

20/08/2020

Re:White Lion Variation Application

Dear Sir/madam

We being [REDACTED] are opposing this Licence Application on the following grounds:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder:

The White Lion over the past 6 years has a history of a lot of trouble, and extending the hours will lead to even more crime and disorder, as seen in the past with a 2 o'clock licence operating till 3'oclock. We have seen more crime and disorder as the police are stretched and do what they can but are not aware of premises licencing hours, later hours has incouraged people to comsume Alcohol before coming out due to hours being extended, on premises.

2. Public Safety:

Over crowding, since re-opening after lock down they have about 12 tables which should allow about 72 people sitting down outside in groups of 6 people, but will everyone else be standing up in the carpark? there is no social distancing, people are queing at the back gate again no social distancing as when they are let in the premises they have to go past everyone to get to the bar, this has been mentioned to the police on the saturday that night was herrendous in there as reported on Neighbour hood watch. Victoria Nolan, just a question, so we can't have gatherings of over 30 people, can't entertain more than 30 people, nightclubs are not allowed to open (even though we are all classed the same now under the new licensing laws,but as we know some pubs are operating as nightclubs but now are pubs again).The white lion can stay open till 2'oclock (why would a pub want to stay open till 2am?)and let all and sundry in , no track and trace, people are pushed and shoved while in a so called queue to get in. This a town on the brink of lock down The White Lion need to be held accountable for the condiions not being adhered to. If granted who will check on the premises that the conditions required are in force ? as if no checks are fequently done this is not in the interest of public safety.When the Cutting rooms licence changed so did the crime and disorder people were all in the road drinking, fighting, throwing glasses on the road an accident waiting to happen.

3. Prevention of Public Nusiance:

The application being granted until 3am and playing music outside until 1am will create alot of noise

which will travel past the premises boundary and be heard by the local residents, as before music being played inside could be heard from our premises, so this would be unacceptable to noise pollution, as already loud music is being heard from the Cutting rooms, but we are not allowed to have music heard from outside and provisions were installed in our premises to prevent noise. During these uncertain and extremely difficult times, most pubs are being responsible and closing between 10pm- midnight, but to be open currently till 2am is more of a financial gain, not being responsible to allow people to socialise in a proper manner.

4. To protect Children from harm:

For the past number of years The White Lion has always been trading as a nightclub opening on Friday / Saturday nights, and been previously closed down, the current Landlord re opened the premises again only in the evening as a nightclub, but due to the first night there being a lot of trouble customers never went back, and the premises struggled to get any customers, people want a safe place where they can enjoy their evening out and socialise in a safe environment. With these variations to their licence it so say they are changing to be a nightclub, there are already 3 premises in the town with a 3-4am licence, another one would be a saturation of premises open after 2am, also encourages other premises to apply for a 3am licence, as they need to compete our local traditional pubs are being lost due to the late licences being granted over the years. The last premises granted a 3am licence has seen a big increase in crime and disorder with all these late licences it has encouraged already people to pre-load with drink before they come out, and then come to us, why do they need to extend their hours, when they are not fully using the hours they have already got. As a local Market town we should be having the pubs open in the daytime to encourage people to come to Melton like other towns eg: Stamford with good pubs a lot of people go on a Saturday evening to socialise. We will have to apply for a later licence unfortunately to keep up with the times of late licences being granted this to help stagger the times of dispersment of premises, but are not happy to do this in which puts pressure on the NHS, Police etc. We have been operating for over 35 years and have seen the generations come and go, and are proud of ourselves for always conducting a safe premises for our customers to enjoy their social time out. Please take this application seriously as we have over the years lost the local pubs and will end up being a town of nightclubs open all till hours in the morning.

yours sincerely

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