



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 9TH APRIL, 2008 AT 10.00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Councillors S. P. Shannon, Mrs. C. J. Spencer and L. Turner

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chairman for the Meeting
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. Declarations of Interest
4. To consider any other business, details of which have been notified to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services prior to the commencement of the meeting and which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting
5. To consider an application to vary a Premises Licence in respect of the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent (Pages 1 - 6)

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Chief Executive

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9TH APRIL 2008

APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – THE HILL TAVERN, ADAMS HILL, CLENT

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Cllr. P. Whittaker
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Planning and Environment Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider an application to vary a premises licence in respect of The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Members determine the variation application. The variation may be refused, or it may be granted in whole or in part (with additional conditions, if appropriate), and all of it or part of it may be applied to the whole or part of the premises provided that the Sub-Committee's decision is consistent with the licensing objectives and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Licensing Authority has received an application to vary the existing permissions, in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

- 3.2 The current hours of operation, as authorised by the existing licence are as follows:

- The retail sale of alcohol: 11.00 a.m. – 11.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday
11.00 a.m. – 10.30 p.m. on Sunday
12noon – 10.30 p.m. on Good Friday
12noon – to 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. on Christmas Day
New Year's Eve*
- The provision of regulated entertainment: 11.00 a.m. – 11.20 p.m. Monday to Saturday
11.00 a.m. – 10.50 p.m. on Sunday
Good Friday – not permitted
Christmas Day – not permitted
New Year's Eve*

*On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day.

3.3 The application to vary the licence has five elements:

- To extend the hours of operation for the retail sale of alcohol;
- To extend the hours of operation for regulated entertainment;
- To extend the hours to provide late night refreshment;
- To permit regulated entertainment to take place outside on no more than 52 occasions per calendar year;
- To remove all conditions retained by the transition process as set out in previous licences, namely the public entertainment licence and the 'justices on licence'. The conditions are set out at Appendix 'A'.

3.4 The effect of the proposed variation would be as follows:

Retail sale of alcohol

- 09.00 a.m. - 1.00 a.m. into the morning following every Monday through to Sunday;
- 09.00 a.m. - 2.00 a.m. into the morning following every Christmas Eve and Boxing Day; all Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays of May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday and August Bank Holiday; all Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays for the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend;
- New Years Eve from 09.00 a.m. until the start of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Provision of regulated entertainment (inside the premises)

- 09.00 a.m. - 12.30 a.m. into the morning following every Monday through to Sunday;
- 09.00 a.m. - 1.30 a.m. into the morning following every Christmas Eve and Boxing Day; all Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays of May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday and August Bank Holiday; all Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays for the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend;
- New Years Eve from 09.00 a.m. until the start of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Provision of regulated entertainment (outside the premises) on no more than 52 occasions per calendar year.

- 09.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m. into the morning following every Monday through to Sunday;
- 09.00 a.m. - 12.00 midnight into the morning following every Christmas Eve and Boxing Day; all Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays of May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday and August Bank Holiday; all Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays for the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend;

- New Years Eve from 11.00 a.m. until the start of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Provision of late night refreshment

- 11.00 p.m. - 1.30 a.m. into the morning following every Monday through to Sunday;
- 11.00 p.m. - 1.30 a.m. into the morning following every Christmas Eve and Boxing Day; all Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays of May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday and August Bank Holiday; all Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays for the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend;
- New Years Eve from 11.00 p.m. until the start of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Actual opening hours of the premises

- 07.00 a.m. - 1.30 a.m. into the morning following every Monday through to Sunday;
- 07.00 a.m. - 2.30 a.m. into the morning following every Christmas Eve and Boxing Day; all Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays of May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday and August Bank Holiday; all Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays for the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend;
- New Years Eve from 07.00 a.m. until the start of permitted hours on New Years Day.

3.5 Members may wish to note that the consumption of alcohol and food can take place both within the premises and outside in the beer garden. The applicants are also seeking for regulated entertainment, such as live and recorded music and dancing to take place outside of the premises on no more than 52 occasions per year.

3.6 As part of the application process, the applicants are required to carry out a risk assessment of the effect the proposed variation would have on the four licensing objectives and what steps they intend to take in order to promote these objectives should the variation be granted. On this occasion the applicant felt that it was not necessary to include any measures to meet the four objectives. For ease of reference, the four licensing objectives are as follows:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

3.7 In accordance with the Licensing Act, anyone residing in the vicinity of a premises for which an application has been made is entitled to make representations. 'Vicinity' is not defined in the Licensing Act.

- 3.8 Representations have been made by 35 residents living near to the premises. A copy of each representation is attached at Appendix 'B'. The basis of their representations relate to noise associated with people leaving the premises. They feel that the extension in hours would only exacerbate the problems highlighted and it is considered that the proposed variation would undermine the licensing objective, prevention of public nuisance.
- 3.9 Representations have also been received from The National Trust and a local business. A copy of their representation is attached at Appendix 'C'
- 3.10 A representation has also been received from Environmental Health. A copy of their report is attached at Appendix 'D'.
- 3.11 A plan showing the proximity of residential properties is attached at Appendix 'E'.
- 3.12 No representations have been received from the other responsible authorities.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this Report. However if either party made a successful appeal to the Magistrates' Court against the decision of the Council, the Council may be liable for any legal costs.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Each party is entitled to appeal to the Magistrates' Court if they are dissatisfied with the decision of the Council, within 21 days from the date of decision.
- 5.2 The Sub-Committee must have regard to the Statutory Guidance, issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 5.3 The Sub-Committee must have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 5.4 The conduct of the Sub-Committee is governed by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, as amended.
- 5.5 The Sub-Committee is reminded that the Human Rights Act 1998 guarantees the right to a fair hearing for all parties in the determination of their civil rights.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 This item links with the Council Objective CO2.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 The main risk associated with the details included in this report are:

- Decision made without having regard to Council Policy, Guidance issued by Secretary of State and governing legislation.

7.2 Currently the risk identified in the bullet point is not addressed by any risk register and will be added to the Planning and Environment Services risk register as follows:

- Ensure that all licensing applications are determined in accordance with the relevant Council Policy, any guidance issued by Central Government and any governing legislation.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 All parties will be notified of the Council’s decision in writing.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 All applicants are dealt with on their own individual merits are accepted in line with legislation and Council Policy.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None.

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues – None
Personnel Implications – None
Governance/Performance Management – None
Community Safety including Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – None
Policy – The Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy applies to this application. This reads: “ <i>We will consider every application sent to us, on its individual merits. When we make licensing decisions we will promote:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>prevention of crime and disorder;</i>▪ <i>protection of public safety;</i>▪ <i>prevention of public nuisance, and</i>▪ <i>protection of children from harm.”</i>
Environmental - None

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	No
Corporate Director (Services)	No
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

13. APPENDICES

- Appendix A - List of conditions attached to existing licence
- Appendix B - Letters of objection from local residents
- Appendix C - Letters of objection from local businesses/organisations
- Appendix D - Memorandum from Environmental Services
- Appendix E - Plan of the area

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Application form received on 15th February 2008
- Email received from the Police dated 3rd March 2008
- Memo received from Environmental Services dated 6th March 2008
- Letter received from Worcestershire County Council – Safeguarding and Quality Assurance dated 18th February 2008
- Letter received from Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority dated 6th March 2008
- 35 letters of objection received from local residents received during March 2008
- Letter of objection received from The National Trust dated 10th March 2008
- Letter of objection received from the Four Stones Restaurant dated 7th March 2008

Contact officer

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PERSONAL LICENCE NUMBER AND ISSUING AUTHORITY OF PERSONAL LICENCE HELD BY DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Licence No. 05/00234/LATRP

Issued by Malvern Hills

ANNEXES

Annex 1

Mandatory Conditions

- (a) No supply of alcohol may be made under this Premises Licence at a time when:
- There is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence; or
 - At a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or his/her Personal Licence has been suspended.
- (b) Every Supply of alcohol under this Premises Licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.
- (c) Any person employed to be responsible for security, protection, screening the suitability of people entering the premises or dealing with conflict in pubs, clubs and other licensed premises open to the public shall be registered with the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

Conditions retained by the transition process as embedded in the Licensing Act 1964 s.59, 60,63, 67A, 68, 70, 74, 76, 168, 171 and 201.

- (a) Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours.

Permitted hours means:

- On weekdays, other than Christmas Day, Good Friday or New Year's Eve, 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.
- On Sundays, other than Christmas Day or New Year's Eve, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m.
- On Good Friday, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m.
- On Christmas Day, 12 noon to 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
- On New Year's Eve, except on a Sunday, 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.
- On New Year's Eve on a Sunday, 12 noon to 10.30 p.m.
- On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day, which would be 11.00 a.m. if New Year's Day falls on a weekday or 12 noon if a Sunday.

