



Bromsgrove District Council

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Premises Licence

Licensing Act 2003

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 milliamperes 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.



Adams Hill
Client
Stourbridge
DY99PS



Licensing Department
Bromsgrove Council
The Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove

29th February 2008-02-29

Dear Sir

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

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

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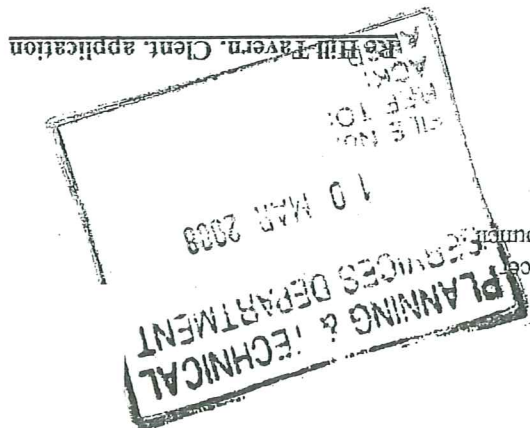
I wish to add my comments to those you will have already received from the residents of Clent regarding the applications for an extended drinks licence and late music.

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.

Dear Madam,

Sharon Smith
Principal Licensing Officer
Bromsgrove District Council
Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
B60 1AA



Woodman Lane
Clent Nr Stourbridge
DY9 9PX
March 7th 2008

Yours faithfully,

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!

I believe it will bring nothing but unwanted noise and disruption to a quiet and peaceful village. We already have joy riders screaming 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!

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

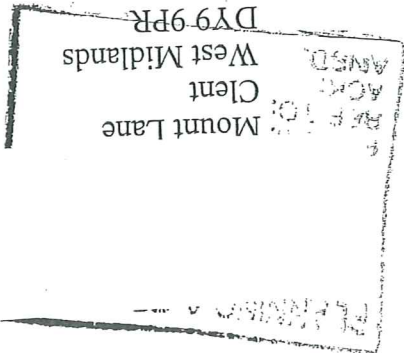
Dear Madam,

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

Thursday 6th March 2008

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

01562 882 342



F.A.O. Sharon Smith
March 4th 2008.

Adams Hill, Client, West Mids,
PLANNING & TECHNICAL
SERVICES DEPARTMENT
10 MAR 2008
FILE No.
REF TO:
ACK:
ANSD.
DW 3269 9250 5GB

With reference to the application by the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Client 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 Client Hills country park

Yours sincerely

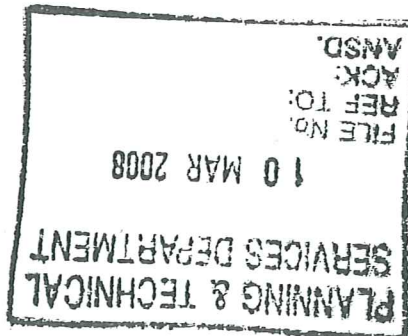
I would like to take this opportunity to make comments regarding a Licensing application submitted by Mr Richard Gannon to vary the 'premises licence' at the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Client.

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.

Dear Mrs Smith,

Mrs. Sharon Smith
Principal Licensing Officer
The Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
Worcestershire
B60 1AA
Ref: Premises Licence number 51



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10 March 2008

Principal Licensing Officer
Planning & Environmental Services
Bromsgrove District Council
The Council House
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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
Client
Stourbridge
DYY gPS**

29 February 2008

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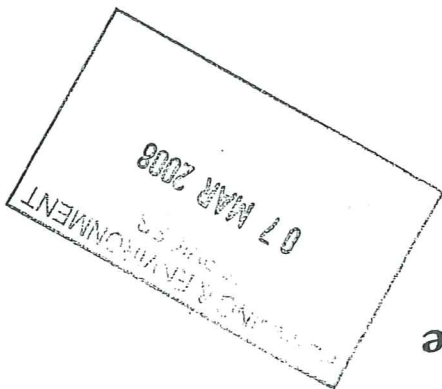
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Adams Hill is a residential street and if the proposed opening hours go ahead this will mean people congregating in this pub for late drinks which will mean noise and disruption at 1.30 am on most evenings and this will be exacerbated in the summer months when I am sure people will be sitting outside.

