REPRESENTATIONS FROM OTHER PERSONS (Objections)

1.

From: Robert Horne

Sent: 22 June 2020 15:57

To: WRS Enquiries

Subject: External Email : RE: 20/02410/PREMLI

I would like to register my objection to the application 20/02410/PREMLI.

The application is for licenced premises at 1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch, B48 JX. I am a resident at [redacted] Alvechurch [redacted].

Bear Hill is a residential street in a small village. It has the village green and village hall on it.

I find it completely unacceptable that a Bar is being planned at 1 Bear Hill but almost as horrifying is the application for a alcohol license and entertainment license until 1am at the weekend and 1130pm during the week!

Consider the village hall has restrictions in place that prevent entertainment (music) after 1100pm and everyone must leave by 1130pm. If a village hall has such restrictions how can a bar be allowed to stay open past that.

As per the planning application I make the case on the following points:

- the prevention of crime & disorder – A late night bar in this street would bring an increase in footfall along the street late at night which would only increase the opportunities for criminal activity especially along a residential street. Additionally parking is very limited, already people frequently park on double yellows and in the disabled parking bays right outside 1 Bear Hill, once can only assume this iilegal activity will increase late at night with a bar open.

- prevention of public nuisance – Bear Hill is a residential street, with all properties set right on the street with no gardens to the front. People bedrooms, living rooms and front doors face the street with only a pavement before the road. As such, a bar open until 1am on the weekends and 1130 at the weekends would bring a public nuisance in terms of noise. Music, empty bottles being placed in bins, deliveries, patrons leaving and staff leaving work would be extremely disruptive. Noise from a commercial property would be hear by all residents on the street. Many residents on the street including myself work shifts so have to be up early frequently, lack of sleep from the noise of the bar would have a detrimental effect on our lives.

Kind regards,

Robert Horne

2.

From: Samantha Price

Sent: 22 June 2020 22:21

To: WRS Enquiries

Subject: External Email : Licence application 20/02410/PREMLI

22/06/2020

Ref 20/02410/PREMLI

Dear Sirs

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a premises licence by Ervin Sadria for Tranquil Bar Limited at the Old Post Office, 1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch, B48 7JX

The basis for the opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour and the prevention of public nuisance.

The Old Post Office lies within a quiet village residential area, already serviced more than adequately by 3 other licenced premises within a half mile radius of said property. The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption between 11am and 1am Friday and Saturday, and between 11:30 to 23:00 Sunday to Thursday. Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area so heavily populated with licensed premises that crime, disorder and public nuisance will undoubtedly be increased. The proposal would be very disruptive to all the households in the direct vicinity of the premises as it is clear that the reality of the proposed licencing times would create noise and disturbance until at least 1:30am or even later.

Having an additional licenced premises, especially one requesting to operate late at night and into the early hours of the morning will cause a significant nuisance, impacting on the people living in the surrounding premises

The negative impacts will include but not be limited to:

- Noise and vibration from ventilation, cooling and gas equipment required for the type of premises applied for. This is one of the grounds for objecting to the development of the building directly next door to the premises applying for this licence

- Noise and vibration from the premises due to live music and human voices. There is no barrier to stop noise escaping from the building to the front or from the rear of the property, and due to the close vicinity to other properties, will reverberate and accentuate the problem. The historic nature of the building does not allow for air conditioning, soundproofing or double glazing to alleviate any of these issues.

- Significant disturbance of the surrounding premises due to the premises requesting opening times beyond 11pm. All other licensed premises in the village do not operate on late licences.

- The location of the property so close to the main road, with no dropping off facility, or available parking will mean congregation of people creating a disturbance in a quiet residential area of the village. There is no parking at the property, and residential parking is already at a premium. The main public car parking is in the car park off Tanyard Lane, however access to this from the property will be only on foot and pass directly through a residential area.

- The potential nuisance created by any lighting and/or security/surveillance and the infringement to privacy created to the rear of the premises, directly impacting on the gardens and properties of Swan Street whose gardens and houses directly overlook the rear of the property. The same can be said of the same items to the front of the property impacting on the residents of Bear Hill.

