

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: re licensing of the Dodford Inn, Whinfield Road, Dodford B61 9BG proprietor D Myatt

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed extended hours for the above Inn, during the week and at the weekend, as well as the ability to sell alcohol outside of the actual Inn itself.

Whilst I wish the business well, I live half a mile away, and yet found myself last summer, having to sleep with my windows closed whenever they either had music playing, or musicians playing outside, or hadn't actually closed their windows and doors, as sound travels down the valley.

As there are many families close to the pub, and others of us who work, and need to get a good night's sleep, so please do not extend the licensing hours.

I personally would also appreciate it, if you refused to let them sell alcohol outside of the premises, in order to protect the neighbouring properties, as well as those of us who are further afield, but who hear the Dodford Inn as if they were their immediate neighbours. Hearing drunk people speaking loudly as they do, when you're outside, trying to enjoy one's garden, or even walk the dogs, isn't my favourite pastime.

Standard pub hours are acceptable, and are equal to the licensing of the Village Hall. I see no reason for any increase, especially as the owners have either made no attempt, or have been unsuccessful to monitor the sound omitted from the inn, which they said they would do when they applied for change of use last year - but then I understand there is no time limit that can be applied to these things!

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 25/01407/VARYPL

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Good morning,

We write to express our concerns and object to the application to amend the licence at the Dodford Inn.

As residents who live very close to the property, we feel there are many aspects that will have a negative impact on not only ourselves, but the wider community - Our response is written in line with the four licensing objectives.

The requested change to the premises licence boundary is of huge concern and, we feel, unnecessary. The current boundary allows ample space for the sale of alcohol while keeping it in the confines of the establishment. The change of area would bring the permitted sale of alcohol to within 10 meters of our property and would also extend down the field towards the nature reserve. We do not understand why this would be necessary, given that the current arrangement has been ample to provide for the number of people permitted to attend events.

Extending the boundary, has a huge potential to cause increased public nuisance with people being permitted to purchase alcohol so close to residential properties. We already experience noise from the people attending functions and that is within the current boundaries - this will be significantly worse if the boundary is moved.

The protection of children from harm: There are many children living within the area, as well as a first school and a charity for children which hosts residential visits, being located exceedingly close. The families and children that visit the centre are supported through the vision of the charity 'working with schools, social workers, health visitors and other referral agencies, to give children from deprived areas that much needed break and a 'breath of fresh air'. Families, children and groups can often be seen walking along the lanes of the village and Whinfield Road, having the boundary changed would mean that the sale of alcohol is permitted right next to the hedgerow along which children and many others walk frequently.

Public safety: If the boundary is increased for the sale of alcohol, it is likely to attract a larger number of people to visit, with the possibility of 'festival like' pop-up sales around the field. We are concerned,

The prevention of public nuisance: As already outlined, the change of the boundary would increase this aspect greatly. In addition to this, there have already been a number of occasions when the sound of the music from the pub can be clearly heard from our home. We understand that, in the initial application, there was a requirement for a noise meter to be fitted - this does not appear to have been completed and so we are already affected by the noise - increasing times and days of this would exacerbate this further. There are many families living in close proximity to the pub and to have to close your windows on a nice day to eliminate the noise is not acceptable.

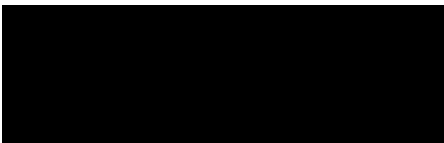
We did phone the pub on an occasion as the sound was so loud, we now understand that this should have been sent to yourselves which we will ensure we do in the future.

When the initial planning application was granted, we understand that this was with a clause of the field not being used for any commercial use, if this was the case obviously, the boundary change would not be permitted.

It is difficult to understand how this change of licence is appropriate when residents of Dodford have so many planning constraints applied to their homes and properties due to living in a conservation area.

We understand how difficult it is to run a business, but strongly feel that the changes to the current application are not appropriate within the conservation area in which we live.

Many thanks



Subject: 25/01407/VARYPL Dodford Inn -Objection to licence application

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application for an amendment of hours and extension of the licenced area by The Dodford Inn Whinfield Road, Dodford, Bromsgrove B61 9BG, which I understand is currently under consideration by your department.