Many thanks.
Yours faithfully

29 February 2008

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Client
Stourbridge
West Midlands
DY9 9PR

Tel : 01562 883009

8 March 2008



Dear Madam

Re : The Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clent, Worcestershire.
Application to Vary a Premises Licence.

It has come to my attention that the owner of the above public house has made an application to vary his licence to allow the sale of alcohol and recorded music and to permit live music and dancing both within and outside the above premises for considerably extended opening hours.

Whilst I welcomed the re-opening of The Hill Tavern as a public house, I wish to register my strongest possible objection to this latest development.

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.

It is inevitable that traffic nuisance will increase as Adams Hill is a cul-de-sac and anyone visiting The Hill Tavern by car is obliged to depart by the same route whence they arrived. There will also be increased nuisance to local residents due to the limited car parking available. The public house has no car park and is, therefore, reliant upon patrons using the existing limited street parking.

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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Sharon Smith
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Planning Environmental Services
Bromsgrove District Council
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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.

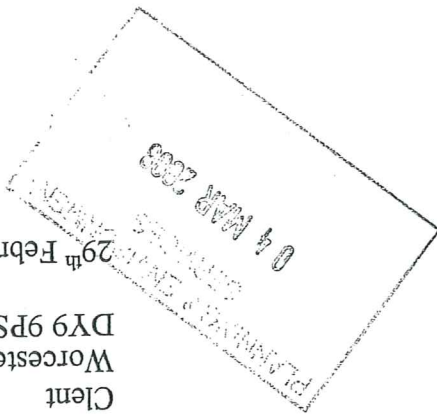
As the Hill Tavern has no parking facilities this means that vehicles are parked immediately outside residents' homes.

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,

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

HILL TAVERN, ADAMS HILL, CLENT

Dear Mrs Smith

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

2nd March 2008

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01562 886989



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.

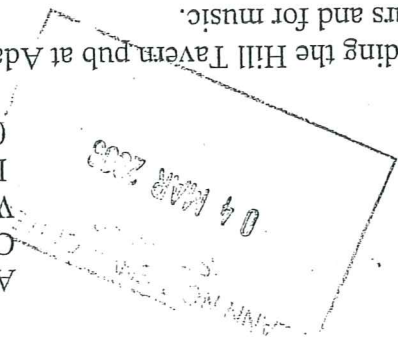
The increase in cars has caused many problems with parking for myself and daughter. People are taking up all the car parking spaces and parking on double yellow lines. I'm also annoyed at the rowdy behaviour of some of the people leaving the pub who do not go straight home but stand talking loudly or 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.

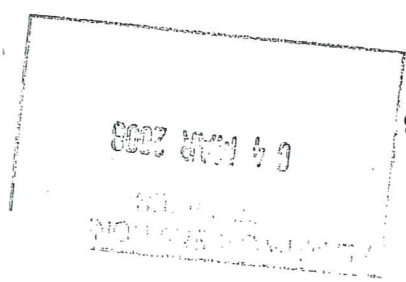
If licence to extend hours and music is granted, it would be most regrettable and if they wanted a pub for longer hours they should have gone to a town not a quiet countryside. Furthermore, no notice of this licence request was made known to us local people. I'm told it was by 'chance' that it was found 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 Client to advertise the opening!! I ask that licence to extend drinking hours or for music be dismissed.

Yours, Sincerely,

Adams Hill
Client
West Midlands
DY9 9PS
02.03.08



1st March 2008



Adam's Hill
Client
Stourbridge
DY9 9PS

01562 885242

With reference to the application to vary the licence of The Hill

Tavern, Client.

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,
Butcot Lane, Bromsgrove,
B 60 1 AA.

