

**Hello**

**I would like to formally state my objection to the application to extend the licensing hours of the Alvechurch Inn (social club). I have provided my reasons for this below:**

**Prevention of Crime & Disorder**

**There has been a significant increase in both the frequency and volume of noise coming from the club and this is no longer confined to Friday through Sunday evenings, occurring throughout the week and during the day on weekends. It has been relentless over the last couple of months and several residents have complained to the council about this. The noise includes loud music, shouting, screaming, swearing, arguing and there are regular fights breaking out between males and females.**

**Many of the club patrons drive vans or cars with tools in, which has already attracted some thefts and attempted break-ins. With the proposed extended hours, these vehicles will be parked unattended for longer periods and up to later times.**

**We regularly witness cars and vans parked on the grounds for several hours whilst the owners are in the social club and these vehicle owners then leave in their vehicle. This happens at all hours of the night and early hours of the morning so the probability that these drivers are under the influence of alcohol is very high.**

**Public Safety & Protection of Children from Harm**

**There have been several altercations that have commenced in the club premises or grounds, which have regularly resulted in the fight/argument/threatening behaviour spilling out onto Radford Road and further into the village. One recent incident involved one male threatening to kill another along Radford Road and the police attended this incident, arresting one individual. The aforementioned drink-driving is of significant concern in regards public safety.**

**The car park is used by people visiting the village, club patrons and their young children who are often left to entertain themselves in the car park for hours on end and late into the evening.**

**The use and sale of drugs on the premises is a constant problem. The smell of cannabis is evident most nights and it is also evident that the car park is used to sell cannabis and other drugs, which are then consumed on the premises or taken elsewhere. The proposed extended hours will only serve to encourage more of this activity and, with more people hanging around, the other issues raised will only be further exacerbated.**

**The surrounding area is affected by litter such as bottles, crisps packets and food containers. These have also been thrown into surrounding gardens.**

**Prevention of Public Nuisance**

**When there is an event on at the club, the surrounding neighbours within a 100m radius are expected to put up with the same noise as there appears to be no consideration for local residents. There needs to be a cap on the level of noise produced by the club. If this is not enforced, the extending the hours will only make the existing noise pollution last longer. The level of noise created by voices of the intoxicated patrons using the outside space is without any thought or consideration to the surrounding houses. We are subjected to constant bad language along with cat calling and loud laughter every night of the week.**

The request to extend the license comes as a shock because we had heard from other village residents that this had already been put in place, which coincided with evidence that the club is already operating outside of standard licensing hours. People often leave the club between 12am and 3:30am and the club website was already stating the change in hours from 10.30pm finish to 12. The current licensing is clearly already being flouted so a formalisation of extended licensing will only serve to extend the current issues. When the other local pubs close, all the noise and drunken behaviour will navigate to one spot.

Regards



**Afternoon.**

**I would like to make an objection to Alvechurch Inn increasing their licensing / opening hours. Since they have withdrawn their application for a three storey hotel they have continued to play loud music until midnight as it is. We cannot enjoy our garden in the evening anymore because of the anti-social behaviour that happens in the car park. I have witnessed drug abuse and the language and subject matters that are discussed loudly are disgusting.**

**Every Saturday and Sunday morning without fail we will have glasses that need clearing up in our garden, along with crisp packets and metal canisters or balloons from Nitrous Oxide drug abuse that is happening in the car park.**

**Opening for an extra hour will just prolong this anti-social behaviour that occurs already. We often have to close the windows of our property because you can hear fighting or arguments into the early hours.**

**We are in closer proximity to the The Swan Inn and we have had zero issues with them. So this is not an issue of being close to a pub and we had no issues with The Alvechurch Inn under the previous owners but it has become a real issue over the last 6 months especially.**

**Not only should this be rejected, based on it being close proximity to residential properties but something needs to happen with the current noise and issues we are facing and I would love the opportunity to get some advice on how we can improve this matter.**

**Thanks**



I have attached various videos to support opposing the licence extension that the above business is requesting.

As a public sector worker, I have little spare time to sit in my garden and when I do, the noise that comes from The Alvechurch Inn is making it impossible to enjoy any time in my garden. Before changing hands, the previous club played music on Friday nights at a respectable level. This establishment The Alvechurch plays music every single night at an unreasonable level meaning a) I cannot go to sleep until the music ends which is usually 11.30pm and b) during the warm weather I cannot have any windows open !!

In addition to this, people start drinking at 11am during weekends and this goes on all day, all night, all weekend. The language is foul and they scream, shout and swear without any regard for neighbours. There is a metal staircase around the back of The Alvechurch Inn (which overlooks our gardens) people meet there to "smoke" and children play on there unsupervised during all hours.

I am extremely fed up with the impact live music is having and the precarious way that The Alvechurch Inn is being managed without due regard for the neighbours. I strongly oppose this application and indeed would ask you to intervene to curb the volume of noise and activity.