My objection is based on the grounds of **prevention of public nuisance**, specifically due to concerns regarding **noise disturbance**.

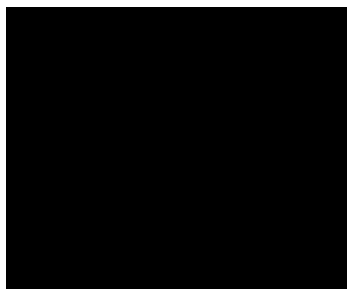
I am a resident of Alfreds Well, Dodford, which is in close proximity to the proposed licensed premises. I am very concerned that the granting of this licence, particularly if it allows for extended hours, live music, or outdoor activities, will significantly increase noise levels in the area—particularly during evenings and weekends. This would negatively affect the quality of life and wellbeing of local residents and my young children.

There is already a noticeable level of noise in the area from the existing establishment, and adding further licensed hours is likely to exacerbate this issue. Noise from loud music, patrons congregating outside, and late-night operations often carries well into residential streets, disrupting the sleep of my young children and creating an ongoing disturbance.

I believe that the proposed licensing hours and activities are inappropriate for this location, which is predominantly residential and should be afforded a reasonable level of peace and quiet, especially during night-time hours.

I urge the licensing authority to consider the likely negative impact on the local community and to refuse the licence application or, at the very least, impose stringent conditions to mitigate noise nuisance—such as earlier closing times, soundproofing requirements, and restrictions on outdoor music or smoking areas.

Yours faithfully,



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2025 17:51
To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Variation in Premises Licence for the Dodford Inn

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Dear Worcestershire Regulatory Services,


Please find attached my objection to the application submitted by David Myatt for the Variation in Premises Licence for the Dodford Inn.

The reference number for this application is **25/01407/VARYPL**

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of my letter.


Many thanks,

[REDACTED]



Licensing,
Wyre Forest House,
Finepoint Way,
Kidderminster
DY11 7WF

Dear Worcestershire Regulatory Services,

I am the immediate neighbour to the Dodford Inn and have lived in my house,  on
Whinfield Road, for over 20 years.

The Dodford Inn is a traditional village pub and has been for 150 years without difficulties and has served the local community very well. There have never been problems with the operation of the pub with regards to the residents of Dodford. Since the pub became privately owned and gained additional planning approval as a wedding venue, access for the local community to visit the pub has been severely restricted with current opening on Friday, Saturday and Sunday lunch / afternoon providing there is not a private event booking – these take precedence. Increasingly there have been many more private events leading to even less opportunity to visit the pub.

The current situation is that there are now many occasions when private events mean serious disturbance to the community with loud music and shouting and screaming from people attending the events. This noise from partygoers appears uncontrolled by the pub management team. There is a fear within the community that any complaint or approach to the pub results in reprisal and members of the local community have been banned from the pub for such approaches. People are now wary about making representations. The pub management refuse to work in harmony with the local villagers. At the planning meeting to discuss the change of use to include being able to operate as a wedding venue the Chairman of the planning committee did not allow the Villagers the opportunity to speak at the meeting even though it was within his discretion to allow this.

The pub has a licence for indoor music, however by opening the folding doors and the use of the terrace and patio area the music is extremely loud outside. The noise can be heard across Dodford. In my house I can clearly hear the music and shouting with my windows closed. Even once the event finishes there is still noise whilst people wait for taxis and the noise on the field, which is being used as a carpark, is considerable and keeps me awake.

I'm also concerned about the likelihood of increase in traffic. With the proposed licence the pub could open every night serving alcohol until midnight. This would extend the drinking hours of those frequenting public houses in Bromsgrove / the locality and drinking could

continue at the Dodford. The access to the Dodford Inn is rural, along a narrow lane, past cottages that front onto the road. It is not safe for the increased level of traffic that is likely with an extension of the premises hours and opening potentially seven days a week, particularly for private events with the high numbers of people attending these events.

The removal of the restrictions on the terrace – currently it closes at 11:20am, would be extremely detrimental and cause public nuisance in its own right. The pub is situated in the heart of a residential

village. The sound from the grounds and field of the pub travels across the village. Currently the situation is disruptive and noisy, particularly when the music is played with the folding doors open – however currently this only can happen until 11:20pm. With the removal of the restriction this disruption could continue late into the night.

