In particular we object to the hours during which it is proposed the pub be open, sell alcohol and play music.

This not a general objection to the pub re-opening, in fact we would positively welcome having a pub at the site which opened at normal pub hours (opening around midday, closing around 11.00pm) .

Our objection is to the lateness of the proposal – with the attendant noise, traffic (as well as the potential anti-social behaviour), in what is an otherwise very quiet neighbourhood.

Kind Regards,

Phil Barnett  
Jackie Chase

20 Stoney Brow  
Roby Mill

**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: THE FOX, ROBY MILL,

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**From:** Amanda Fairclough  
**Sent:** 28 October 2013 19:44  
**To:** Licensing Enquiries  
**Subject:** THE FOX, ROBY MILL,

I wish to object to the late bar and music application at the Fox Roby Mill.

~~It is good to see the Fox opening again but do not see the need for such a late licence in such a small village.~~

Regards     John Fairclough  
                 18, Stoney Brow,  
                 Roby Mill

14/11/2013

Denton, Antony

**Subject:** FW: 15@the fox liquer and entertainment application

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**From:** Amelia Mobey  
**Sent:** 28 October 2013 15:24  
**To:** Licensing Enquiries  
**Subject:** 15@the fox liquer and entertainment application

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I object to the opening times and would prefer that they were no later than 11.30pm mon-sunday and no earlier than 12.00pm in the day

Children in a public house until 11.00pm seems excessive on the presumption that they may be of school age and should be at home not in bar area

These hours applied for would interfere with the residents right for peace and quiet in the village with customers stood outside waiting for taxis.

All we ask for is a common sense approach to the fact there are shift workers living in the village and also two schools a care home and also a nursery in very close proximaty to the fox inn

your sincerely Amelia Mobey

3 Bank top Robymill

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## Denton, Antony

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**Subject:** FW: The fox

-----Original Message-----

From: Abie Mcdowell  
Sent: 29 October 2013 21:18  
To: Licensing Enquiries  
Subject: The fox

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To whom it may concern,

I don't not believe that the time of 2.30am is realistic for a local pub in a very small village. If there where to be music on till this time it's that small the whole village will hear this especially people who live on school lane & across the road from the fox it is very unfair.

I believe a time of 12.30 is more realistic for a small village not 2.30 this will attract younger generation which there are a certain bunch that are disrespectful and can't handle alcohol and will disrupt the village with yobs which leads to houses getting burgled into & robberies. It will not be safe to walk our dogs if we know there are youths hanging around corner it will not be safe.

This is our family opinion at 4 school lane. We have young children which it will disrupt there sleeping pattern during the school week which is unfair as well as weekends. We don't need noise and disruption brought to our small village.

This is not an acceptable time to be open till let alone selling alcohol.

Regards  
4 school lane

Sent from my iPhone

**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: The Fox Inn, Roby Mill

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**From:** Janet Hale

**Sent:** 29 October 2013 12:45

**To:** Licensing Enquiries

**Subject:** The Fox Inn, Roby Mill

Roby Mill is a quiet village, The Fox has been one of two pubs serving the village until its closure relatively recently.

While I welcome the re-opening of The Fox, I object very strongly to the application for a licence to 2 am. This is not appropriate for a village pub. Living in a quiet residential area I am well aware of the impact of loud music late at night, and I am very concerned that application for a late licence has the potential to destroy the quality of life for people living in a 500 metre radius. This includes many ordinary residents, like me, but also the elderly occupants of the Don Orione Centre which is across the road from The Fox.

I have experience of living in town centres and I am well aware of the human-generated detritus which accumulates around a venue with late opening. This will be unpleasant for all village residents, but especially unpleasant for the young children who attend the school opposite The Fox. Roby Mill does not need a nightclub.

Please register my strong objection to the application for a licence to 2 am.