The above restrictions do not prohibit:

- during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
- consumption of the alcohol on the premises or the taking of sale or supply of alcohol to any person residing in the licensed premises;
- the ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the despatch by the vendor of the alcohol so ordered;





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- the sale of alcohol to a trader or club for the purposes of the trade or club;
 - the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces;
 - the taking of alcohol from the premises by a person residing there; or
 - the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to any private friends of a person residing there who are bona fide entertained by him at his own expense, or the consumption of alcohol by persons so supplied; or
 - the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to persons employed there for the purposes of the business carried on by the holder of the licence, or the consumption of liquor so supplied, if the liquor is supplied at the expense of their employer or of the person carrying on or in charge of the business on the premises.
- (b) No person under fourteen shall be in the bar of the licensed premises during the permitted hours unless one of the following applies:
- He is the child of the holder of the premises licence;
 - He resides in the premises, but is not employed there;
 - He is in the bar solely for the purpose of passing to or from some part of the premises which is not a bar and to or from which there is no other convenient means of access or egress;
 - The bar is in railway refreshment rooms or other premises constructed, fitted and intended to be used bona fide for any purpose to which the holding of the licence is ancillary. In this condition 'bar' includes any place exclusively or mainly used for the consumption of intoxicating liquor. But an area is not a bar when it is usual for it to be, and it is, set apart for the service of table meals and alcohol is only sold or supplied to persons as an ancillary to their table meals.

Conditions retained by the transition process as set out in the Public Entertainments Licence.

1. A copy of the licence and any special conditions shall be displayed in a conspicuous position on the premises and be available at all times for inspection.
2. The licensee is personally responsible for the management of the premises, including the actions of any staff, although he may, on occasions when he is not present, discharge that responsibility through a nominated person, who must be aware of the conditions of the licence and understands the need for them to be complied with. A record must be kept of all nominated persons to whom responsibilities have been delegated to including their name, address, telephone number and nature of duties. The licensee shall produce these records, upon request to the Council and/or the Police.
3. The licensee shall not engage in any activities, which will prevent him from exercising general supervision of the premises.
4. The licensee shall ensure that all entertainments stop immediately and the public be required to leave the premises in the event of any situation arising which is likely to prejudice public safety.
5. The licensee shall ensure that the correct number of attendants are on duty and have been properly trained and instructed in the safe and efficient running of the premises.



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6. The maximum number of persons allowed in the function room of the licensed place for any one function shall not exceed 60 (such a number to be inclusive of staff on the premises). This number of persons would require a minimum of 1 attendant/steward to be on duty during any one function. Such staff shall be visually identifiable.
7. The licensee shall employ a suitable method of determining the number of persons on the premises at any one time to ensure that the maximum permitted number is not exceeded.
8. The licensed place shall not be used for public entertainment on Christmas Day and Good Friday.
9. The licensed place shall not be used for public entertainment except between the hours of 11.00 a.m. and 11.20 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 11.00 a.m. to 10.50 p.m. on Sunday
10. No person shall be admitted to any function in the licensed place later than 11.00 p.m.
11. The licensee shall ensure that any noise emanating from the premises shall not cause any injury to the health of persons present or cause annoyance or nuisance to occupiers of premises in the vicinity.
12. The licensee shall take all reasonable steps to prevent annoyance or nuisance by persons leaving the premises.
13. The licensee shall ensure that nothing shall take place on the premises which is likely to cause a breach of the peace; is likely to be grossly offensive to any person on the premises; involves unlawful betting or gaming; involves drugs misuse or any other unlawful activity.
14. The police, the fire authority and authorised officers of the Council shall be allowed to enter the premises (including any ante-rooms, corridors, bars) at all times while the licence is in force and at other reasonable times in order for them to ensure compliance with these conditions.
15. All exits and exit routes shall be clearly indicated by notices as approved by the Council, kept free from obstruction during the whole time that the premises is open to the public.
16. All exit doors shall open outwards or be double swing, except where otherwise approved by the Council.
17. All exit doors shall at all times when the premises is open to the public, be kept unlocked and have any removable fasteners removed; if the exit doors are fitted with panic bolts, they must be conspicuously marked "Push bar to open", and such bolts shall have been tested and be in good working order, and shall open the door with horizontal pressure on the crossbar.
18. Any doors or route in sight from the premises which lead to a part of the building of which the premises is part and which does not form part of the licensed area, or the means of escape shall be clearly marked "Private" or "No thoroughfare".
19. Entrances, exits, gangways, and corridors must not be blocked by things such as notice boards or coat rails.
20. Such special arrangements as may be necessary shall be made for the escape of disabled persons.
21. Gangways, exit routes and steps shall be maintained in good order with non-slippery and even surfaces, and edges of steps and stairways shall be conspicuously marked.
22. No rubbish or waste paper or similar materials shall be stored or allowed to accumulate in any part of the licensed place that is accessible by the public.





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23. External access provided for emergency vehicles shall be kept free from obstruction at all times.
24. In the event of a fire, the Fire Brigade must be called immediately using 999 and details recorded in the Fire Log book. The location of the nearest public telephone must be prominently displayed in the premises.
25. A system of emergency lighting, independent of the normal lighting of the premises, shall be provided and shall illuminate all escape routes. The system shall operate automatically on failure of the normal lighting and shall be to the satisfaction of the Council and comply with the current British Standard.
26. All parts of the premises to which the public are admitted shall be adequately lighted during the whole of the time that the premises is open to the public so as to make it possible to see clearly over the whole area.
27. All electrical installations, equipment, lighting and heating shall be installed and maintained in a safe and satisfactory condition.
28. A sensitive earth leakage protection system (residual current device), having a rated residual operating current of not exceeding 30 milliamps for 30 milliseconds, shall be installed and maintained as part of the fixed wiring installation supplying the stage area. If no stage area is provided then the power point at which portable music equipment is normally used from must be provided with the residual current device.
29. All parts of the premises shall be adequately ventilated to the satisfaction of the Council. Where ventilation is by air conditioning or other mechanical means, such a system shall be maintained in good working order.
30. Any fire alarm and fire fighting equipment, including sprinklers, provided shall be maintained in efficient working order, tested and examined at least annually to the satisfaction of a qualified expert approved the Council. A certificate/report of such an examination and where appropriate a test shall be submitted to the Council prior to the expiry of the licence, to ensure that the premises comply with Fire Safety Regulations. In addition to the annual test, the fire alarm systems should be tested weekly using a different call point on each occasion.
31. The licensee shall be responsible for staff training in respect of fire precautions and evacuation procedures. Training shall include the action to be taken on discovering a fire and on hearing the fire alarm; raising the alarm and calling the fire service; the location and use of fire fighting equipment; knowledge of escape routes; knowledge of the method of operating any special escape door fasteners; and the evacuation of the building to an assembly point at a place of safety.
32. Notices shall be displayed at suitable positions on the premises stating in concise terms the action to be taken on discovering a fire and hearing the fire alarm.
33. No combustible or flammable materials or substances shall be kept or stored on the premises except with the consent of the Council.
34. All furniture and fittings, decor, fabric and scenery, whether on stage, platform or in other parts of the licensed place that is accessible by the public, must have the necessary fire retardant qualities in accordance with current standards.
35. No laser beams (Pyrotechnics or real flame), strobe lights, explosives, flammable or smoke producing agents, toxic or hazardous substances and any similar entertainment involving special effects or special risks shall be used on the premises except with the written consent of the Council.
36. The licensed place shall not be used for a seated audience except in accordance with plans previously submitted to and approved by the Council.



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37. Any alterations or additions whether permanent or temporary to the premises, the lighting, heating, ventilation installations, seating, gangways or other arrangements shall not be made except with the prior approval of the Council. Notice of proposed alterations or additions, together with such plans shall be deposited with the Council, the police and the fire authority at least 28 days prior to the hearing of the application.
38. The licensee shall ensure that there is free and unrestricted access to cold drinking water at all times and without charge, and that bottled water and soft drinks are available at the bar(s).
39. The licensee shall provide at the licensed premises an adequate number of suitable sanitary accommodation and sanitary facilities (w.c.'s urinals and hand wash basins) to comply with the guidance given in British Standard 6465 Part 1: 1984 and British Standard 6465 Part 1: 1994 or such lesser provision as may be specifically authorised by the Council.
40. All parts of the licensed premises must be kept clean.
41. The licensee shall ensure that at all times there is at least one suitably trained first aider, who shall be responsible for first aid, on duty when the public are present. If more than one suitably trained first aider is present on the premises, each person's responsibilities shall be clearly identified.
42. Hypnotism Act 1952 S.1

No exhibition, demonstration or performance of hypnotism, mesmerism or any similar act, as defined by the Hypnotism Act 1952, at the licensed premises shall be held unless the express written consent of the Council has been first obtained giving at least 28 days notice. Any such exhibition, demonstration or performance must comply with the licensing authority's conditions, which can be obtained on request.

Annex 2

Conditions consistent with the operating schedule

(a) **General**

None.

(b) **The prevention of crime and disorder**

None.

(c) **Public safety**

1. Wash hand basin facilities, (together with a supply of hot and cold water), should be retained in the bar servery areas.
2. Suitable glass and equipment washing facilities should be retained in a suitable and well-ventilated area.
3. Any alterations to the kitchen layout should be submitted for approval prior to commencement of building works.





