

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **FAO The Licensing Services Team**

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing in response to your public notice relating to a new premises licence application by Butterworth & Son relating to recorded music, alcohol sales and opening hours at 7 Guildhall Street.

7 Guildhall Street is opposite our home at 85 Guildhall Street.

Our concerns and our reasons for objecting to this application as it stands relate principally to noise and residential amenity in a location in which the council has been approving a growing number of conversions of commercial premises back to family residences.

We notice, in particular, that the application includes a plan to open late into most evenings (Tues - Sat).

Subject to proper control of the patrons' use of space outside the front of 7 Guildhall Street, we have no objection to the operation of a café at 7 Guildhall Street during business hours and recognise that this may well be very popular with both residents and commercial premise users in Guildhall Street. We do object, however, to a licenced premise opening in the evenings in an area which is increasingly residential and already suffers from very significant evening noise as patrons from nearby licenced premises in Bury St Edmunds leave these premises, either to go to other premises or simply to stand outside to smoke or, in warmer weather, to socialise.

We further note that parking in this section of Guildhall Street (i.e. west of Churchgate Street), where use of resident parking permits is not offered, is already massively under pressure, particularly in the evenings when residents are at home and patrons of other cafes, bars and restaurants in the town park in Guildhall Street.

Given our very significant concerns, we would ask that the Licensing Officer refuses this application as it stands.

Yours faithfully

Ian & Justine Horseman Sewell

Dear Sirs

We refer to your notice relating to a new premises licencing application at 7 Guildhall Street dated 23rd July 2015.

We live at 86 Guildhall Street immediately opposite 7 Guildhall Street. We are anxious and worried about the indicated proposal for use as a bar and proposed evening opening.

We accept that the proximity of our house to the town centre comes with a degree of noise and evening disturbance. Our bedroom is at the front immediately opposite the no.7 shop front. Listing precludes double glazing of the Victorian sashes and in spite of high quality secondary glazing we already suffer and tolerate a good deal of late evening disturbance. The extremely close proximity of the premises would make additional noise and disturbance inevitable.

This end of Guildhall Street is becoming progressively more residential with recent conversion both properties adjacent to us from commercial to residential with further conversion work underway at 88a and 88b Guildhall Street. The granting of another Premises Licence in a predominantly residential area will cause reoccurring distress and annoyance because of late night disturbance of patrons going-to, leaving and standing about outside the premises. The premises will attract people from the Cornhill end and increase the level of nuisance we already suffer. Ours' is not just a knee jerk 'not-in-our-back-yard' objection; our bedroom is literally 8m from the front of no7 immediately opposite and we already suffer from being able to hear normal conversational voices from the street, often with people standing about smoking and otherwise chatting from 10pm until after midnight. The disturbance becomes increasingly loud on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays evenings. There is no scope for us to introduce further noise insulation. There will also be increased scope for anti-social behaviour, a certain amount we already have to tolerate.

We also have misgivings over the ability to control and limit the general internal noise emanating from inside the premises which, because of its Listed Building Status, will significantly reduce the scope for employing sound reduction techniques. Please note that the shop front is literally only eight metres from our bedroom window and we are already subjected to the sound of normal conversational speech in the street outside.

We earnestly ask that this application is refused.

Yours faithfully  
Michael and Anna Smith

Dear Sirs,

As resident above the applicants premises ( No. 7A) I must strongly object to this application

No official notification of the application has been supplied to me personally.

The area is becoming increasingly residential, with recent planning applications granted for residential use of neighbouring properties.

Properties opposite the applicant's premises are residential, selling in excess of £1 million.

The area is already blighted by noise and antisocial behaviour along with damaged cars and regular broken windows, vomit and discarded takeaway food.

The expected noise from customers and music from the premises, along with smell of cooking food immediately below me would make my current residence uninhabitable

I urge you to reject this unsuitable application,

S D Webb