

Jordan, Samantha

From: June Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2015 16:58
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: West Tower Premises licence variation application

We wish to object to the above and ask that it be rejected.

Although we live at the other end of Mill Lane we can hear music from West Tower, particularly in warmer weather when the doors are open. It must therefore be intolerable for those living closer to the hotel. We note that the application covers playing live or recorded music **outside** and in these circumstances the noise levels will be wholly unreasonable.

Problems are also caused by the noise of vehicles leaving, doors banging etc at closing time.

Peter and June Wilson
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From: Denton, Antony
Sent: 20 July 2015 10:36
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: West Tower Mill lane Aughton licence No. LN/000000721 extension.
Importance: High

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2015 10:15
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: West Tower Mill lane Aughton licence No. LN/000000721 extension.
Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a resident in Mill Lane. My property, Bradshaw House, is situated close to and diagonally opposite to the function room side of West Towers.

I wish to object against the application for a licence extension and outdoor music at West Tower Country Hotel, Mill Lane Aughton, L39 7HJ. for the following reasons:-

- I understand that the original licence was granted with the understanding that no noise was to be heard over the boundary of the premises. I constantly hear noise from West Tower when functions are taking place. Current licence conditions are not presently being adhered to.
- I already frequently experience considerable noise from the grounds in the daytime from guests. A licence for outdoor music is totally unacceptable.
- I hear laughing, shouting, screaming late into the evening from the outdoor terrace when in use.
- I hear music on a regular basis, at times this can be heard inside my house with the windows closed & TV on.
- Coaches collecting guests park on Mill Lane causing further late night noise & disruption.
- West Tower is situated in a Conservation area on which noise pollution has an impact.

I have in the past had to complain to The Dept. for Environment as the noise levels were unacceptable. I understand that West Tower was made aware of this and is under the same ownership.

I feel that a licence extension and outdoor music licence in this case to be wholly inappropriate and ask that you make a refusal in this instance.

Your's sincerely

Audrey O'Donnell

*Bradshaw House Mill Lane
Aughton
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L39 7HJ*

[REDACTED]

Jordan, Samantha

From: Denton, Antony
Sent: 13 July 2015 12:03
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: The West Tower Premises licence variation application

From: Martin Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 July 2015 22:11
To: Licensing Enquiries
Cc: Councillor Westley [REDACTED]
Subject: The West Tower Premises licence variation application

We wish to object to the West Tower premises licence variation application and request that it should be rejected.

We live at a neighbouring property separated only by an open field and we can hear the music from West Tower and particularly in the warmer weather when the Hotel have the doors open. We also note that the application covers playing live or recorded music outside and in these circumstances the noise levels will be totally unreasonable. Even when there is no music and there are people outside the noise level can be excessive.

Problems are also caused by the noise at closing time on Mill Lane which in most parts is a very narrow unlit road with no pavements. In addition some coaches are unable to turn into West Tower and on occasions they park in the road with their engines running and forcing all traffic to turn round.

Martin and Sharon Wilson
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L39 7HJ

Jordan, Samantha

From: Westley, David (Cllr) [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 July 2015 10:34
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Premises Licence Variation - West Towers Country Hotel, Mill Lane, Aughton

I wish to raise my concerns over the above Application to vary the premises licence to extend the hours of operation to 1pm every night of the week.

The Hotel is situated on a quiet country lane but surrounded by a number of residential properties in close proximity. In recent years the Hotel has become a function venue specialising in weddings which invariably include musical entertainment. The existing opening hours are already a problem for the neighbouring properties with the residents suffering a loss of amenity from the sound of music, vehicle movements and loud voices in the early hours.

I have been copied in on a number of emails sent to Licensing by local residents and fully support their objections.

Councillor David Westley
Aughton & Downholland Ward
West Lancashire Borough Council

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From: Cynthia king [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 July 2015 12:51
To: Licensing Enquiries
Cc: Councillor Westley; Audrey Caunce; ALISTAIR; [REDACTED] JOHN ROONEY; O'Toole, David Cllr
Subject: Licensing Act 2003. West Tower Country Hotel

I understand that the above Hotel has requested permission to permanently extend their licence until 1am.