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- (d) The prevention of public nuisance
None.
- (e) The protection of children from harm
None.

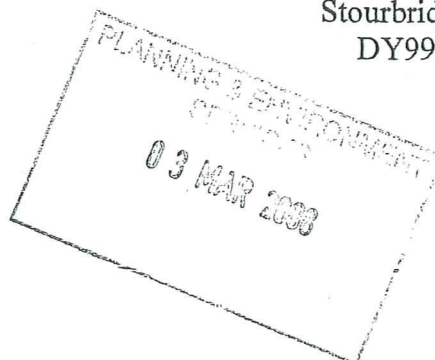
Annex 3

Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

Not applicable.

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Stourbridge
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Licensing Department
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29th February 2008-02-29

Dear Sir

Re.: Late licensing application for the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent

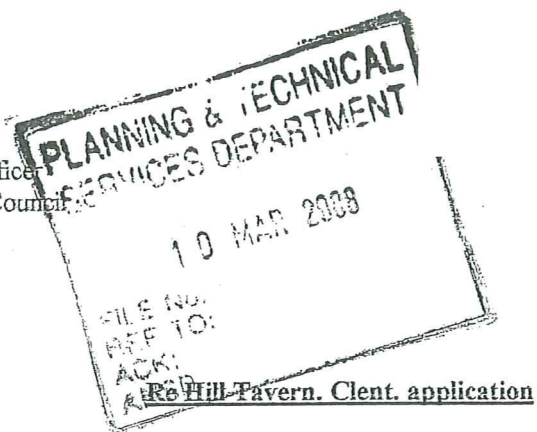
As residents who live next door but two to the Hill Tavern, we wish to register our opposition to the application for a late license. As a family with two small children, our primary objection is to the late night noise this will cause. Since it has opened there has been a noticeable increase in noise and a further increase in noise at the proposed hours of closing is highly inappropriate in what is a residential area. We would not support any extension whatsoever to the present opening hours.

This application has been brought to our attention by a fellow resident. WE are appalled that we have not been notified directly by the council. We look forward to your comments regarding this.

We hope our concerns are taken seriously and look forward to hearing from you shortly. If we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Smith
Principal Licensing Officer
Bromsgrove District Council
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Woodman Lane
Clent. Nr Stourbridge
DY9 9PX
March 7th 2008

Dear Madam,

I wish to add my comments to those you will have already received from the residents of Clent regarding the applications for an extended drinks licence and late music.

As a national trust area, it is noted for its beauty and tranquillity, the visitors we get in Clent are well mannered, nature lovers, dog walkers, families introducing their children to the outdoors which is on the doorstep of larger towns, therefore easy access. In the evenings we get people frequenting the high class pub/restaurants, which even for us locals are classed as expensive, so we don't get the rowdy younger set. If the application goes ahead I can see the whole ambience of Clent changing, cars roaring at high speeds in the early hours. Parking is very restricted as the lanes are very narrow, Adams Hill is already half full at night with the residents vehicles, I am hopeful that the voices of the people who will be affected by this will be taken into account when considering this application.

Originally when the Hill Tavern changed hands and was renovated we were told that it was to become a local pub, which is just what the inhabitants of Clent wanted, It doesn't look as if this is the case.

Yours faithfully.

PLANNING A
REF ID: Mount Lane
ACM: Clent
ANSD: West Midlands
DY9 9PR

01562 882 342

Sharon Smith
Licensing Department
Bromsgrove District Council
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Thursday 6th March 2008

Re: Application to extend opening hours at The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent

Dear Madam,

I am writing to appeal against the proposed application to extend the licensing hours of The Hill Tavern public house in Clent.

I believe it will bring nothing but unwanted noise and disruption to a quiet and peaceful village. We already have joy riders screeching up and down the hill late at night, which is enough of a nuisance without having to put up with the noise of late night drinking, music, and partying. This no doubt will introduce a whole host of other problems and is sure to attract even more youngsters looking for somewhere to hang out and to leave there discarded beer cans, fast food packaging and used condoms!

Please reject this request as we have paid good money to live in a quiet village location. If not, we run the risk of turning a village pub into one that would not be out of place in a town centre!

Yours faithfully,

Adams Hill, Clent, West Mids,

PLANNING & TECHNICAL
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

F.A.O. Sharon Smith

March 4th 2008.

DW 3269 9250 5GB

10 MAR 2008

FILE No.
REF TO:
ACK:
ANSD.

With reference to the application by the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent for extended opening hours and music licence. I am about to start construction of 4 dwellings on the site of the old amusement arcade opposite the Hill Tavern and am going to live in one of the dwellings and let out the other 3. I have lived in Adams Hill for over 30 years.

I wish to object to application to extend the opening hours and music licences on the grounds of noise, nuisance, access and parking I believe the area to be totally unsuitable for later opening hours as this would affect the peace and tranquillity of the area which is on the boundary of the Clent Hills country park

Yours sincerely



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West Midlands
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Mrs. Sharon Smith
Principal Licensing Officer
The Council House
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Ref: Premises Licence number 51

Dear Mrs Smith,

I would like to take this opportunity to make comments regarding a Licensing application submitted by Mr Richard Gannon to vary the 'premises licence' at the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent.

I know that you are aware that the local residents are very concerned about the nature of the proposed variation. So by way of this letter, I would like to add my support to all the concerns that have been expressed and forwarded to your department.

In short, it would appear that proposals to extend the activities until 01:30am, in a residential village community, would be inappropriate. The obvious disturbance caused by noise and road usage would be an overbearing nuisance to the local residence.

Adams Hill
Clent
Stourbridge
DY9 9PS

10 March 2008

Principal Licensing Officer
Planning & Environmental Services
Bromsgrove District Council
The Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
B60 1AA

Dear madam

LICENSING APPLICATION – THE HILL TAVERN, CLENT

We refer to the application by the above for extended licensing hours and outdoor music and dancing.

Adams Hill is in a conservation area and primarily comprises residential properties which are close to the highway. Residents include families with young children.

Adams Hill is a cul de sac terminating on the Clent Hills, a National Trust property. The Hill Tavern is the last building on this road and because of the ascending nature of the road is in an elevated position above all other properties in the road.

The Hill Tavern has no car park of its own and relies on the National Trust car park along with a nearby restaurant. Once the car park is full the only parking is on the road under the windows of the residential properties.

There is no public transport available within a reasonable distance.

We wish to object to the application on the following grounds:

1. Outdoor music and dancing into the early hours would be disturbing to the local residents owing to the elevated position and the layout of the hill around the building.
2. Customers leaving the Hill Tavern will need to walk past residential properties to reach their cars resulting in loud "good nights", engine noise and the sounding of horns all along the road. This is unacceptable late at night.
3. The availability of drink late at night and into the early morning will encourage more traffic and ancillary noise at unsocial hours in a residential area well beyond the proposed hours.
4. Generally extended hours are inappropriate in this location except on special occasions.

***Adams Hill
Clent
Stourbridge
DYY 9PS***

29 February 2008

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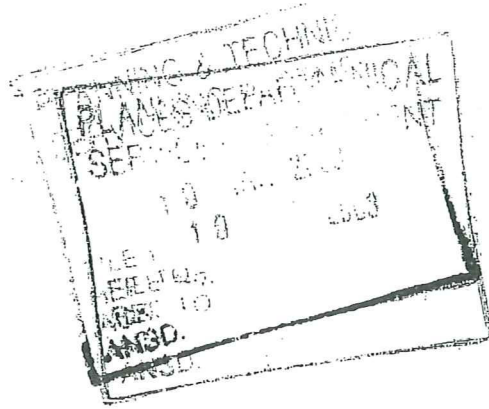
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LICENCING



Clent
Stourbridge
West Midlands
DY9 9PR

Tel : 01562 883009

8 March 2008

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Application to Vary a Premises Licence.

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The Hill Tavern is, as I am sure you will be aware, located in a quiet semi-rural village setting at the foot of the Clent Hills, an area of outstanding natural beauty and where the landowners, The National Trust, have publicly stated that they wish to preserve the peace and tranquillity of the area.

This application will inevitably lead to increased traffic noise late into the night which would be an unacceptable nuisance to local residents, some of whom are elderly. I personally have children aged 11 and 16 whom I would not wish to have exposed to such nuisance and also to the possibility of drunken revellers departing in the small hours.

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There is only a very limited public transport service operating around Clent and this is not operational during the evening or later so public transport, taxis excepted, is not an option.

In my view the location of this public house is totally unsuited to the owner's proposals and I do not wish to see a "night club" become established.

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Adams Hill Clent Stourbridge
West Midlands DY9 9PS
Telephone 01562 883331

Sharon Smith
Principal Licensing Officer
Planning Environmental Services
Bromsgrove District Council
The Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
B60 1AA



Dear Madam

The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent
Application to vary opening hours and conditions - objection

I wish to make an objection to the extension of opening hours applied for by the Hill Tavern.