Dear Ms. Smith,

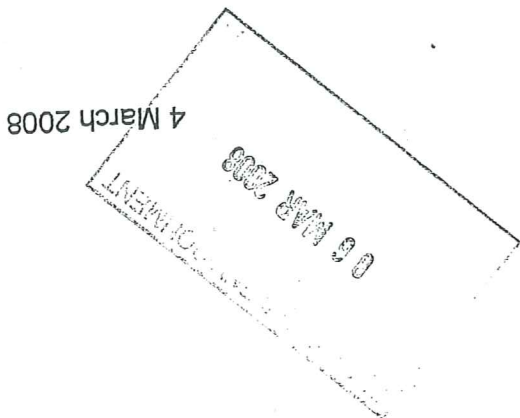
Ref: Application for Extended Licensing Hours by Hill Tavern, Adams Hill,
Clent.

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 Adams Hill and onwards along the narrow, poorly lit lanes of Woodman, Odnull 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
Stourbridge DY9 9PX
07860 825825



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

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,

p.s. I don't think the rabbits, badgers or the deer will be taking too kindly 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.

Yours faithfully

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

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.

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.

careful!

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!

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!

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.

Dear Madam,

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

Date: 6th March 2008

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

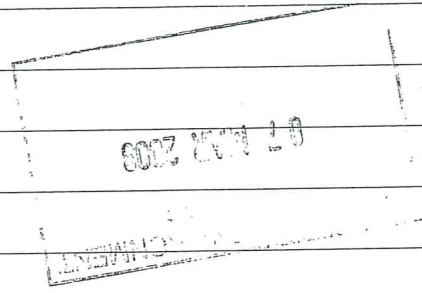


Mount Lane
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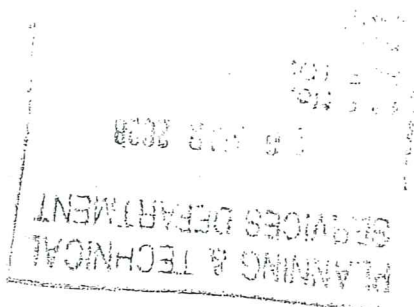
DEAR SHARON SMITH
KEF HILL TRAVEL
OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO HILL TRAVEL EXTEND
OPENING HOURS PLUS MUSIC SEVEN DAYS A WEEK
ARE NOISE, WE BELIEVE THE NOISE WOULD
BE INTOLERABLE, PLUS DRUNKEN BEHAVIOUR,
VANDALISM, PARKING WOULD BE A PROBLEM,
PRICE OF PAPERETS WOULD GO DOWN,
WE FEEL THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE
IN GLENT WOULD BE DIMINISHED.

MOUNT LANS
GLENT
STOURBRIDGE
DY99 1X
5-3-08



March 7th 2008

Mount Lane
Clent
Stourbridge
DY9 9PR



To: Principal Licensing Officer, Bromsgrove District Council
Re: Application to vary the premise license under the 2003 Licensing Act at the Hill 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 none-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,

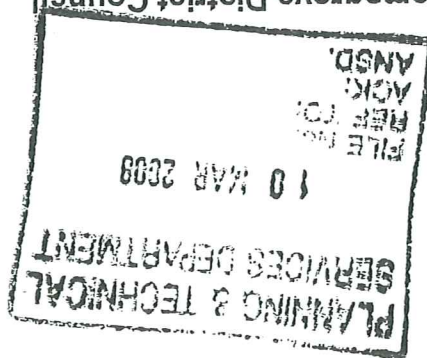
Yours sincerely

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

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 Client. I am worried about early morning revellers speeding down this unit 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.

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.

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



March 7th 2008

Mount Lane
Client
Stourbridge
DY9 9PR

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
29 FEB 2008

Clair

Stourbridge

W. H. 019999

27 Feb 08

Dear Sir,

I wish to object to the proposal

that the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, Clair,

has put forward to extend its opening

hours for morning drinks to 1 am &

music to 12.30am 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

Beams Grove District Council.

SHARON SMITH.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:-

Yours faithfully

hours.

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.

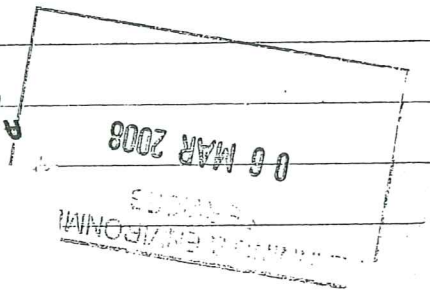
Dear Madam,

RE: NEW LICENSING HOURS 'THE HILL TUNNEL. ADAMS HILL'

28th Feb. 2008.