In addition there are concerns relating to Public Safety

Fire Safety

- There is no access to the rear of the property for provision of a fire escape. The access at the rear of the property is by private gate only, which is locked and owned by the neighbouring property, permission for public use of this access has not been given. There is also no area suitable for fire evacuation to the front of the premises

Ensuring the safety of people when leaving the premises

- Alvechurch village is a large village, however in the evenings there is no public transport running through this part of the village. There is no late night transportation in the village, and given the location of the building, people exiting the premises late at night would be forced to congregate close to a main road. This in turn will cause a public nuisance, the noise creating a problem to the neighbouring and opposite properties, and the potential for damage to both persons and significant village landmarks in the direct vicinity.

Ensuring appropriate and frequent waste disposal

- There is no parking available in front of the premises for either deliveries, or collections of waste, without causing an obstruction to both a main road through the village, and obstruction to other businesses and residential dwellings directly adjacent to the property. The associated noise pollution with these deliveries/collections would also create a significant public nuisance. There is also concern over how increased waste storage will impact on the surrounding properties. There is no space available to the front of the property for storage, and no access to the rear for industrial size refuse storage/collection.

Precedent for refusal

- No existing and surrounding licensed premises operate late licenses
- Complaints relating to noise at Café Morso resulted in all evening activities, with the exception of limited private events being suspended.

In view of all of the points the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Kind Regards

Samantha Price

3.

From: heather burden

Sent: 23 June 2020 08:36

To: WRS Enquiries

Subject: External Email : Application 20/02410/PREMLI

I wish to register an objection to the above mentioned licencing application.

Although in the centre of the village, the area is predominantly residential and my objection is based on that for the following reasons:

1. Excessive noise – the building backs onto residential properties in Swan Street and very close to other residential properties on Bear Hill. The remainder of the building is designated for residential use. Loud music until 1.00 a.m. would be a major disturbance to residents

2. Lack of parking – insufficient parking for existing residents on Bear Hill

3. Increased vehicular traffic

In addition, there are already 6 other licenced premises in the village all of which will be struggling to operate after suffering the effects of Covid 19.

Mrs. J.H. Burden

Alvechurch resident

4.

From: Tracey Tisdell

Sent: 23 June 2020 12:14

To: WRS Enquiries

Subject: External Email : 20/0210/PREMLI

Dear sir/Madam,

I am objecting to a licence application for applicant Ervin Sadria for premises name Tranquil Bar Limited. 1 Bear Hill Alvechurch Worcestershire B48 7JX

My objection relates to public safety and prevention of public nuisance.

The road the premises is situated on is primarily a residential road and my fear is the increased traffic this premises could bring, on an already overstretched and very well used piece of road could leave the usual residents with parking problems, not to mention the increase in traffic flow!

This problem would probably not be restricted to just this road either as the customers for the premises go further a field to find a parking space for their vehicles and then when when retrieving them in the early hours of the morning possibly causing a noise disturbance and I also see this as possibly encouraging drink driving.

My next concern is the 'live music' that they state they are going to offer to the early hours of the morning! Again I reiterate, this is a residential road, where there is likely to be very young residents, very elderly residents, people on shift work....how are they meant to cope with a business across the road from them blasting music out to the early hours? Is this business so well sound proofed that no one will hear anything?

My opinion is that for a very small area Alvechurch has enough businesses that sell alcohol already and we do not need another one, especially one that seems to bring such antisocial values to the village with it.

Yours Sincerely

Tracey Tisdell

5.

From: Alexandra Fitzpatrick

Sent: 23 June 2020 12:47

To: WRS Enquiries

Subject: External Email : 20/02410/PREMLI

Hi

I am writing in relation to the above application, which refers to a new application for a premises licence at 1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch, B48 7JX.