The Hill Tavern is situated in a residential area on the edge of a National Trust Country Park. It is a very popular daytime pub with both walkers and families.

It is not in a suitable location for late night drinking and music.

I feel that if the new licensee was looking for this type of pub he would be better suited to one in an urban or town centre position.

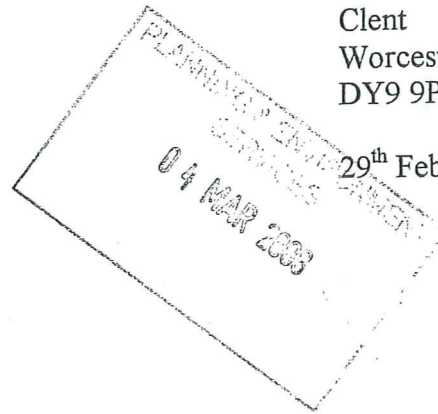
Because of the country location most customers have to come by car. Access is via country lanes. Adams Hill is a dead end with the Hill Tavern right at the end. All traffic going up the hill to the pub has to leave by the same route.

As the Hill Tavern has no parking facilities this means that vehicles are parked immediately outside residents' homes.

Extended opening hours will cause additional disturbance for everyone concerned, especially the elderly and residents with young children, and will cause considerable noise and nuisance in an area that is currently very quiet and tranquil from late evening throughout the night.

Yours faithfully,

Adams Hill
Clent
Worcestershire
DY9 9PS



29th February, 2008.

Sharon Smith
Principle Licensing Officer
Planning Environmental Services
Bromsgrove District Council

Dear Ms Smith,

I understand that the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent has applied for an extension and/or variation to its licence. I wish to inform you that I strongly object to any such proposal.

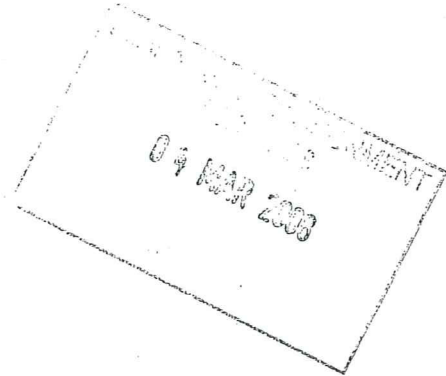
Since its refurbishment and reopening I have noticed a significant increase in noise levels with an increased volume of traffic, and the sounding of car horns late at night as customers leave the premises. This is already becoming a nuisance. Bearing in mind that this is essentially a new business, yet to build up its clientele, and the fact that in this location the summer months are likely to be even busier, this problem is likely to get worse.

Allowing the premises to stay open later at night, especially if music and functions take place outdoors, is likely to cause significant noise problems and nuisance to local residents of this usually quiet, peaceful rural location.

It would therefore seem unreasonable to permit any alteration to the licence to the detriment of those who reside here.

Yours sincerely,

Mount Lane
Clent
DY9 9PR
01562 886989



2nd March 2008

For the attention of Mrs S Smith
Licensing Dept
Bromsgrove District Council
Bromsgrove
B60 1AA

Dear Mrs Smith

HILL TAVERN, ADAMS HILL, CLENT

I wish to object very strongly to the proposed extension of opening hours, for the sale of alcohol and provision of music, both live and recorded, inside and outside the above premises.

This Pub is at the head of a 'no through road' adjacent to a National Trust's area of outstanding natural beauty, and in the evenings is noted for tranquility. It is otherwise a residential road, off which my lane runs. Traffic from this establishment late at night (1.30am is the proposition) will render life for these residents, in summer particularly, very disturbed indeed, with music through open car windows and pipping horns, not to mention slammed car doors.

Music **OUTSIDE**, mentioned on page 8 and 13 of the application which will obviously be in good weather, is totally unacceptable to local residents, who are entitled to the quiet enjoyment of their homes and gardens. Given that noise travels further at night, this enjoyment will be rendered impossible on many occasions each summer.

Whilst recognising the licensee's right to maximise his business potential and realising the present license is 'out of date', I ask the licensing authority to give much consideration to the particular location and restrict opening to the latest time of 11.45pm, with the obvious exceptions of New Year's eve, Christmas eve etc.

I would be most grateful if you would give consideration to my objections.

Yours sincerely

Adams Hill
Clent
West Midlands
DY9 9PS
02.03.08

ANNEXURE
04 MAR 2008

Dear Sharon,

I am writing regarding the Hill Tavern pub at Adams Hill making a request for extended opening hours and for music.

Since the opening of this pub in December 07, the volume of traffic has increased and there is not sufficient parking. Also, the pub has been attracting a lot of younger people who have been sitting on the hill drinking and leaving drinking glasses which have been left over night. This is a danger to the wild life and people walking the hills. If a licence is granted to extend drinking hours and with music this will increase the volume of people and cars. There are no foot paths or street lighting. There has been a lot of young people driving at excess speeds to the tavern and down the lane, some of whom are staff from the tavern inn. They pose a serious risk due to no lighting or footpaths.

The increase in cars has caused many problems with parking for myself and daughter. People are taking up all the car parking spaces and parking on double yellow lines. I'm also annoyed at the rowdy behaviour of some of the people leaving the pub who do not go straight home but stand talking loudly or shouting with offensive words. None of this has ever happened before. I have lived here for five years and have never encountered any bother before. Speed signs of 30, on the hill, have been altered by mindless idiots to 80. If a licence to extend with music is granted this disorderly behaviour and dangerous driving, and leaving glass on the hills, will get worse.

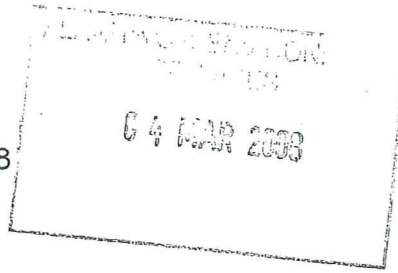
This is a conversation area, and when I checked with the council if plastic window frames was ok to be fitted I was reminded of this fact. Albeit, I could have had plastic windows, the words of the councillor was "It would be most regrettable"
In keeping with a conservation area I took the time and expense of having wooden window frames.

If licence to extend hours and music is granted, it would be most regrettable and if they wanted a pub for longer hours they should have gone to a town not a quiet countryside. Furthermore, no notice of this licence request was made known to us local people. I'm told it was by 'chance' that it was found out. The managers at the Tavern had it on display inside the pub hidden from view. I find their actions to be devious. They certainly put posters all over Clent to advertise the opening!!

I ask that licence to extend drinking hours or for music be dismissed.

Yours, Sincerely,

1st March 2008



Adam's Hill
Clent
Stourbridge
DY9 9PS

01562 885242

With reference to the application to vary the licence of The Hill
Tavern, Clent.

Dear Sir or Madam,

We respectfully suggest that it is inappropriate, in this largely residential street, to permit licensed premises to serve so late and have external functions.

If the pub were permitted to open until 1 am, there would still potentially be people around making a nuisance of themselves at 2 am in the morning, and the prospect of the noise from external discos etc. is too horrific to contemplate!

We also worry what type of people these changes might attract, leading to anti-social behaviour, nuisance and vandalism.

Consequently, we ask the application be refused.

Yours sincerely,

WOODMAN LANE
CLENT STOURBRIDGE
WORCS DY9 9PX
01562 884296

5th.March 2008

Ms .Sharon Smith,
Licensing Officer,
Bromsgrove District Council,
Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove.
B 60 1 AA.

Dear Ms.Smith,

Ref: Application for Extended Licensing Hours by Hill Tavern, Adams Hill,
Clent.

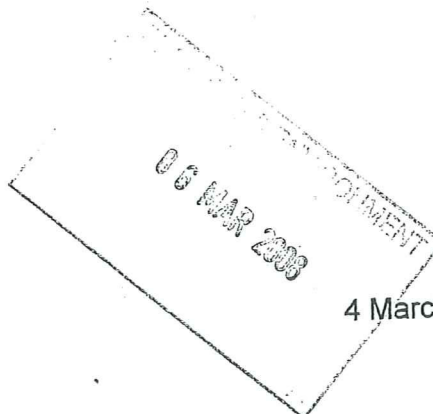
May I confirm in writing my opposition to the granting of the above extension. The Hill Tavern, positioned as it is at the apex of a quiet, essentially rural community of private homes, has the potential to cause major nuisance if extended entertainment facilities led to noise late into the night with subsequent traffic leaving the area down Adam's Hill and onwards along the narrow, poorly lit lanes of Woodman, Odnall and Violet Lanes.

Whilst the hospitality The Tavern offers to visitors during the day is largely welcome, late night entertainment involving dance music is totally inappropriate to the peace and tranquility that The National Trust wishes the Clent Hills to represent.

Yours faithfully,

Woodman Lane Clent
Stourbridge DY9 9PX
07860 825825

Sharon Smith
Principal Licensing Officer
Planning Environmental Services
Bromsgrove District Council
The Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
B60 1AA



4 March 2008

Dear Madam

The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent

I wish to object most strongly to the application made by the above to vary licensing hours and conditions and ask that it be rejected on the ground of public nuisance.