The current planning permissions for the Dodford Inn does not allow use of the field for any commercial use. Extending the use of the alcohol licence for serving alcohol across the whole of the site, as proposed by the application, would not fit with the current planning permission not to permit use of the field. My fields are adjacent to the pub field with a hedge between. I would find it very intrusive if the pub were to use the field for gin bars, marquees, selling alcohol for consumption on this part of the premises.

I would respectfully ask that the issues and difficulties highlighted in this letter are considered and that the application for the extension of both the hours and the removal of the terrace restrictions are refused based that they will cause a public nuisance to the villagers of Dodford.

Yours faithfully,



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2025 10:12
To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Licensing Application – Dodford Inn Site application No : PL0209

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Dear Licensing Team,

Subject: Objection to Licensing Application – Dodford Inn Site application No : PL0209

I am writing as a concerned resident of Dodford to formally object to the proposed changes to the premises licence, as outlined in the recent communication to residents.

My objection is based on the following licensing objectives:

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance

The proposed extension of alcohol sales until midnight throughout the week along with the removal of restrictions on the use of the terrace and patio areas, poses a serious risk of increased noise and disruption. Dodford is a quiet, rural area, and the current restrictions are in place to reflect and protect the peaceful character of our community. Allowing alcohol consumption and use of outdoor spaces late into the night would likely lead to disturbances, particularly for residents living nearby.

2. Public Safety

Extending the licensed area to cover the entire site, along with longer alcohol sale hours, could lead to increased foot traffic, noise, and potentially unsafe situations involving intoxicated patrons moving around a larger and less controlled area. This raises concerns over the safety of both visitors and local residents, especially during late hours when visibility is reduced and oversight may be limited.

3. Protection of Children from Harm

The terrace and patio areas are in close proximity to residential homes where families with young children live. Allowing the use of these outdoor areas without time restrictions may expose children to inappropriate language, behavior, and noise during times when they should reasonably expect quiet and privacy. Also the Childrens Holiday farm is close by which provides a safe rural retreat for Children to experience a countryside experience, which could be affected by the proposed changes.

In conclusion, while I understand the economic or operational motivations for the proposed changes, I believe they pose an unnecessary and harmful risk to the welfare and peace of our local community. I urge you to reject this application in its current form.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 April 2025 10:38

To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>

Subject: Application no. PL0209

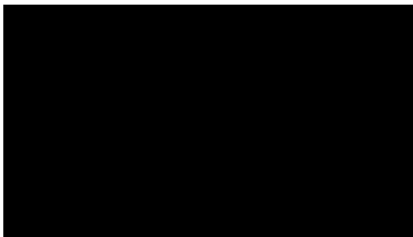
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Re:- Alterations to the premises licence for the Dodford Inn, Whinfield Rd, Dodford.

I wish to register my protest regarding the application for licensing changes to the above premises.

Living within fairly close proximity to the pub a certain amount of noise is to be expected and acceptable within the current curfew of 11.20pm.

However, extending the licensing hours and increasing the licensed area of outside use from the closer proximity of the buildings to the whole substantial acreage of the site will mean a significant increase in the nuisance to me from the volume of noise especially from partygoers outside.



Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 April 2025 10:27
To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
Subject: The Dodford Inn- Application Reference Number PL0209

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Re: Application Reference Number PL0209

Good morning,

I live opposite the Dodford Inn and have lived in Whinfield Road for more than 20 years. The existing noise levels inside my well-insulated home from loud music & people shouting etc are already loud enough during events so that the TV at times needs to be turned up.

There are at least 5 properties closer to the pub than me, two of which have young families with children under 5 & two where elderly people live.

When cars pile in & out of the pub sometimes en masse it can gridlock the single track roads & make it difficult to get in & out of my property. At other times cars visiting the pub, & not from the vicinity, use Priory Road in particular as a race track. These are all safety concerns.

I am concerned too about anti-social behaviour. I have found glasses & bottles in & near my hedge so people are already not restricted to the premises themselves. This can only get worse if the area- which was only ever an agricultural field- & hours are extended.