As per the Government's guidelines regarding commenting on such applications, I refer to the following points:

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

The key points I would like to raise are as follows:

- I cannot see how the owners can service a bar effectively, which includes stock deliveries and dealing with busy customer periods, on such a key route through the village centre that has both high pedestrian usage and also vehicular usage. The road is already incredibly busy and parking is difficult for residents on Bear Hill due to the number of limited on road spaces. Stock deliveries in HGVs will disrupt traffic and cause serious road blocks. The planning application for the neighbouring property on the corner of Bear Hill and Swan Street raised similar concerns regarding traffic and congestion (this was for Simply Fresh a local convenience store.)

- I also am concerned about the disruption to the Village Hall activities and their parking facilities (which includes disabled spaces.) This property is located opposite the subject property. The Village Hall provides various events throughout the year for both children and adults and it is a valuable community asset that brings much happiness and social interaction for us residents.

- The fire exit provision for safety of customers needs to be identified – do building regulations allow for this through the front of the building as there appears to be no other alternative?

- The proposed hours of operation are long and for live music and late night alcoholic beverages to be allowed until 1am is incredibly disruptive for local village residents on what is predominantly a quiet residential street. More importantly the immediate neighbours, who will feel the impact of an outdoor seating area and how this looks into their property and private space.

- I note the tenants for the apartments above the proposed bar have a right of way across neighbouring private land that provides access to the rear of 1 Bear Hill. How does the applicant propose to ensure that this is only utilised by the future tenants and not the customers of the bar? And how will the Council enforce this? I cannot see a viable solution to this key issue for the neighbours safety and privacy of their private dwelling and land.

I would also like to highlight that the applicant is still to meet the conditions of the original planning application, notably the chimney and guttering replacement.

I trust this is all in order. [redacted] I am keen to see buildings repurposed and brought back to life, but it must be in line with government guidelines and public safety, and our rights regarding public nuisance. I am 29 years old and so in theory would be a key target customer for this establishment (!) but I cannot stress enough my objection to this premises licence application and the disruption it will bring to our residential street.

Kind Regards

Alex

6.

From: Jones, Jo
Sent: 23 June 2020 14:33
To: WRS Enquiries
Subject: External Email : 20/02410/PREMLI

20/02410/PREMLI

Applicant:

Ervin Sadria

Premises Name:

Tranquil Bar Limited

Premises Address:

1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch, Worcestershire, B48 7JX

From Carol-Jo Jones

[redacted]

Dear Sirs,

As a resident [redacted], I will be directly affected by the application for a premises licence certificate for 1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch, Worcestershire, B48 7JX.

I vehemently oppose the application for an alcohol license for the following reasons:

This is a quiet residential area, in a rural village location. The village already has 7 licensed premises in the locality – 4 public houses, the social club, gin and pickles and I believe cafe morso also serves alcohol. Therefor any new venue is going to be cannibalizing their business, or bringing in people from outside the village - but we don't have the parking to support this, and this will present a public safety problem for residents.

- the prevention of crime & disorder

There is also no public transport that would be operating at 1am, and the village is not well serviced by taxis – with limited options, patrons visiting the proposed establishment may resort to to driving intoxicated.

Number 2:

- public safety

I am very concerned about the increased traffic - as roads were initially set out prior to modern traffic, and would not cope with any increased volume and could leave the village grid locked, and there would be numerous logistical problems for deliveries for a licenced premises in that area.

It is already perilous to round the corner on to Swan Street from Bear Hill as there is no pavement. I used to fear for my daughter's safety when I would walk her along that stretch from nursery.

Secondly when there are events at the village hall, such as evening entertainment or armature dramatic performances this inevitably draws people to the village who would not be there otherwise. These people often drive, and as there is only approximately 5 designated parking spaces to service the vicinity (encompassing the village hall, fish and chip shop, estate agent, hair dressers, barbers) the street becomes swamped with cars, who are often illegally parked and residents get very frustrated. I have observed numerous arguments resulting from these situations and fear further tensions may lead to physical confrontations.

An application has been made for parking permits for residents, however this has yet to be decided on I believe.

- the protection of children from harm

There is no pavement at the bottom of the hill and increased traffic flow would put children at increased risk, where the crossing the road is already dangerous.

And as I stated, I have observed numerous altercations over parking in the vicinity of the proposed venue, and as the mother of a 6 year old I would not wish for her to witness this behavior, as it is very distressing for her.