WORKS. DY9 9PS.

ADAMS HILL, CLEUT



Yours sincerely

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

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 unfit 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.

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

Dear Sharon

Worcestershire.

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

27th February 2008

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

Yew Tree Cottage
Adams Hill
Client
Worcestershire
DY9 9PS

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

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.

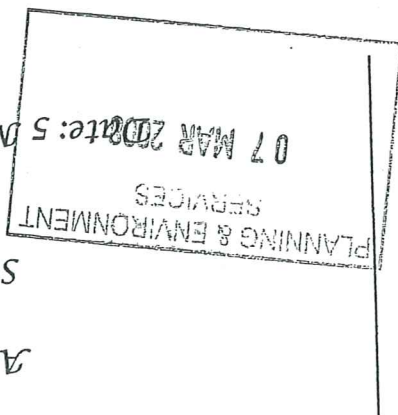
All this additional noise would be a great nuisance and very intrusive precisely because, at present, there is no other noise on Adams Hill late at night; there is no 'background noise' that would in any way temper the noise from the Hill Tavern.

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
Dy9 9PS
07 MAR 2008 Date: 5 March 2008



Adams Hill Cilent 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, Cilent

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

Dear Madam

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

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It is at the end of Adams Hill, a narrow dead end lane with very limited parking space.

The variation to the licence, if granted, will result in the destruction of the current quietness now enjoyed at that time of night and into the early morning.

Sound appears magnified and bounces around the valley. The prospect of any outside music or dancing at all is totally unacceptable.

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'.

I believe that a great deal of noise and traffic will be generated late at night and into the early hours of the morning arising from customers going to and leaving the Hill Tavern and will result in considerable public nuisance.

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

A public house with known late opening hours will attract customers who leave other establishments purely with the knowledge that there is a pub legitimately open until the early hours of the morning seven days a week – the 'last orders dash'.

A late night venue is totally inappropriate for this location.

It is very evident nationwide that significant nuisance is caused late at night and in the early hours of the morning to residents living near to a public house, as a direct result of extended opening hours.

Rejecting the application will ensure that this does not happen with the Hill Tavern.

Yours faithfully,

Adams Hill Clent Stourbridge
West Midlands DY9 9PS
Tel/Fax: 01562 885675 Email: kjw@onetel.com

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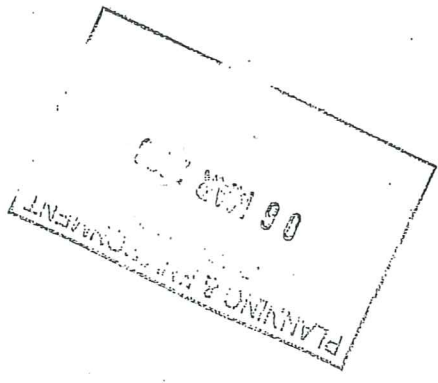
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Yours faithfully,

I am writing to object against the application made by the The Tavern, Adams Hill, Cleat 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 are were causing and going. As a family with young children we are also concerned about drunken behaviour that could 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 Cleat, 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.

Dear Mrs Smith,



Adams Hill.
 Cleat.
 West Meadows
 Dy9 9PS.

company yet further address and measures
to residents and rate payers. This area is a quiet
rural location where the only sound heard at
night are of whistle-outs mainly. I am
most concerned the late opening of the pub will
destry the peaceful nature of the area.

By extending the hours until 1am this would
effectively put the pub in competition with local
pubs meaning the demographic of the
customers would change to a considerably

younger clientele base. Its drinking excessively
in young adults is already a major concern in
society I do not think it should be encouraging
such behaviour by extending more licenses.