Although I understand several local residents have previously contacted the pub directly about some of the above-mentioned issues, I have not. This is because I have previously experienced the present proprietors to be hostile & towards many other local residents in

addition. Also a few years ago when they took some land off a neighbour's garden, they said they were not for/ interested in the custom of local villagers, many of whom have an automatic ban.

Please do not grant this application because of the negative impact it would have on our historic village & Conservation Area with regard to inappropriate use of an agricultural field, noise levels, traffic safety & anti-social behaviour.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 April 2025 08:40

To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: 25/01407/VARYPL (The Dodford Inn)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Dodford and my house is opposite the Dodford Inn.

The pub lies in a semi rural location within the green belt surrounded by open fields. Extension of the hours to include all the days of the week and removal of non-standard timings will invariably increase noise, vehicular traffic and light pollution thereby adversely affecting the overall enjoyment of residents and the environment. The resident bats which are seen over the fields of the pub as well as other animals and wildlife will also be impacted.

Noise travels very easily over fields all around the village and disturbs the sleep of residents particularly those nearby. The level of noise from the use of the patio after 10.30pm at present has been very high with loud music and customers' voices. These disturb my sleep at weekends. The owners and managers have not been able to control the noise late at night so far and loud music can often be heard until very late at night with no regards for the neighbours. I therefore do not believe that this patio area and the large area of the proposed extension can be adequately managed as stated.

We are happy that the pub is thriving as a business but that the variation of the current licence restrictions as proposed in this application will adversely affect the comfort and peace that residents of the village can reasonably expect to enjoy, adversely affect the environment and disturb bats, other animals and wildlife. I therefore object to this application.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2025 10:56
To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to the Variation in Premises Licence for the Dodford Inn

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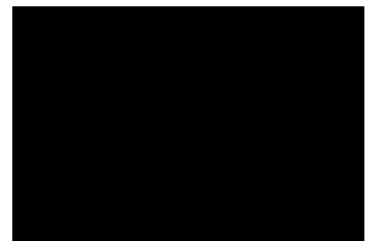
Please find attached my objection to the application submitted by David Myatt for the Variation in Premises Licence for the Dodford Inn.

The reference number for this application is **25/01407/VARYPL**

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of my letter.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]



24th April 2025

To: Licensing Department
Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Wyre Forest House

Finepoint Way
Kidderminster
Worcestershire
DY11 7WF

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Formal Objection to the Application to Vary the Premises Licence – The Dodford Inn, Dodford

We write to formally object to the application made to vary the Premises Licence for the Dodford Inn. We do so as local residents living on Whinfield Road, approximately 125 metres from the premises, with only a small field separating our home from the site.

The proposed variation includes:

- Extending the hours for the sale of alcohol to midnight on Sunday through to Thursday (in line with current Friday and Saturday hours),
- Extending alcohol sales from 10am daily,
- Removing the current restriction preventing the use of the outside terrace and patio after 11:20pm,
- Extending the licensed area to encompass the entire site.

We object to the application on the grounds of **public nuisance**, one of the four licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003.

Existing Disruption

Under the current licence, the Dodford Inn is already a regular source of late-night noise from private events that are mainly held on Fridays and Saturdays. We frequently experience:

- Loud music (particularly bass-heavy amplified sound),
- Shouting, cheering, and other noise from guests using the outdoor space,
- General disturbance associated with large gatherings and alcohol consumption.

The noise can be clearly heard from within our bedroom with our windows closed.

While this already impacts our ability to enjoy peace in our home, it is currently mitigated to some extent by the existing curfew on use of the outdoor areas after 11:20pm, and by the limitation that such events are typically held only on Friday and Saturdays as these are the only days the licence runs until midnight.

Likely Impact of Proposed Changes

The proposed changes would allow similar events to take place **any day of the week**, with alcohol sales continuing until **midnight** with no restriction on its consumption thereafter. This together with the proposed lifting of the restriction on the terrace curfew time of

11:20pm and the proposed extension of the licenced area would mean **louder disruption throughout the site and even later into the night**. This would dramatically increase the frequency and severity of the disturbance we already experience.