- prevention of public nuisance

Finally living in a quiet village is lovely – the proposal of a late-night music license until 1am would pose a real nuisance. Many of the buildings such as mine are grade 2 listed, and we are therefore unable to have double glazing – so the noise of music every weekend until 1am and the sound of intoxicated revelers exiting the venue would be very disruptive to me and my family. I am occasionally disturbed by people walking past, but I am happy to say this isn't frequently, but fear I would have to leave the locality if the proposed license is granted.

Jo Jones

7.

From: Mark Pumphrey

Sent: 22 June 2020 21:37

To: WRS Enquiries

Subject: External Email : Application 20/02410/PREMLI

I see there is an application for an alcohol licence for 1 Bear Hill. I have concerns about this application on the grounds that it is highly likely to increase anti social behaviour with pubs such as the Red Lion and Swan closing at 11pm and the new bar attracting late night drinking. As this is a residential area the likelyhood this will result in increased noise and criminal damage to vehicles and property. I fail to see the need for yet another premises serving alcohol within the village centre. We have the Red Lion, Swan, cafe Morso and Gin and pickles all providing this. Also it will increase pressure on parking in the village resulting in residents on Bear Hill not being able to park - a suggestion by these residents for permit parking was rejected by the Parish as it would just move the problem to Swan Street which itself can be difficult to park on because of the increased traffic associated with the Swan Pub.

Noise pollution will no doubt increase particularly if music can be played until the small hours.

I am therefore not in favour of this application and do not feel it is appropriate for the location.

Yours sincerely

Mark Pumphrey

[redacted]

Alvechurch

[redacted]

8.

From: Rebecca Hey
Sent: 23 June 2020 12:01
To: WRS Enquiries
Cc: clerk@alvechurch.gov.uk
Subject: External Email : Ref: 20/02410/PREMLI - 1 Bear Hill, B48 7JX

Dear Sirs

I am writing [redacted] to raise an objection to the license application.

My building is located [redacted], and so the implications of this license applications would directly affect [redacted] my family.

My objections are on the following grounds:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of a public nuisance

As you are aware the properties are located in a conservation zone which comprises of residential and daytime office properties. No pub, café or club in the village hold any licenses after 11.30am due to the nature of the environment and the noise and risks generated in what are antisocial hours.

[redacted] and we have had already numerous issues with people congregating and damaging our property as such we have liaised with our community police officers regarding the damage, leaving of litter and bottles. As such we have had to install CCTV. If a music/ bar were to have a license until 1am I am concerned this would increase the risk of crime, disorder and public nuisance.

Due to the road layout outside the properties there is very limited parking and this will exacerbate these issues. Due to narrowness of the road our building has been hit by vehicles on a number of occasions causing damage to the building and cutting the electricity supply. The increase in traffic and taxis related to the commercial nature and license request is a public safety issue, as well as a risk for the buildings in the conservation area.

Due to the current COVID 19 regulations there is also issues with the limited space within the property for this type of commercial activity and license. It is therefore likely the activities will move out onto the street which has implications for the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety and preventing a public nuisance. Alvechurch centre is also currently designated an alcohol free zone.

I have copied in the Parish Council and so they are aware of my objections.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Hey

9.

From: Sally Pumphrey

Sent: 22 June 2020 21:46
To: WRS Enquiries
Subject: External Email : Objection to application for liscencing at property on Bear hill Alvechurch

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to you concerning the application for a public licence and change of use of a building on Bear Hill, Alvechurch. (20/02410/PREMLI)

I have strong concerns regarding this application for a variety of reasons. The property in question is located in the centre of the village where there is already very limited parking and a high number of residential properties, and the property itself has no parking. This particular part of the village already poses a risk to pedestrians trying to cross the road on Bear Hill, or trying to Cross at the pedestrian crossing As visibility is limited and traffic approaches from a number of directions, further congestion would add to the dangers for both adults and children when attempting to cross during the day - this area is used by a large number of children on their walk home from The village school at 3.30pm.