The Hill Tavern is at the foot of the Clent Hills and is in a Conservation Area. The National Trust manages the hills.

The pub is at the end of Adams Hill. This is a steep, narrow, dead end lane.

The current quietness now enjoyed in the late evening and into the early morning will be destroyed by additional noise that must certainly be generated, either from vehicles, people, or proposed activities.

There is no public transport serving Adams Hill.

There is already considerable visitor traffic to Adams Hill but this is mainly limited to holiday periods and some weekends - day time and/or evenings.

The area is extremely quiet and tranquil following the departure of visitor traffic. The Clent Hills are being promoted by The National Trust as a 'place of tranquillity'.

Sound carries a long way in the valley in which Adams Hill is situated. The thought of late night/early morning traffic is awful, outside music and dance horrific.

The noise that must come with the proposed additional late night and early morning opening will be a direct nuisance to me as most traffic will pass in front of, or to the side of my house.

Any late night venue is totally unsuited to this location.

I ask that you reject the application to vary the licence of The Hill Tavern.

Yours faithfully,

Mount Lane
Clent
West Midlands
DY9 9PZ
Tel: 01562 882342

Sharon Smith
Licensing Department
Bromsgrove District Council
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
B60 1AA



Date: 6th March 2008

The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent – Application to Extend Opening Hours

Dear Madam,

I am writing to you to lodge my objection to the proposed application to extend the licensing hours of 'The Hill Tavern' public house in Clent.

We have enough problems with noise from 'joy riders' screeching up and down Adams Hill late at night in their 'souped up' Vauxhall Nova's (that the police do nothing about), without inviting more persons to a bloody nightclub at the bottom of the picturesque Clent Hills, shouting drunken obscenities and having a competition to see who's urine will reach the bottom of the hill first!

The trouble has already started since the pub has re-opened, with the landlords motorcycle being stolen from directly outside the pub a couple of weeks ago. The police would not even come to the pub when the theft was reported. Will this be the same scenario when there's a violent incident in the pub at 1.30am that needs police assistance to get it back in order? This is a very bad omen and the start of things to come, if we are not careful!

Add this together with the additional rubbish that will undoubtedly be left around the public car parks (because there are no waste bins provided by BDC/National Trust) and the prospect of even more amorous teenagers making unwanted babies in the backs of their cars is too much to endure.

I have nothing against people having a drink and enjoying themselves, but in the right location i.e. Stourbridge town centre (where police are on hand), not in the quiet village of Clent, where all residence pay a premium amount of money to live in relatively undisturbed and quiet surroundings.

I implore you to reject this licensing request and let common sense prevail.

Yours faithfully

p.s.

I don't think the rabbits, badgers or the deer will be taking too kindly to having to listening to 'Whigfield – Saturday Night' blasting out at 2.00am in the morning and trying to remember the synchronised dance steps either, let alone their little ones trying to get some shut eye. Thank you.

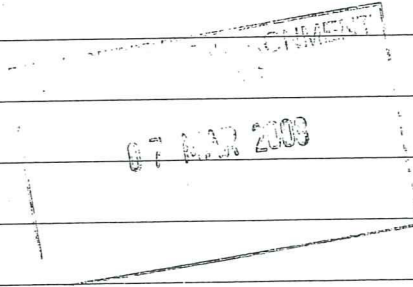
MOUNT LAKE

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5-3-08



DEAR SHARON SMITH

HILL TAVELN

OUR OBJECTIONS TO HILL TAVELN EXTEND

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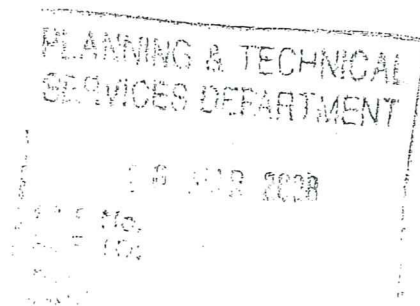
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WE FEEL THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE

IN CLINT WOULD BE DEMINISHED.

Mount Lane
Clent
Stourbridge
DY9 9PR



March 7th 2008

To: Principal Licensing Officer, Bromsgrove District Council
Re: Application to vary the premise license under the 2003 Licensing Act at the
Hil Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent
Premises Licence No.51

Dear Madam,

As a resident of Clent I am opposed to the application by the Hill Tavern on Adams Hill to vary its license terms.

Clent village is a residential area. The Clent Hills owned by the National Trust attract walkers and all of us residents are used to traffic and pedestrians on narrow lanes. These all occur during the daytime.

During the evening the other two venues on Adams Hill - the Four Stones and the Fountain (both restaurants) are generally quiet and discreet. In its present format the Hill Tavern has been a welcome addition to Adams Hill and the village, providing a daytime service to visitors and residents and an evening service to those seeking a civilised drink in the country. There are other venues catering for those who require a noisier evening out.

If the Hill Tavern's operating hours are extended to 01.30 (02.30 on assorted holiday days) with dancing outdoors until 23.00 (even if only weekly) this will drastically change the nature of the establishment and its relationship with the village of Clent.

All non-local patrons of the Hill Tavern will have to use a vehicle, those who drive themselves there will park on Adams Hill and cannot fail to disturb nearby residents as they leave at 01.30 or 02.30.

There are only two ways for vehicles to exit Adams Hill, one of these is Mount Lane, a winding single-track lane that passes my house. I do not relish the idea of revellers driving down this lane at 02.30.

As it is the Hill Tavern is an asset to this community. I would therefore urge your committee to totally reject this application and leave the Hill Tavern licensing hours as they currently stand.

Yours sincerely,

Mount Lane
Clent
Stourbridge
DY9 9PR

March 7th 2008



To: Principal Licensing Officer, Bromsgrove District Council
**Re: Application to vary the premise license under the 2003 Licensing Act at the
Hil Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent - License No 51**

Dear Madam,

As a resident living near to Adams Hill I would like to register my concerns and objections to the proposed drastic extension to the opening hours and usage of the Hill Tavern.

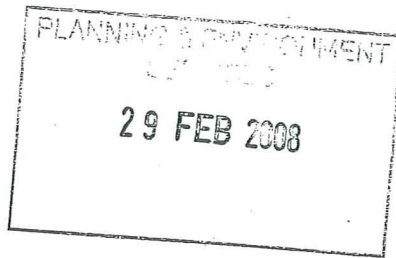
The Tavern stands at the entrance to an open landscape owned by the National Trust that has traditionally provided a recreation area for walkers and horse riders in a natural environment unique within Bromsgrove District.

As local residents we are used to welcoming visitors to share our special tranquil heritage. Since there is no public transport to the Hills the public car parking area directly outside the Tavern and the adjoining houses is regularly used during normal daylight hours. Along with other residents I welcomed the reopening of the pub in 2007 as an asset providing meals and refreshments for visitors and the local community in a safe environment for adults and children.

However if the Hill Tavern is allowed to sell alcohol until 1am and provide live music and other entertainment on a regular basis until 12.30pm this will change the nature of the evening clientele. Almost everyone who arrives will have to come by car or taxi. There are likely to be issues of public nuisance and safety as people arrive and leave the site which is so close to a number of houses. I live on Mount Lane which leads onto Adams Hill and is a narrow single track lane with houses on both sides. This is one of the only two ways to drive to or from the Hill Tavern (the other being up Adams Hill itself) and is the obvious cut through back to other roads away from Clent. I am worried about early morning revellers speeding down this unlit lane on their way home. The only other way to get to the Hill Tavern would be to walk over the Hills, and a number of our houses have direct back access onto the hills. The thought of people wandering around up there at night is perhaps even more of a public safety and law and order issue.

I would therefore urge your committee to totally reject this application and leave the Hill Tavern licensing hours as they currently stand.

Yours sincerely



Clent
Stourbridge
W. Mids DY9 9PF
27 Feb 08

Dear Sir,

I wish to object to the proposal that the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent, has put forward to extend its opening hours for serving drinks to 1 am & music to 12.30 am for 7 days a week.

This is a residential area & noise in the early hours of the morning is unacceptable.

Yours faithfully

Licensing Dept.
Bromsgrove District Council

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
06 MAR 2008

ADAMS HILL, CLENT
WORCS. DY9 9PS.

28th Feb. 2008.

RE:- NEW LICENSING HOURS "THE HILL
TAVERN. ADAMS HILL"

Dear Madam,

With reference to the above
we object, due to the noise problem
at that time of night. Also it could
bring in the wrong element to the
area, with this very late opening
hours.

Yours faithfully

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:-

SHARON SMITH.

BRAMS GROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sharon Smith
Licensing Department
Bromsgrove District Council
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
Worcestershire
B60 1AA

FLAT
Yew Tree Cottage
Adams Hill
Clent
Worcestershire
DY9 9PS

27th February 2008

Re: Application for extended Licence at The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent, Worcestershire.

