

**Annex 4**

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The Licensing Section  
Test Valley Borough Council  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: NOTICE OF APPLCIATION TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE –  
THE OLIVE TREE, 11 LATIMER STREET, ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.**

We are writing regarding the above application concerning the sale of food and drink in the garden to be extended until 23.00 on Fridays and live music events to be increased from 30 to **104** times per year.

The current management and staff have done an excellent job in raising the standards of the premises but we do have some issues we need to raise.

We feel the sale of food and drink in the garden until the extended hours of 23.00 would undoubtedly cause a noise nuisance and disturbance to local residents.

We refer to the minutes from the last meeting to vary the application at the above premises, where it clearly stated the following:-

**9. During events involving live or amplified music and speech, (other than low level background music), all windows and doors shall be kept closed. External doors will also be kept closed except where necessary for access and egress.**

This has not happened. The main front entrance and the side entrance doors have been left open during the evenings, even when live music is being played. The music is so loud we have been unable to have our windows open, even in the hot weather, or hear our own television. This results in us having to call The Olive Tree requesting them to close their doors. Even then only the front door is closed and the side doors remain open. A window on the first floor is also missing, it has been for some time, therefore the music is not contained.



In the past environmental health has prohibited the premises from playing live music because the music is too loud for a building of its size. In addition there is insufficient air conditioning so it gets hot and smoky resulting in the doors and windows being left open to keep customers cool, regardless of the noise impact on neighbours.

Latimer Street is becoming more residential with plans for more housing and we feel more consideration should be given to the residents as there is currently live music in The Tavern, The Olive Tree and The White Horse Hotel which is becoming more and more intrusive. Undoubtedly if this extension is granted other licensed premises in the area would apply for further increases, which would be detrimental to the residents.

Should this licence be granted, then we feel we will have alternative than to involve environmental health when we have an issue, which is something we clearly do not want to do.

Yours faithfully