The licence application has been requested until 1.00am and the application for live music is until 1.00am. This poses a Potential public nuisance for all of the properties in the centre of the village, not only from the noise of the live entertainment or recorded music, but also from people leaving the bar at 1.00am most likely having been drinking for a large part of the evening. There are also the associated concerns for people's premises and vehicles in proximity to the building in question when people vacate the premises at 1.00am.

Regards

Sally Pumphrey

10.

From: Ben Atkinson
Sent: 23 June 2020 20:42
To: WRS Enquiries
Subject: External Email : Representation

Tranquil Bar Limited

- **Premises Address:**

1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch, Worcestershire, B48 7JX

I do not support this application.

- I'm concerned more late night alcohol consumption in the village will increase, not prevent crime & disorder in Alvechurch

- This will reduce public safety particularly as there is no police presence.
- Customers/revellers leaving after consuming alcohol will increase, not prevent the risk of public nuisance.

Ben Atkinson

[redacted]

Alvechurch

[redacted]

11.

From: Courtney Sullivan-Small

Sent: 23 June 2020 17:03

To: WRS Enquiries

Subject: External Email : 20/02410/PREMLI

Good morning,

As a resident of Alvechurch I would like to comment on the proposed planning permission for 1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch (reference above in the email subject).

I would like my objection to this planning permission to be noted. In a small village which already has a wide variety of other eating and drinking establishments, this is not the best use of the space. Residents have been campaigning hard for a post office to be reinstated in the village, with the support of Sajid Javid, and this proposed development will not solve this issue.

Furthermore, there is already parking restrictions and issues in the area which would only be exacerbated by this establishment. It backs onto a residential area, so would cause real parking issues when patrons are trying to find parking, and would undoubtedly result in illegal parking across or blocking private property.

To end, I think it is also important to highlight about the live and recorded music until 1am proposal. As I have already mentioned, the proposed site is in a residential area, even sitting below two new proposed flats. This would just being unnecessary noise pollution to the area.

Kind regards

Courtney

12.

From: linda keeton

Sent: 23 June 2020 17:15

To: WRS Enquiries

Subject: External Email : Bar application 1 Bear hill Alvechurch Worcs

Dear Sir

I would like to object to the above application which has recently been drawn to my attention.

The area is quite unsuitable for such a venue there are narrow roads no parking and residential property in close proximity.

The noise pollution would be unacceptable in such a small village which is a conservation area with many listed properties close by.

Litter would increase also. The village already has venues for socializing and entertaining and I feel the property could be out to much more needed uses.

Thank you Mrs L.J. Keeton

13.

From: Mark Lewis
Sent: 23 June 2020 17:53
To: WRS Enquiries
Subject: External Email : 20/02410/PREMLI - License Application 1 Bear Hill Alvechurch - Tranquil Bar Limited

I object to the this portion of the application:-

Anything of a Similar Desc to RE: Friday to Saturday: 23:00-01:00
Performance of Live Music: Friday to Saturday: 23:00-01:00
Playing of Recorded Music: Friday to Saturday: 23:00-01:00

on the grounds of:-

public safety

Premises Size - The premises is very small, how many people could fit into the building safely if a live band were playing?

Premises Size - Would the allowed venue capacity be different if live music were playing?

Premises Use - Current planning permission is for the ground floor of that property to be split into two shops, not a licensed venue and not a licenced live music venue. What would be done to ensure that the correct amount of fire protection / evacuation ability is built into the premises in either scenario?

Premises Position - Bear Hill has very little public parking, it would take no more than 4 or 5 cars visiting to swamp the area, with overspill parking illegally on the hill itself and/or across pavements. The public car park in Tanyard Lane is not really an alternative, this is nearly full all times of the day, 7 days a week (as an aside because the owner of the Red Lion Garage parks a lot of his stock there for days/weeks at a time).

prevention of public nuisance

Noise pollution - Music - Why 01:00 on Friday and Saturday, surely 23:00 would be late enough, especially in a residential area.?

If allowed, what noise pollution methods are they going to employ for both the general street ("air lock style" double doors?) and the two flats above? Not just the music but general noise from customers?