My concerns regarding a permanent licence extension to 1am are these

My home -- Long Ridge Cottage is situated on Mill Lane on the boundary and next to the gates of West Tower.

When there is a function at West Tower it sometimes can be very noisy around midnight particularly in the Winter when a coach arrives. parks in Mill Lane with its engine idling .awaiting departing guests
On other occasions the coach will wait at the bottom of Mill Lane (exit Northway). Again there is the problem of noisy departing guests.

This disturbance is just bearable at midnight but not at 1am on an ongoing basis.

Long Ridge Cottage situated as it is on the boundary of West Tower has been in the past vulnerable to marauding Wedding Guests ! The last occasion being 2 years ago when a male Wedding Guest very drunk and very disoriented attacked the Cottage, breaking the porch window and destroying several window boxes. On the field where my boundary wall is adjacent to the West Tower car-park it is not unusual to find empty beer bottle/cans after a function. One assumes these are guests who are bringing and drinking their own alcohol

Again the potential for a future similar incidents increases with a permanent license extension to 1am.

On reflection I would ask the licensing Authority to review the 12 midnight licence currently enjoy by the proprietors of West Tower and reduce it to 11 pm in line with other residential areas.

Cynthia.k.king.

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Jordan, Samantha

From: ALASTAIR CAIRD <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 28 June 2015 09:11
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: West Tower, Mill Lane - licensing hours

Dear Sir, As a resident of Mill Lane I would like to protest at the proposal to increase West Towers licence until 1am. The noise & nuisance would be unacceptable. This is a Conservation Area & should be given some special attention to retain this status. I trust that you will reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Alastair Caird,
Mill Brow,
Mill Lane,
Aughton,
L39 7HJ.

Jordan, Samantha

From: John Rooney [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 June 2015 23:33
To: Licensing Enquiries
Cc: Councillor Westley
Subject: Objection against the West Tower Country Hotel variation for a premises licence

Dear sir/madam:

RE: The West Tower Country Hotel application for a variation to their premises licence.

I wish to object to the variation of the licence because it will impact on the health and well being of both myself and my partner.

I already suffer loss of sleep and increased anxiety from the activities that occur during the day and night events held by the hotel.

Unfortunately, the hotel's choice to only cater for wedding events rather than normal hotel business has resulted in more noisy and boisterous events. Only yesterday (27/6/15) on a beautiful sunny day, we had to abandon relaxing in the garden due to an events saxophone player disturbing the peace over the entire afternoon.

We already suffer from party goers and bored teenagers snooping around my rear gates that back on to the hotel car park. Following one raucous Saturday event, I found a used condom outside my front gate. I have found half drunk bottles of beer there too on more than one occasion.

I have to deal with taxis searching for the hotel entrance and exits, using my drive for 3-point turns and shining their full beam head lights into the windows.

I would not have an objection to the extension if this was only for guests sleeping at the hotel, as the additional noise would be limited to the few guest and would be less likely to spill out in to the carpark or result in taxis in and out of the place.

I do however, strongly object to the extended licences for non residential customers.

It is unfortunate that I have to put up with drunken revellers singing outside the front of the hotel. The current licence, ensures that this does not go on in to the early hours and this is how I would like it to stay.

I suffer from anxiety, which affects my daily life and it is a condition covered by the equality act. The peace and quiet of the area is a huge benefit to the management of my condition. I accept that the weekends are going to be a bit more difficult when the hotel is hosting a wedding but I manage this by knowing they will all be done and gone by 12:00.

If the variation is agreed, I will have no choice but to challenge the council about it decision and the impact on my wellbeing. I will also challenge the council about the impact a decision to agree to an extended licence will have on the valuation of property prices and expect subsequent reductions in council tax charges.

Yours sincerely,

John Rooney

Resident at The Bowers, Mill Lane.