

Annex 6

(1)

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to make you aware of my concerns regarding the application in respect of the above. I live at Victoria Cottage, High Street, Stockbridge, SO20 6HB which is next door but one to The Three Cups.

The High Street is a mix of residential and commercial properties but essentially Stockbridge is a pleasant smallish village whose charm is advantageous to the commercial elements as well as to the residents.

I am concerned that allowing extended use of the garden and providing 24 hour alcohol to pub residents will cause more noise and disruption than we already experience. I do not believe such an extension is appropriate in a small village environment.

If there is a more formal way that I should put this then please do let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Alyson Lownie

(2)

Dear Mr White,

Thank you for your email.

I attach a photograph of the notice which says that communication should be made by 26 May, which is today.

I do hope therefore that my comments will be considered.

I understand that the 24 hour provision of alcohol applies only to residents of the pub but as these are often groups, for example attending weddings or other local functions, it is likely that they may wish to continue the party more so than individual businessmen say. The other concern is that if they are served in the garden there is nothing to contain the noise.

Stockbridge is a quiet country village which is why it is popular with both residents and visitors. It is not appropriate that it become a 24 hour party venue. The Three Cups is not an isolated country house hotel where there are no neighbours to disturb, it is situated in the centre of a village.

I am concerned that your email seems to suggest that permission is a foregone conclusion.

Yours sincerely

Alyson Lownie

(3)

Dear Mr White,

Thank you for your response.

I am sorry to raise this at the last moment but I only saw the notice today and was surprised that the neighbours had not been notified and invited to comment.

One can't predict specifically the impact this would have but generally speaking incidents of disorder and nuisance are increased by alcohol consumption.

I accept that my concern is that my quiet enjoyment of my home and garden will be affected if consent is granted. In 2008 a party was held in the garden of The Three Cups and the noise level was such that I could not hold a conversation at my dining table. Despite several visits to the pub to request the noise be kept down the result was that my son had to call the environment and health service for assistance. Sonya Enright attended and agreed that the noise was excessive. The reference number on her correspondence is PD/08/04763/NOIMUS.

I'm not an old fuddy duddy, not in my backyard sort of person, I enjoy a pleasant evening at a good pub, however, I do not think that the neighbourhood should suffer for my enjoyment. I chose to live in Stockbridge and not in an area where there is 24 hour drinking and I believe that the impact will be a public nuisance to at least the residents of Stockbridge who live near The Three Cups.

I appreciate that you are seeking time constraints but you don't say what they are and I don't understand how this is better than limiting the licensing hours.

I am grateful for whatever help you can provide on this.

Yours sincerely,

Alyson Lownie