I don't think that this property has a garden at the back, does this mean that smokers etc will be forced onto the street to smoke, more pollution and noise?

I think that a small wine bar etc is a viable proposition, but not live music (of any kind at any time) and not recorded music past 23:00. I would ask that you write these terms into the licence for the premises so that they are not allowed by default.

Regards

Mark Lewis

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14. ALVECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

From: Clerk
Sent: 24 June 2020 14:45
To: WRS Enquiries
Cc: MW; Andy Humphries; Assistant Clerk
Subject: External Email : 1 Bear Street, Alvechurch - Re License Application
Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam

Re. 1 Bear Hill, Alvehchurch.

The Parish Council wish to object to the aforementioned license application on the following grounds:

- Planning consent was for A1 retail and not A3 or A4 use. Our understanding is that it is not possible to obtain a license to sell alcohol if the correct planning consent for the premises is not in place - please confirm our understanding is correct.

- Alvechurch centre is also currently designated an alcohol free zone.

Consideration also needs to be given to:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of a public nuisance

As you are aware the properties are located in a conservation zone which comprises of residential and daytime office properties. No pub, café or club in the village currently holds a license after 11.30 due to the nature of the environment and the noise and risks generated in what are antisocial hours.

Due to the road layout outside the properties there is very limited parking and this will exacerbate existing highway issues. The increase in traffic and taxis related to the commercial nature and license request is a public safety issue.

Due to the current COVID 19 regulations there is also issues with the limited space within the property for this type of commercial activity and license. It is therefore likely the activities will move out onto the street which has implications for the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety and preventing a public nuisance.

Kind Regards

Jayne

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RECEIVED 16.7.2020)

ALVECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Finepoint Way
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Worcestershire DY11 7WF
16th July 2020

LICENCE APPLICATION: 20/02410/PREMLI – 1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch B48 7JX

Dear Mr Morrish,

Firstly, please find attached a transcript of our Parish Clerk's previous email sent on 24th June 2020 for ease of reference.

Following discussion of the above Application during Alvechurch Parish Council's Planning and Highways Committee Meeting on 6th July 2020, please find below further objections brought forward by Members of the Public and Councillors.

Alvechurch centre is currently designated an alcohol free zone, with Bear Hill and the immediate surrounding area containing residential properties, a number of which would be particularly impacted by a late licenced bar in this location.

Residents would almost certainly suffer losses of "quiet enjoyment" amenities should this licence be granted, due to:

- • Late night noise
- • Anti-social behaviour
- • Parking

Some residents have received notification of revised hours from the applicant's agent; however the Smoking Area proposed at the rear has raised a number of concerns from neighbouring residents, particularly those on Swan Street, whose properties and gardens directly border and

overlook the rear of the application property, as well as residents of Bear Hill itself. The proposal to have the smoking area offers no mitigation from noise and drifting cigarette smoke prior to this time across neighbouring properties.

Should the Licensing Justices be mindful to grant a license and accept the inclusion of a rear smoking designated area, its 10pm closure would simply force the clientele out onto the narrow pavement frontage of Bear Hill instead.

The Committee has significant concerns following representation from a resident to the rear of 1 Bear Hill who advised that there is limited access to the rear of the property for a fire escape. Access to the rear is by private gate only, which is locked and owned by the neighbouring property, permission for public use of this access, we understand, has not been given. We haven't been able to establish if a formal 'Right of Way' exists for the benefit of 1 Bear Hill. This is also a factor and concern regarding the two residential properties proposed above the commercial ground floor use of 1 Bear Hill, due to only having access to the properties from the rear. As the original Application contains provision for two apartments on the upper floors we find this a particularly disconcerting location for a Smoking Area.

Due to the road layout outside the properties there is very limited parking and this will exacerbate existing highway issues. The increase in traffic and taxis related to the commercial nature and license request is a noise and public safety issue.

Due to the current COVID 19 regulations there are also issues with the limited space for this type of commercial activity and license. It is therefore again likely the activities will move out onto the street which has implications for the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety and preventing a public nuisance.