Dear Sharon

As an interested party, we wish to object to the above application on the following grounds:

1. The Hill Tavern is situated in a residential area and as residents, living 4 properties away from the Hill Tavern; we have grave concerns over increased public nuisance and noise pollution late into the night. At present we are subjected to noise disturbance at night when customers are leaving the premises. The Hill Tavern does not have a car park and although I know that this is not a factor that you take into account when considering objections to applications. I feel in this case it will greatly contribute to the noise disturbance. Customer can only park along Adams Hill opposite residences, there is a lot of noise at closing times, shouting, slamming of car doors revving of engines, noise from car stereos etc and should the extension be granted this will continue into the early hours of the morning.
2. We feel that an increase in people "hanging around" late into the night in an area that is unlit and residential will result in increase crime and disorder. This is a semi rural location situated in a conservation area that cannot be accessed by public transport and as a result the majority of the people who use the Hill Tavern drive to it. Increased Licensing will result in increased drinking and drink driving.

We hope that you will consider these points when deciding on this application.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Sharon Smith,
Principal Licensing Officer,
The Council House,
Burcot Lane,
Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire,
B60 1AA

Adams Hill
Clent
Stourbridge
DY9 9PS



Licensing Act 2003 – Premises Licence no. 51
Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent

Dear Mrs. Smith,

We wish to formally object to the application submitted by Richard Gannon for variation of the premises licence at the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent.

The reason for our objection is on grounds of public nuisance as follows.

Adams Hill is a residential area. There is no public transport so visitors must travel by car. It is a cul-de-sac and the Hill Tavern is situated at the very end of the cul-de-sac. At present, because there is no through traffic, the area is mostly completely silent by 11pm save for the occasional hooting of owls.

Any extension of the opening hours at the Hill Tavern, such as those proposed, would destroy the peace of the place and keep residents awake until the early hours of the morning as customers at the Hill Tavern made their way homeward talking (shouting?), slamming car doors and driving off down Adams Hill.

The playing etc. of music, and most particularly the playing etc. of music outdoors, can only increase, almost exponentially, the level of noise suffered by residents to a degree that would be unacceptable.

All this additional noise would be a great nuisance and very intrusive precisely because, at present, there is no other noise on Adams Hill late at night; there is no 'background noise' that would in any way temper the noise from the Hill Tavern.

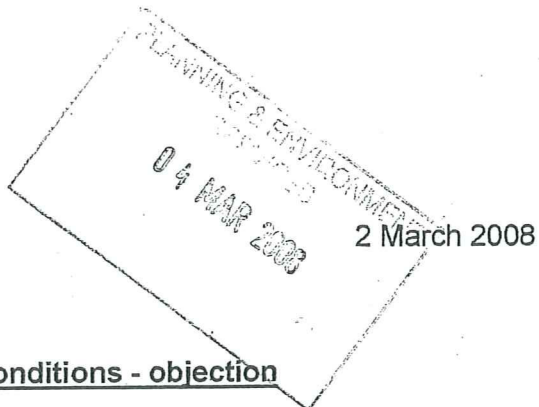
In addition, the noise and disturbance would be magnified by the particular topography of Adams Hill. It forms a narrow, blind valley with steep sides and the Hill Tavern is situated at the very end of the valley. At this point the valley resembles a bowl and acts rather like a sounding board with all noise echoing from the valley sides and rolling away down the hill. Great for listening to owls but most definitely not great when listening to 'the birdie song (?)', car engines etc.

All these factors combine to present a high degree of public nuisance and we would ask the Licensing Committee to consider this letter of objection and respectfully request that they refuse the application for variation of the premises licence at the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent.

Yours sincerely

Adams Hill Clent Stourbridge
West Midlands DY9 9PS
Telephone 01562 883331

Sharon Smith
Principal Licensing Officer
Planning Environmental Services
Bromsgrove District Council
The Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
B60 1AA



Dear Madam

The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent
Application to vary opening hours and conditions - objection

I wish to object to the extended opening hours applied for by The Hill Tavern.

The public house is just a country village pub, not a trendy bar in a town.

It is in a Conservation Area bordering on to National Trust land which is a wildlife haven, mainly nocturnal. It is approached by a narrow lane, Adams Hill, which is not a through road, ending at the Hill Tavern.

It follows that traffic going up the hill must come down via the same route.

As the Hill Tavern has no parking facility of its own all vehicles must park in the lane or small public car park.

Access for emergency vehicles is already frequently blocked – additional cars parked into the early hours will significantly extend this risk.

Because of its country location the vast majority of customers come by car.

This will generate significant noise and nuisance, especially when customers leave the pub in the early hours of the morning.

Adams Hill is a steep hill and passing traffic going up the hill frequently causes vibration to my house. A heavily laden dray lorry normally delivers between 6.00 am and 7.00 am which makes sleeping difficult after then.

The proposed extended hours and resulting noise and nuisance will considerably reduce the period that I am able to sleep.

I suggest that you visit the area to see that the applied for extended opening hours for food, drink and music, will be totally out of place for this particular country pub.

Yours faithfully,

**Adams Hill Clent Stourbridge
West Midlands DY9 9PS**

Tel/Fax: 01562 885675 Email: kjw@onetel.com

Sharon Smith
Principal Licensing Officer
Planning Environmental Services
Bromsgrove District Council
The Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
B60 1AA

2 March 2008

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**The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent
- application to vary licensing hours and conditions**

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Considerable visitor traffic occurs during holiday periods and some weekends. However, this is limited to day time and/or evenings.

When this traffic has gone the area is extremely quiet and tranquil. The expression 'silence of the night' is most appropriate. The National Trust is currently actively promoting the Clent Hills as a 'place of tranquillity'.

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There would be no point in the application if the intention was not to generate substantial additional traffic.

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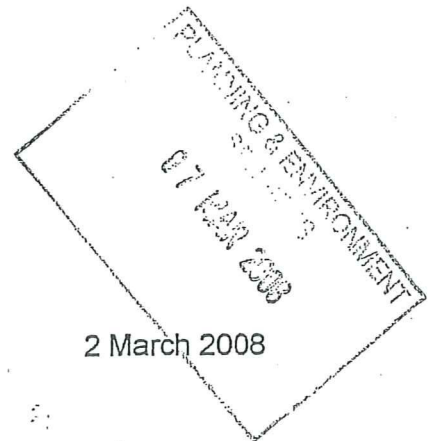
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Adams Hill.

Clent.

West Midlands

D49 9PS.

Dear Mrs Smith,

I am writing to object against the application made by the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent to extend its opening hours until 1am. I think it is wholly inappropriate in a quiet, rural, residential area to inflict these unsociable hours on local residents.

The late closure of the pub would undoubtedly cause noise as revellers left and cars/taxis etc were coming and going. As a family with young children we are also concerned about drunken behaviour that would almost certainly increase should this extension be granted.

The noise pollution created by the music playing until 12.30 am is also of concern. As there is no public transport serving this part of Clent, and certainly none that would run at these unsociable hours, revellers have no choice but to leave by car or taxi. Parking is already at a premium on Adams Hill and this would further exacerbate the problem.

causing yet further distress and inconvenience to residents and rate payers. This area is a quiet, rural location where the only sounds heard at night are of wildlife - owls mainly. I am most concerned the late opening of the pub will destroy the peaceful nature of the area.

By extending the hours until 1am this would effectively put the pub in competition with local nightclubs meaning the demographic of the customers would change to a considerably younger clientele-base. As drinking excessively in young adults is already a major concern in society I do not think we should be encouraging such behaviour by extending more licences.

I sincerely hope that sense will prevail to prevent another community being ruined by a drinking culture.

