



Mr. Michael White,
Licensing Officer,
Test Valley Borough Council.
23/07/2009

We write with reference to the Planning Application concerning the Star Inn, The Horsefair, Romsey. We understand that the reason for the proposed alteration is to open the courtyard at the rear of the pub as a dedicated smoking area. We wish to object strongly to this application for the following reasons:-

1. The small yard is 1.5m from our back door and our bedroom windows have obvious proximity to this yard. Thus the dual problems of smoking and noise would cause us difficulties which we do not experience, currently. This is especially serious for my wife who is asthmatic.

2. The pub yard is almost entirely surrounded by houses and gardens. Noise can be a problem from time to time as sound, from purely domestic use, reverberates around. Since the change of the Licensing Act, we have become aware of increased sound late at night and to have this under our bedroom window would make our lives intolerable.

Immediately prior to our move here in 2000, we were assured that there was only one means of "ingress and egress" for the public and the pub yard was only for family use and for the draymen. We simply cannot understand why the brewery seeks to solve the problem of providing a smoking area by creating other problems. The existing smoking area to the side of the pub, where smoke and noise diffuse into the street, has been made very attractive by the present tenants of the pub and we have yet to meet anyone who has complained of the shelter.

Yours sincerely,

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