Alvechurch Parish Council has been advised that Licensing Applications can be decided in isolation of any formal planning consent for the use proposed.

The premises situated at 1 Bear Hill are located within the Conservation Area and whilst the building itself is not Listed, it has been classed as a Heritage Asset by Bromsgrove District Council's Conservation Officer and it meets the criteria for the Local Heritage List. The property is also next to two Listed Assets – 14 The Square and the Telephone Kiosk on Bear Hill. As the initial Planning Application was based on A1 Retail use, the Parish Council supported the Application accordingly. Should the original Planning Application been proposed as being an A3 or A4 use, the Parish Council would have found this contrary to the following Policy of the Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan: **HDNE 1: BUILT HERITAGE AND LOCAL CHARACTER.**

The Parish Council has reported unauthorised works having been undertaken to the premises and we are currently awaiting implementation of a programme of re-instatement of certain works as prescribed by the Council's Conservation and Planning Officers.

Although Alvechurch Parish Council are aware that they not been formally invited to consider this Application, we have received an unusual number of calls, written representations and requests to join our online Meeting on the 6th July. These responses were all from local neighbours and residents who strongly feel that they will be adversely affected by this development on their doorstep. As a result, we continue to be in accord with our residents' stance in respect of this Application; The Parish Council objects to the proposed development due to its variance with the Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Mason

15.

From: michael lewis

Sent: 23 June 2020 08:35

To: WRS Enquiries

Subject: External Email : 20/02410/preli 1 Bear hill

Hello,I must strongly object to this proposal to build a wine bar on this site.This area is heavily residential,there are no parking spaces as it is,there would a lot of noise from refrigeration units they would need,the disruption would be horrendous to the whole area.There are 4 public houses in Alvechurch also a wine bar in the Square so we do not need another.Regards

From: michael lewis
Sent: 24 June 2020 09:58
To: WRS Enquiries
Subject: External Email : 20/02410/premli

Hello,I would like to object to this proposal for a licence for alcohol and late music at number 1 Bear Hill Alvechurch.Firstly this is a residential area with families with children plus senior citizens who would be affected by late night drinking and music.There is no public transport aroud at night so people would have to use taxis or drive which encourages drink driving,There are no provisions made for a smoking area which would force people to smoke outside on the narrow pavement,Bear Hill itself is very narrow by these premises and parking is limited.These premises are to be opened until 1.00am so it very likely it would be very noisey at closing time.i also cannot see any proposal for toilet facilities which is another major issue.Regards

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16.

From: Carolyn Langford
Sent: 23 June 2020 16:52
To: WRS Enquiries
Subject: External Email : 20/02410/PREMLI

To whom it may concern,

[redacted] to this premises, I would like to raise my injection to this licensing application for the former Alvechurch Village post office. In particular my objection to the licensing of live music between 23:00 and 01:00.

My concern is that this premises is located on a quiet residential road slightly away from the main village centre. I welcome initiative that offer locals a greater choice in evening entertainment to village residents. However, I am concerned that the location of this venue is not suitable for these proposed licensable activities due to the noise disruption this would cause. Live music (or recorded music played at high volume), lasting well into the early hours of the morning, will be disruptive to the nearby residents, many of which are elderly or families with young children. Disturbing their right to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

Bear Hill is and has always been a predominantly residential street. There has historically been just 3 or 4 commercial premises, located next to the residential properties at the end of Bear Hill nearer to the village centre. [redacted]. These commercial premises have only ever included daytime businesses such as a hairdresser, letting agent, bakery, post office and green grocer. None of which caused any evening noise disruption to their residential neighbours. I feel that the issuing of the requested licence to create a bar in the place of the post office would significantly and negatively impact on the other residents of Bear Hill and therefore should not be approved.

If the licence is approved by the committee, I would appeal to you to limit any noise disruption to 10pm on a weekend.

Kind regards

Carolyn Langford

[redacted]

17.

From: Hayley Marsh
Sent: 23 June 2020 16:14
To: WRS Enquiries
Cc:
Subject: External Email : 20/02410/PREMLI

To whom it may concern

I am formally objecting to the above mentioned proposal.