Yours faithfully

Janet Hale



**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: The Fox Inn

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**From:** Richard Benbow

**Sent:** 29 October 2013 20:51

**To:** Licensing Enquiries

**Subject:**

Dear Sir/ Madame

I object to the planning proposals for the Fox in Roby becoming a 2 am bar and to the name change and all said proposals. This is a local pub and should stay that way!! It is situated in a quaint village and any changes to it's licensing hours etc are not in keeping with the heritage and fit of the area. It would have a huge impact on the local community with an increase in noise levels, litter, anti-social behavior due to excess alcohol (already evident in our towns and cities and unacceptable in a small country village!!!)

I would urge you to think long and hard about granting a licence as doing so would inevitably have a detrimental impact on the local community and area as a whole.

Yours sincerely Richard J Benbow

**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: Fox Inn, Roby Mill. licence number LN/000001064

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**From:** margaret oneil

**Sent:** 29 October 2013 09:45

**To:** Licensing Enquiries

**Subject:** Fox Inn, Roby Mill. licence number LN/000001064

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The licencing hours applied for are unsuitable for a small village pub in a conservation area, with an ageing population and could draw clientele from other pubs in the area that have closed at the normal time and this could result in rowdy confrontation in the small hours. The licencing hours suggested would be more in-keeping with a town centre club life.

Regards

Margaret O'Neil

**Denton, Antony**

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**Subject:** FW: LICENSE APPLICATION THE FOX INN ROBY MILL UPHOLLAND

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**From:** JOANNE TAYLOR

**Sent:** 28 October 2013 17:39

**To:** Licensing Enquiries

**Subject:** LICENSE APPLICATION THE FOX INN ROBY MILL UPHOLLAND

Dear Sir/Madam

Having received the letter of License Application today I do have VALID OBJECTIONS to it

- 1) Firstly the application for opening hours till 2.30am is unacceptable - I donot object to later hours on a Friday & Saturday but certainly not until 2.30  
However Sunday - Thursday should be normal pub hours due to the fact that residents do have to get up for work & sleep should not be disturbed
- 2)Live music till 2.30am should not be allowed again for the same reason as above  
By all means Fri & Sat nights but again not till 2.30

The above objections are made due to noise implications & the extremely close proximity of the pub to the residents on that road

Live music would be heard outside (particularly the bass) & you also have issues of car park noise ( not only cars themselves but the noise of customers leaving the pub chatting shouting , taxis etc)  
Also you have noise from trash being emptied from the kitchens at the end of the night so 2.30 in the morning is completely unacceptable

Roby Mill is a quiet residential area in CONSERVATION GREEN BELT so should be treated with respect

Residents deserve to be able to go to bed without having sleep disturbed

It is unnecessary to have such extended hours & residents behind The Star Pub in Roby Mill have already experienced these problems which resulted in your Environmental Health Dept getting involved

I do hope Common Sense & respect for the residents takes preference over sheer unnecessary greed from the applicant

Yours Sincerely

Joanne Taylor

no 11 Roby Mill

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## Denton, Antony

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**Subject:** FW: revised e-mail ref to application LN/000001064

-----Original Message-----

From: Councillor Baybutt/ Councillor Evens  
To: Antony Denton  
Sent: Mon, 28 Oct 2013 15:06  
Subject: revised e-mail ref to application LN/000001064

Dear Anthony,

Cllr Evans and myself are concerned about the above application at the Fox Inn, Roby Mill. Roby Mill is a quiet little village and the Fox Inn is in close proximity to houses. We are worried that a quiet village pub could turn into a noisy night club with all the associated noise and nuisance problems if the licencing hours are extended, the proposed application is more suited to an isolated position, or indeed in King street in Wigan! We have no objection to background music, but feel the existing licencing hours at these premises are more appropriate in a village setting. We have no objections to the applicant having private functions and we would have no objections to children being admitted until 11pm, but would like to see the applicant apply for a live music licence each time one is required, and live music be restricted until midnight. We object to the removal of the clause relating to 18 year olds not being permitted at the bar and the extension of the hours children are in a public house from 9pm until 11pm. We feel the language around a bar area is not a suitable environment for children.

Cllrs Pam Baybutt and Carolyn Evans.