Yours sincerely



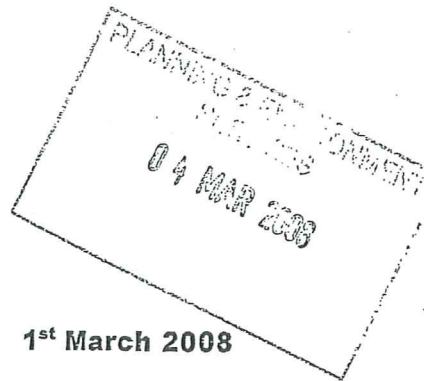
LICENSING ACT 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM A RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY
OR AN INTERESTED PARTY

Responsible Authority/Interested Party Name	
Address	ADAMS HILL, CLENT, DY9 9PS
Contact telephone number	07825 950197
Name of the premises you are making a representation about	HILL TAVERN
Address of premises	ADAMS HILL, CLENT, DY9 9PS
Which of the four licensing objectives does your representation relate to?	Please detail your evidence or give reasons to support your representation(s). Please use a separate sheet if necessary.
Prevention of crime and disorder	I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT THE EXTENDED OPENING HOURS WILL ENCOURAGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE TO CONTINUE DRINKING AFTER OTHER PUBLIC HOUSES ARE CLOSED
Public safety	THERE IS VERY LITTLE SPACE TO PARK AND WITH MORE HOURS TO DRINK AT THE PUB CARS WILL BE PARKED OVER HOUSE ACCESS AND ON GRASS AREAS
Prevention of public nuisance	CLENT IS A BEAUTIFUL, PEACEFUL PLACE AND I FEAR THAT THIS WILL BE IN DANGER AS THE HILL TAVERN IS AT THE TOP OF A DEAD END ROAD SO THE BUILD UP OF TRAFFIC + NOISE WILL
Protection of children from harm	BE GREAT

I WISH TO STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED OPENING HOURS, LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING FROM RICHARD GANNON REGARDING THE HILL TAVERN, ADAMS HILL, CLENT, DY9 9PS
I HAVE ONLY LIVED IN CLENT FOR A FEW MONTHS AND THE REASON I BOUGHT THE HOUSE ON ADAMS HILL WAS BECAUSE OF THE BEAUTY, PEACE AND QUIET. I FEEL AND BELIEVE THAT THIS COULD BE DESTROYED IF THE APPLICATION WENT AHEAD. THE APPLICATION TO PLAY MUSIC OUTSIDE UNTIL 1AM IN THE MORNING IS SOMETHING OF GREAT CONCERN AS WE ARE AT THE FOOT OF THE HILLS WHICH WOULD ADD TO THE INTENSITY OF THE MUSIC PLAYED OR MADE (KARAOKE?)

I ALSO FEEL THAT THIS WILL ALSO LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN TRAFFIC ON AN ACCESS ROAD. THERE IS LIMITED PARKING AVAILABLE AND IT WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES, IF THEY WERE NEEDED, TO GAIN ACCESS



**Adam's Hill
Clent
Stourbridge
W.Mids.
DY9 9PS**

1st March 2008

Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

The Hill Tavern, Clent

Dear Sir/Madam,

We hereby wish to register our opposition to the above pending application.

The Hill Tavern is situated at the 'closed end' of a residential cul-de-sac.

After many years when it was hardly patronised, it was acquired by a pub owning company who refurbished it and re-opened it in December last year.

It has no parking of its own causing customers to 'park in the street' or use the limited area of National Trust car parking in very close proximity to dwellings.

There are already late-night problems arising from licensed premises on Adam's Hill, such as noise and anti-social behaviour in the form of shouting, loud conversation, laughter, car doors banging, engines idling, litter etc.

A variation to the licence could only exacerbate these problems.

- **A licence granted until 1 am would mean that some customers, required to leave after drinking-up time (1.30 am) would continue their 'activities' outside and not finally leave the area until as late as 2 am.**

- **We feel too that the pub's setting, at the foot of the hill, may encourage some, particularly in warmer weather, to continue their 'evening' on the open land nearby.**
- **The prospect of late night drinking, we suggest, would attract undesirable elements and as such would ask you to consider the application in the light of concerns expressed nationally in the press and media regarding the alleged detrimental effects of 24 hour opening.**
- **The effect of a successful application would be to spoil the local resident's peace and enjoyment of this semi-rural area and would have a negative effect on property values.**

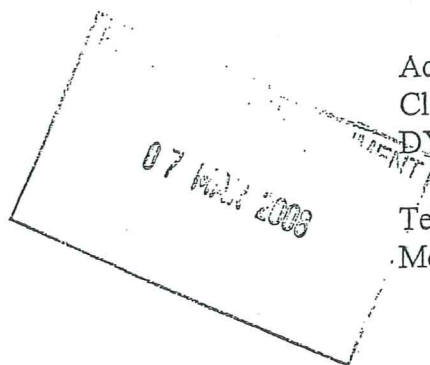
Finally we would mention two others matters :

- **Permission has been granted to build four dwellings on the site of the old arcade a short distance away from the pub. We invite you to consider the impact the application would have for the current land owner and future occupiers.**
- **In the early hours of 29th February there was an attempt to break into the pub. This is perhaps an indication of how the Hill Tavern has already begun to attract the wrong sort of attention as it continues to increase its profile through advertisement in the Midlands area.**

We beg you to consider the points above when making you decision.

Yours sincerely,

3rd March 2008



Adams Hill

Clent

DY9 9PS

Tel. 01562 882956

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F.A.O. Ms. Sharon Smith, The Licensing Section, Bromsgrove district Council
Ref: Current request for variations to the premises license, Hill Tavern, Clent.

Dear Ms. Smith,

Having taken the opportunity to examine the contents of the documentation relating to the above matter which you kindly supplied, I wish to exercise my right to make a formal representation as an interested party.

It would appear that if the licensing variations, as requested, are granted without question then the premises will be able to operate more in the mode of a nightclub or late night entertainment venue rather than the more family orientated drinking and dining establishment that locals were led to expect when the pub was recently refurbished. In deciding whether or not this would be an appropriate situation, I would ask that the Licensing Panel give due consideration to the following points:

1 Adams Hill is primarily a small residential hamlet comprising of around twenty five properties surrounded by green belt and National Trust land. Access is via a dead end country lane with parking restrictions to one or both sides along its entire length. The Hill Tavern is situated at the far end of this lane, at the head of the valley. This means that all traffic approaching or departing the establishment has to drive past local properties, in some cases at close quarters. Given that the request, as submitted, would allow regular 0130 and 0230 Hrs closing times, I would suggest that it would not be reasonable to expect residents, especially those with young children, to tolerate the noise generated by departing guests, slamming car doors and taxi horns at this hour of the morning. *[Prevention of public nuisance, Protection of children from harm]*

2 No other licensed establishment in the area appears to currently operate such extended hours with any degree of frequency. There is, therefore, the real possibility that this establishment may become a final "port of call" after other establishments have closed, leading to further increases in traffic volume and associated noise/social problems. *[Prevention of public nuisance, Prevention of crime and disorder]*

3 Both Adams Hill (generally) and the Hill Tavern (specifically) have no parking facilities of their own, and are reliant upon a goodwill arrangement with the National Trust for use of their parking areas. These areas are shared between visiting walkers (7 days, dawn till dusk), local residents and their visitors (24/7), the Four Stones restaurant (Tue-Sun, lunchtimes and evenings) and the Hill Tavern. In the event of the parking in the immediate vicinity of the pub becoming full, it is usual that parked vehicles will overspill onto double yellow lines outside residents properties, causing hazardous narrowing of the lane and access/egress problems.

This situation is already frequently encountered on sunny days, bank holidays and such like, even without any additional traffic which the pub may be expected to generate. If customers were encouraged to use the lower car parks as a possible solution, the impact on residents of vocal disturbances as groups of people walk back to their vehicles late at night along the largely unlit lane must still be considered. *[Prevention of public nuisance, Public safety]*

4 The local topography is such that the hills surrounding the Hill Tavern form something of a natural amphitheatre. When combined with the elevated position of the establishment, relative to every other building along the lane, there is a concern that noise resulting from any form of outside musical function will be audible well past what might be considered normal distance in a more sheltered or densely developed area. Limited experience provided by functions to date, which have been held internally within the pub, tend to indicate that this has the potential to become a major cause of irritation to residents. *[Prevention of public nuisance]*

In summary, I would suggest that the requested changes to the licensing conditions are ill considered in respect of the suitability of the venue, their potential impact on people living within the vicinity of that venue, and the potential impact on the geographical surroundings and local environment. It is my belief that any potential to fundamentally change to the way in which the establishment is operated should both reflect and compliment the surrounding character of the Clent Hills Conservation Area, which this proposal clearly does not. For these reasons, I would urge that the requested changes be rejected as unreasonable.

Yours Sincerely

Rose Cottage
Adams Hill,
Clerk.
DY9 9PS.



March 2nd 2008

Dear Mrs Smith,

I am writing to you with regards to the recent application for extended licencing hours and live music license at the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clerk.

We object to this application on the following grounds:

1) Current parking situation is unacceptable, people consistently park illegally, usually blocking access to our driveway.

Live Music would encourage more custom, therefore more cars.

We are also concerned about emergency vehicle access, as the gates at the pub are often left open, encouraging the general public to park there, thus blocking access.

2) Noise levels - During the summer 2007 there was a live music event (Neil Diamond impersonator) which went on until 1100 - the noise levels during this event were unacceptable. Our route is only 2 doors from the Hill Tavern and so, therefore we are affected by any noise.

Also, the customers who attended his function were very much the worse for wear, leaving the pub loudly, beeping car horns, car music, shouting etc. An extended licence for music would only make his kind of noise a more regular event.

Other concerns are general public nuisance, drunken behaviour and disruption to residents.

The area where we live is within National Trust Parkland and an area of outstanding natural beauty.

There is absolutely no call for this type of public house in Clerk.

The residents do not want this, and we hope you will take our thoughts and comment on board when looking at this case.

If you need to contact us please call

Yours sincerely,

3 March
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VIOLATIONS



Dear Mr Sork

I am writing to
confirm my
profound concern
regarding the
proposed licensing
laws at The Hill
Town, Adams Hill
clerk.