As a local resident [redacted], i am concerned about several aspects of this application.

Music till 1am will not be good for there mental health, or other residents living nearby.

There is likely to be excess litter including broken glass will become an everyday occurrence on a route children take to school.

I believe crime will increase, as well as damage to property.

This is likely to devalue the houses close to the proposed venue making them unsellable, would you buy a property next to a venue that played music till 1am?

The area the venue is in is a conservation area and very close to a listed building.

We are a small village with several pubs already, two of which play live music at various times in the year.

If we have to have a bar then please put it in a venue away from residents houses, and ideally where parking is available too.

Kind regards

Hayley Marsh

18.

From: N
Sent: 24 June 2020 15:03
To: WRS Enquiries
Subject: External Email : no-1-bear-hill.docx

Dear Sir/Madam,
Please find attached my objections to the licence application for 1 Bear Hill Alvechurch

Dear sir/Madam,

I write with objection to above premises becoming a licensed property. My objections are set out below.

- **The prevention of crime & disorder**

There is no public transport operating at 1am, and the village is not well serviced by taxis – with limited options, patrons visiting the proposed establishment may resort to driving intoxicated

- **Public safety**

Concerned about the increased traffic. Roads were initially set out prior to modern traffic constraints and would not cope with increased flow.

It is already dangerous to ascend Bear Hill onto swan street on the right side of the road as there is no pavement.

There are only a very limited number of parking bays to service the vicinity (already servicing the village hall, fish and chip shop, estate agent, hairdressers and barbers) the street frequently becomes swamped with cars, who are often illegally parked and residents get very frustrated.

Vandalism from drunk nuisance makers in the middle of the night. Opportunists breaking into houses and cars.

- **The protection of children from harm**

There are families with small children living in the vicinity of the proposed bar, who will be affected by loud music, and intoxicated patrons.

There are several pubs and licensed premises that already exist, there is insufficient opportunity for young people to do other healthier activities in the village, their only option being to go to a drinking venue. A gym or some none- alcoholic venue would be a better use of the facility. Something to attract young people into healthier activities.

- **prevention of public nuisance**

Intoxicated revelers leaving the premises of a bar at 1am would unlikely to be quiet, this is a residential street and would cause a significant nuisance for residents due to noise.

I would thank you for your time in considering the above points.

Yours Sincerely

N Khan

19.

From: Duncan Roberts
Sent: 25 June 2020 11:09
To: WRS Enquiries
Subject: External Email : 20/02410/PREMLI

Good morning,

I am writing to you with regard to the application for a premises licence at 1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch, B48 7JX.

As per the guidelines issued by the government, I would like to comment on the following points.

The prevention of crime and disorder

The prevention of public nuisance

The protection of children from harm

Public safety

[redacted]

Bear Hill is a busy road, with limited parking available even for householders, with yellow lines and time limited parking in places outside the village hall. Planning has already been refused for the property next to No. 1 due to difficulties with access and possible disruption for local activities, due to location and difficulties with deliveries etc. The village hall is opposite No. 1and is used by a variety of groups throughout the day and evening, primarily pre-school nursery and activity groups allied to community groups for older adults and associations within the village. With a possible late night opening with music and drinking until 1.00a.m. my concern would be how people leave the proposed bar, without causing noise nuisance, possible crime, littering, bodily fluids and disruption to the neighbours within a, what would be at that time of night/morning, a quiet residential road.

[redacted] we have a variety of families, from retirees to young families, my concern would be of noise pollution, and any difficulties encountered when passing by the area, as I've already stated this is a family orientated village and as there are already 7 licenced premises within a close walking distance from Bear Hill, which give a wide range of opportunity for drinking, eating and live music.

Our safety is a primary concern[redacted]

We strongly disagree with this proposal and object in the strongest terms, and our local Independent councillor Annette English is already involved and public concern is building.

I would appreciate an acknowledgment of this email, and await notification of any action taken.

Regards,

Lynda and Duncan Roberts,

[redacted]

Alvechurch,

Worcestershire.

B48 [redacted]