Kind regards

**Good afternoon,**

**As an Alvechurch resident whose property backs on to the Alvechurch Inn, I would like to formally object to their request to extend their opening hours. My objection relates to the following:**

- 1. The noise generated from the Alvechurch Inn already often far extends 11pm. Users of the venue often stay outside well after closing continuing to make noise and be a general disturbance**
- 2. The Alvechurch Inn is located within a residential area, and is surrounded by private residences**
- 3. Anti-social behaviour often occurs at the Alvechurch Inn, including but not limited to; drug taking in the carpark, fighting (both physical and verbal), intimidating behaviour towards village users of the car park (of which there is an existing agreement in place with the Parish Council)**
- 4. We have had cigarette butts, glasses etc thrown over our rear garden fence from guests at the Alvechurch Inn, this would only escalate if guests are allowed to continue drinking at the venue for another hour**
- 5. We are well aware that the police regularly have to attend the venue to manage anti-social behaviour, again, extending opening hours would only aggravate the existing issues**

**Whilst I understand that we purchased a property that backs on to the Social Club, the previous owners of the club never caused noise to the levels currently experienced, and were always courteous to locals. The front of our property also faces another local business, The Swan Inn, and we have never had any problems with them, they are very respectful.**

**Image 1 attached shows an example of the mess including glasses etc left at the rear to our fence after guests of the club spend afternoons to the rear of our property smoking drugs, drinking and swearing loudly. We can no longer enjoy our garden in the nice weather due to this inconsiderate behaviour.**

**The video attached is an example of the noise heard from inside my property, after 11pm.**

**I would be interested to know further details about the process associated to this application, and would appreciate any information you can share please.**



Dear Sirs,

**Objection - Reference 22/03724/PREMLI - Alvechurch Inn Premises Licence**

I wish to *object* to the granting of this License on the grounds that some of the activities cause a *public nuisance*.

Since Easter weekend, the premises have on several occasions laid-on outside entertainment which has resulted in *excessive noise* for extended periods of time.

I live approximately 100m (straight line) from the Alvechurch Inn, and between my house and the Premises there is a large building which blocks any direct line of site. Even so, on occasions when they have had outdoor events the music has been so loud that I have not been able to have quiet enjoyment of my garden, and I have had to keep all doors and windows closed, despite the high temperatures on each of the weekends in question. Even windows at the front of the house, which face away from the Premises, have had to remain closed due to the excessive noise that these events generate.

My objection relates specifically to outdoor activities, whether these be the Exhibition of Films, Performance of Plays, Performance of Live Music, or the Playing of Recorded Music. The Management at the premises clearly have no consideration for their neighbours, and licensing that enables outdoor activities and the resulting excessive noise nuisance should be refused.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

**Dear Mr Etheridge**

**I have seen your notice regarding the applicants request to carry on various regulated activities between the hours of 11.00-23.00 hrs on monday to thursday and 11.00-00.00 hrs on friday to sunday and would formally oppose this on the grounds that there is already excessive noise and anti social behaviour, especially at weekends.**

**The noise and anti-social behaviour has got worse both since Westbourne Leisure acquired the premises and withdrew their planning application for an extension to the property, due in part to strong local opposition.**

**Unfortunately I could not find any information on your website on the existing licence arrangements for The Alvechurch or any of the other four public houses in the village (Weighbridge/Crown/Red Lion/Swan ) so cannot compare the opening hours, but believe the extension would give The Alvechurch the longest opening hours and suggests late night drinkers might gravitate to it when others close and make an already bad situation worse for local residents who I am aware have already made numerous complaints to the management and police about noise and anti social behavior with the latter having been called out on several occasions.**

**In my opinion Alvechurch is already very well provided for in terms of drinking establishments and I doubt the applicant could provide evidence of demand for earlier or later drinking in the village except from the hardcore of locals who already frequent the establishment.**

**Should the applicant be suggesting demand is from customers outside the village, this should be opposed as there is no public transport after midnight (possible drink driving and more noise).**

**I am aware from my investigations into Westbourne Leisure that they have a poor record in terms of compliance with legislation, having received substantial fines for breaches of Health and safety at two of their other Licenced Premises, and the management of The Alvechurch appears lax on compliance of existing licence hours, which suggests they will probably continue to push the boundaries if granted further extensions.**

**The recent 'Alvechurch Festival' held over a weekend at the premises set new standards in excessive noise, and thankfully the proposed car boot on sunday morning was cancelled, as this would have caused significant Highways issues. The main reason was in my opinion because that the performers were outside, and the audience seated at tables in the car park, [which is let to the Parish council for public use] which was closed off, so the performers and audience were much closer to adjoining properties. Is this permitted under the current licence?**

**I would hope and expect the Parish Council and West Mercia Police to oppose the application, along with the Alvechurch District Councillor's and many of the nearby residents, and that this would be sufficient justification for refusal the application, or at least until the applicant has shown that they can keep the noise and anti-social behaviour to reasonable levels and hours.**

**Please could you advise if and when this will go before the Councils licencing Committee and whether the public will be able to attend?**

**Many thanks**