54d Roby Mill  
Up Holland  
Skelmersdale  
Lancashire  
WN8 0QF

28<sup>th</sup> October 2013

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To whom it may concern.  
The Licensing Service  
Robert Hodge Centre,  
Stanley way,  
Skelmersdale.  
WN8 8EE

**Re: The Fox Inn – Roby Mill**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing regarding the proposed licensing hours for the public house “Fifteens at the Fox”, 24 Roby Mill, Upholland, Skelmersdale. I object to these proposed hours for the following reasons:

There is a primary school and a nursery close by, and also a residential nursing home.

The hours requested are more in line with a city centre night club not a tiny village which is also a conservation area. The noise generated at 'closing time' would likely be considerable and unacceptable.

Roby Mill is a quiet village but, an often neglected one. There are no pedestrian crossings, and no weight restrictions on the road. This means heavy farm and commercial traffic cause major wear and tear on the road which never seems to be adequately repaired.

Traffic speed limit through the village is 30 mph which is rarely observed. Footpaths through the village are inadequate and access to them is hampered by poorly maintained hedgerows.

Given these issues, I find it bizarre for the onus to fall on local residents to stumble upon this notice, rather than to be informed by letter. I would be grateful if you could inform me of the outcome of your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,



**M. Darbyshire (Mr)**

28 STONEY BROW

ROBY MILL

UP HOLLAND

SHELMERSDALE

VN8 0QE

PLEASE

REGISTERED MY OBJECTION TO  
THE LICENSING HOURS EXTENSION  
TO THE (FOX ROBY MILL UP HOLLAND)

ROBY MILL IS IN A CONSERVATION  
AREA AND MOST PEOPLE ARE ELDERLY  
AND IN BED BY 10:30 PM,

TO HAVE A PUB IN THE CENTRE OF  
THE VILLAGE OPEN UNTIL 2:30 AM  
MUST NOT BE ALLOWED.

NEED PUBS LIKE THIS IN TOWN

CENTRES WHERE THE POLICE CAN

ACT SWIFTLY WITH THE TROUBLE

ASSOCIATED WITH LATE NIGHT PUBS

J JOHNSON

Re: licencing of the Fox Inn, Roby Mill

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I like the idea of the Fox re-opening

BUT

I have grave reservation of the proposals intended.

There is a major problem of national excessive drinking problems. The hours intended will encourage it more. Noise and disruption (not only to close neighbours) will destroy the ethos of village life.

If alcohol is to be able to be sold from 10-00am. how will this affect the pupils at the nearby school?

I am no kill joy; as I said I would love to see the Fox bringing some community life again - but within "normal" licencing hours.

Yours Sincerely

 Roby Mill

1 Roby Mill,  
Roby Mill  
Upholland,  
Skelmersdale.  
WN80QF  
01695 632438

October 11, 2013

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The Licensing Service  
Robert Hodge Centre,  
Stanley way,  
Skelmersdale.  
WN88EE

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The hours requested are more in line with a city centre public house not a tiny village. Roby Mill is a quiet but often a neglected one. There is no signage for the above or a pedestrian crossing, no weight restriction on the road, this means heavy farm and commercial traffic cause major wear and tear on the road which never seems to be adequately repaired.

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Yours sincerely,

Tim Fielding





8, Roby Mill,  
Upholland,  
West. Lancs.  
WN8 0QF.

8.10.2013.

Dear Sir or Madam,  
re: Variation of Licensing The Fox  
Inn, Roby Mill.

We are writing to give  
as our opposition to this  
proposed variation for the  
following reasons.

The Fox was in the  
part of local pub and  
restaurant which was a  
good amenity for the  
village and when we saw

that the pub was being  
refurbished were looking  
forward to having this  
facility ~~once~~ more.

However, we are concerned  
that due to these proposed  
changes our nights will be  
disrupted because of the  
extension of the hours  
and the playing of both  
recorded and live music,  
which we know from past  
experience will be audible  
in our home.

Then at 2.30 a.m. or  
later there will be the

noise of the patrons and  
their cars leaving the pub.

Having read the details  
we feel that instead of  
having a local "country  
inn" at the heart of the  
village we are being  
asked to accept a night  
club, which is completely  
unacceptable in this residen-  
tial area.

Yours sincerely,