Having lived in

This area all my
life, I feel that
still retains most
of its semi-rural
charm, & is of
course an area much
visited & enjoyed
by many people.

The existing
restaurants offer
excellent food &
their clientele comes
from far & wide

to appreciate not
only their health but
the peaceful & stress
free peaceful
environment in the
evenings.

So should the
new laws at the
all tavern permit
drinking & dancing
& loud music till
all hours of the
morning, seven
days a week,

In very essence
of club's atmosphere
will completely
disappear, & I
imagine the
established local
restaurant will
suffer as a direct
result.

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"Cafe Society"

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materialize &
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that this will be
except for the
dreadful secret
we witness daily
in the area, is
to put it mildly
naïve in the extreme

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no dumb drugs,

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& I can foresee
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subjected to noise
& urine & drinker
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behaviour.

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nearby town
already offers a
superior

3
venues for people
craving the 'right
life', without
spoiling yet
another beauty
spot.

A fact also
worthy of thought
is the narrowness
of our lanes, which
for people unfamiliar
with them can be
dangerous in the
dark.

The extra volume
of traffic in the
early hours will
prove particularly
annoying to
all local residents

I sincerely hope
you will take
time to consider
every aspect of
this matter with
the gravity it
deserves, otherwise

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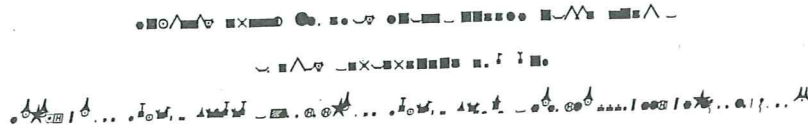
You may well
discover with
 hindsight that
you have made
a truly
irresponsible
decision.

Yours sincerely



THE NATIONAL TRUST

for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty



Sharon Smith
Principle Licensing Officer

Our Ref
Date 10 March 2008

10 March 2008

Re. Hill Tavern, Adams Hill application to vary a premises licence under Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licence number 51)

Dear Ms Smith

I am writing to outline National Trust concerns about proposed changes to the premises licence at the Hill Tavern. In essence our main concern is the following clause:

To permit live music, recorded music performance of dance and provision of facilities for dancing outdoors Monday to Sunday 09.00hr until 23.00 h on no more than 52 occasions per calendar year.

The National Trust would object to the proposal on the ground of causing a public nuisance, with outdoor events disturbing the essential peace and tranquillity that is found and sought out on the hills. The Clent Hills are an extremely important site for the people of Birmingham to find 'green lungs' and enjoy peace and quiet in an outdoor setting. As an organisation we are committed to conserving 'special places, for every for everyone' and so feel that any outside noise or disruption could endanger the 'special' nature of the hills.

In addition we are also concerned about noise levels generated from the Hill Tavern if permitted to play music loudly inside the premises and ask that noise level guidelines are enforced if application is granted.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns further if required. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



Adams Hill
Clent
Stourbridge
West Midlands
DY9 9PS

For the attention of Sharon Smith
Licensing Department
Bromsgrove District Council
Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
Worcestershire
B60 1AA



7 March 2008

Dear Sirs,

Re: Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent

Objection to Application for extension of licensing hours by proprietor of The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent, Stourbridge.

I write as a partner of the establishment known as the Four Stones Restaurant, Adams Hill, Clent, Stourbridge. I understand that the licensee of the premises known as the Hill Tavern has applied to extend the licensing hours at the establishment to 1am for serving drinks and to 12.30 am for the playing of music.

Adams Hill is a quiet area of Clent. As partners of the Four Stones Restaurant for fourteen years, we have always made efforts to ensure that the restaurant is unobtrusive to local residents and neighbours.

I am concerned that this extension of hours would encourage unnecessary late drinking and create noise that would be detrimental to the local residents and would therefore antagonise those residents. Customers would not be required to leave the public house until as late as 1.30am. Other local licensed premises stop serving at around 11pm. We feel that the availability of late night drinking will attract late visitors from these other local premises and have an undesirable effect on residents.

Yours faithfully,

Memorandum

To: Principal Licensing Officer

From: Environmental Health Unit

Date: 6.3.08



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LICENSING ACT 2003, PREMISES LICENSE VARIATION. THE HILL TAVERN, ADAMS HILL, CLENT, STOURBRIDGE.

I refer to the application dated 12 February 2008 for the variation of the above mentioned premises licence.

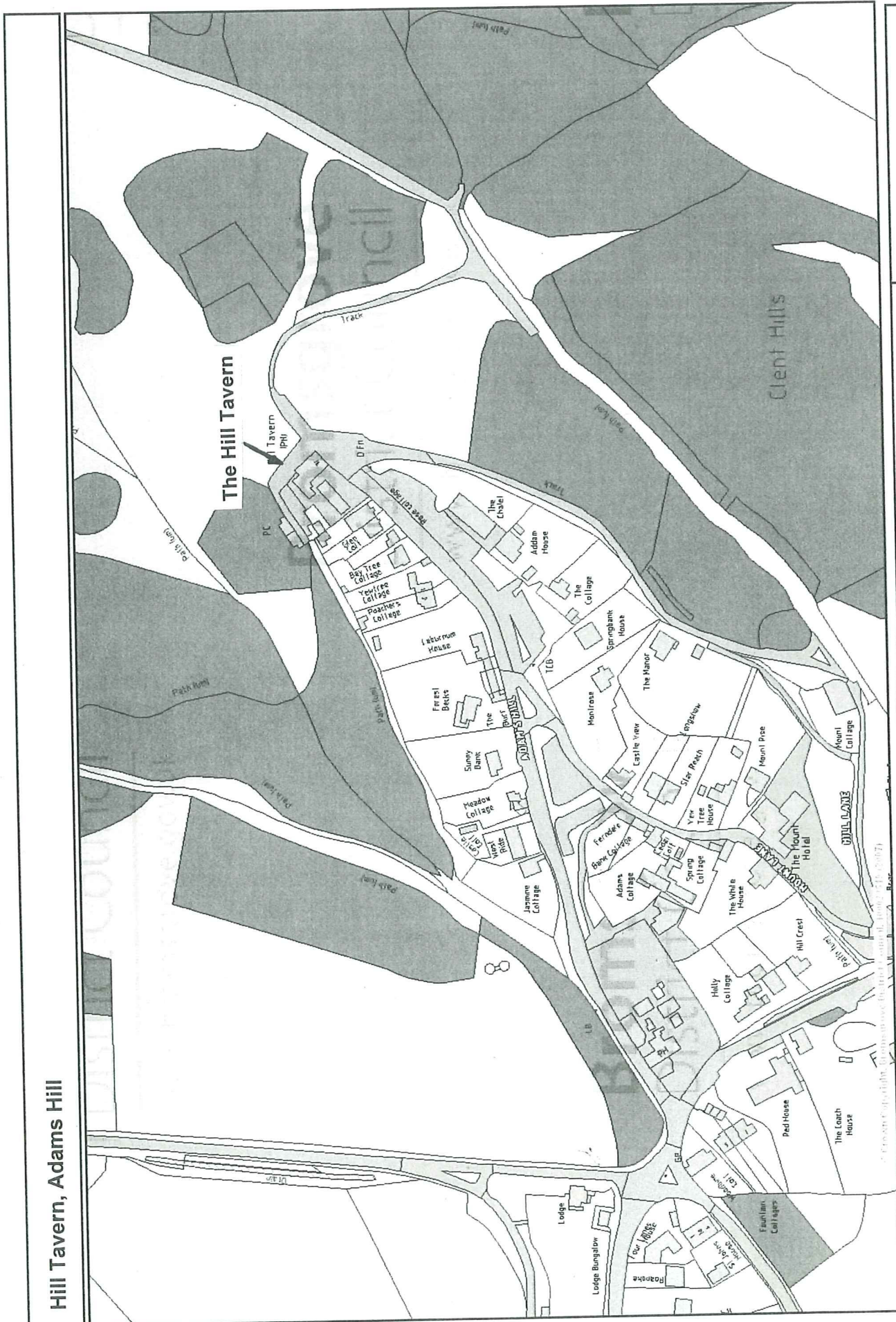
Having considered this application, I am concerned that the proposed variations would lead to increased noise which would be detrimental to the amenity of the area in general, and would carry a high risk of nuisance and loss of amenity for nearby residential premises.

In particular, I believe that it would be inappropriate to permit live or recorded music outdoors at this location at any time.

I would recommend that if live and/or recorded music is to be permitted inside the premises, this should be conditional upon the applicant having an assessment of the sound insulation of the building envelope carried out by a competent person, and a suitable scheme of noise insulation works including sound proofed windows, doors and mechanical ventilation specified as necessary. The assessment and sound insulation scheme to be submitted to and approved by BDC and implemented before live or recorded music events are held at the premises.

Notwithstanding the above, there would also be a potential for additional noise disturbance to local residents from patrons leaving the premises as late as 0130 hours

I trust this information is sufficient for your purposes, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.



Hill Tavern, Adams Hill

Date 4/3/2008

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