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

Yours sincerely



REPRESENTATION FORM FROM A RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY OR AN INTERESTED PARTY

Responsible Authority/Interested Party		Name	
Address		Name of the premises you are making a representation about	
ADAMS HILL, CLINT, DY9 9PS		HILL TAVERN	
Contact telephone number		Address of premises	
07825 950197		ADAMS HILL, CLINT, DY9 9PS	

Which of the four licensing objectives does your representation relate to?
 Prevention of crime and disorder
 Public safety
 Prevention of public nuisance
 Protection of children from harm

I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT THE EXTENDED OPENING HOURS WILL ENCOURAGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE TO CONTINUE DRINKING AFTER OTHER PUBLIC HOUSES ARE CLOSED

THERE IS VERY LITTLE SPACE TO PARK AND WITH MORE HOURS TO DRIVE AT THE PUB CARS WILL BE PARKED OVER HOUSE ACCESS AND ON GRASS AREAS

CLINT 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 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 I AM 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

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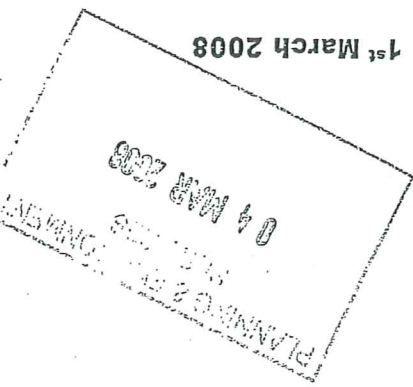
AND IT WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR

EMERGENCY VEHICLES, IF THEY WERE NEEDED,

TO GAIN ACCESS

Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

Adam's Hill
Client
Stourbridge
W.Mids.
DY9 9PS



The Hill Tavern, Client

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.

Yours sincerely,

decision.

We beg you to consider the points above when making you

profile through advertisement in the Midlands area. wrong sort of attention as it continues to increase its how the Hill Tavern has already begun to attract the to break into the pub. This is perhaps an indication of In the early hours of 29th February there was an attempt occupiers.

would have for the current land owner and future pub. We invite you to consider the impact the application the site of the old arcade a short distance away from the Permission has been granted to build four dwellings on

Finally we would mention two others matters :

values.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

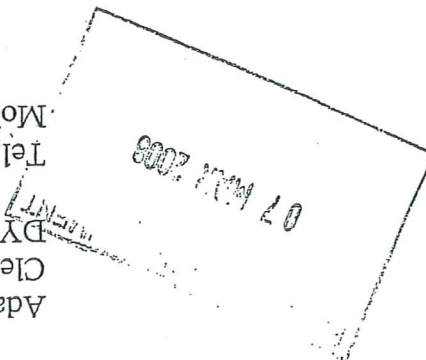
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Adams Hill

Client

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Ms. Sharon Smith, The Licensing Section, Bromsgrove district Council
Current request for variations to the premises license, Hill Tavern, Client.

F.A.O.
Ref:

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, lunches 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 complement the surrounding character of the Client 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

West
Dy9 9PS

March 2nd 2008



Dear Mrs Smith,

I am writing to you with regards to the recent application for extended licensing hours and live music licence at the Hill Tavern, Adams Hill, West. 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 cars, therefore 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 (New Diamond Impersonator) which went on until 1100 - the noise levels during this event were unacceptable. Our route is only 20m from the Hill Tavern and so, therefore we are affected by any noise.

your's sincerely,

If you need to contact us please call

at this cost and comment on board when feeling

we hope you will take our thought

The residents do not want this, and

type of public house in Clark.

There is absolutely no car for this

of outstanding natural beauty.

National Trust Park and an area

The area where we live is within

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

More regular event.

Any more this kind of noise a

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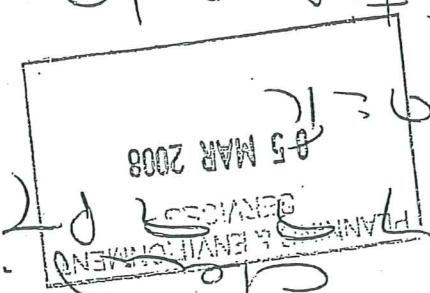
wear, leaving the pub loudly, banging

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Also, the customers who attended this

I am writing to
confirm my
professional concern
regarding the
proposed licensing
laws on the Hill
Town, Adams Hill
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Dear Mrs. Sorell
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Prave Park already
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all local residents
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you will take
time to consider
every aspect of
this matter with
us privately if
desires, please

If
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discuss with
Kilgus & Hal
you have made
a truly
irreversible
decision.
Yours sincerely

THE NATIONAL TRUST
for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty



Appendix C

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.

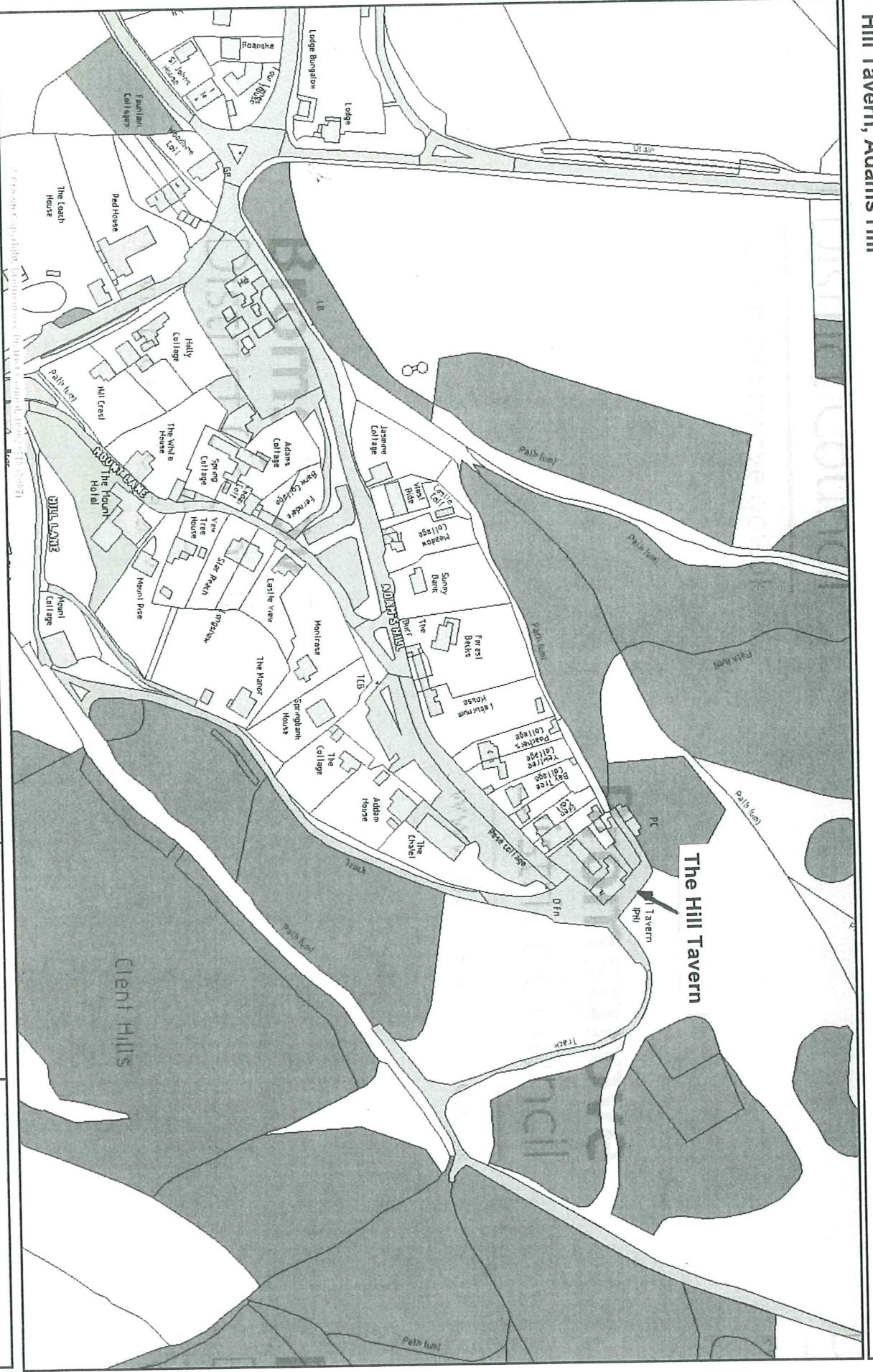
In particular, I believe that it would be inappropriate to permit live or recorded music outdoors at this location at any time.

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



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