There is a clear risk of **cumulative impact** on nearby residents' amenity, wellbeing, and sleep – particularly given that the property is located in a rural, quiet area with limited ambient noise to mask event-related disturbances.

We believe this would constitute a **significant and ongoing public nuisance**, as defined by:

- Excessive and unreasonable interference with the comfort and convenience of nearby residents,
- A clear risk to public health and wellbeing through sleep disruption and stress.

We are also concerned that the Dodford Inn is in close proximity to The Dodford Children's Holiday Farm, a long-established charity that provides day and residential visits for children, many of whom may be vulnerable or have special needs. The charity works with schools, social workers, health visitors and other referral agencies, to give children from deprived areas that much needed break and a 'breath of fresh air' (Vision taken from the charity website). **The proposed increase in late-night noise and disruption could significantly affect the wellbeing and experience of these children.** The children's farm is sited directly opposite the pub premises on Warbage Lane.

Request for Refusal

We respectfully urge the Licensing Authority to **refuse the application** to vary the licence on the basis that it undermines the objective of preventing public nuisance. The current restrictions provide a reasonable balance between the business's operations and residents' rights to peaceful enjoyment of their homes. The proposed changes would remove that balance.

We thank you for considering our objection, and we remain available for further comment or clarification if required.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2025 16:08
To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection Letter

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Dear Worcestershire Regulatory Services,

Please find attached our objection to the application for the Variation in Premises Licence for the Dodford Inn, Whinfield Road, Dodford

The reference number for this application is **25/01407/VARYPL**

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

24th April 2025

Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Licensing Department
Wyre Forest House
Finepoint Way

Kidderminster

DY11 7WF

Dear Licensing Department,

Objection to the Application for a Variation of the Premises Licence – Dodford Inn

We are writing to formally object to the application for a variation of the premises licence for the Dodford Inn, Whinfield Road, Dodford B61 9BG, submitted under the Licensing Act 2003.

We live at [REDACTED], Alfred's Well, and are regularly affected by noise from events held at the Dodford Inn. Even with the current licence conditions - where alcohol can be served until midnight only on Friday and Saturday nights and the outdoor terrace must be vacated by 11:20pm - we are often disturbed by loud music and party-goers. The noise can be clearly heard both inside our home and when we are in the garden. The noise is much louder when the terrace and outdoor areas are used.

The proposed variation would significantly increase the level and frequency of disruption by:

- Encouraging private events on any day of the week. The potential extension of the licence until midnight on any day would support private functions and parties bookings in the week.
- Permitting alcohol sales until midnight every night would encourage prolonged activity and late-night noise, guests could also continue to drink and party after the closing of the bar.
- Removing time restrictions on the outdoor terrace and patio, meaning noise from outdoor gatherings could continue unchecked late into the night.
- Extending the licenced premises area to the entire site would encourage further use of the outside areas – with these areas being those from which the loudest noise travels.

These changes would result in an unacceptable increase in noise nuisance. We have a young daughter who finds it difficult to sleep when music and guest noise carries from the outdoor areas—her bedroom faces the direction of the venue, and the sound often penetrates into our home even with windows closed.

In addition, we avoid inviting friends or relatives over when events are taking place, as the atmosphere is often spoiled by intrusive noise that undermines the peaceful setting we value in Dodford.

We strongly believe that granting this variation would harm the quality of life for local residents, particularly families and those living in close proximity to the venue. We therefore respectfully urge Worcestershire Regulatory Services to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 April 2025 17:01
To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection

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Dear Worcestershire Regulatory Services,

Please find attached our objection to the application for the Variation in Premises Licence for the Dodford Inn, Whinfield Road, Dodford

The reference number for this application is **25/01407/VARYPL**

Thank you,

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thursday 24th April
2025

Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Licensing Department
Wyre Forest House
Finepoint Way
Kidderminster

Worcestershire
DY11 7WF

Dear Sir/Madam,

Objection to the Application to Vary the Premises Licence for the Dodford Inn
Ref: 25/01407/VARYPL

We are writing to formally object to the proposed variation of the Premises Licence for the Dodford Inn.

We live at ■ Malvern Cottages, one of the four semi-detached cottages directly adjoining the front of the Dodford Inn premises. Our garden backs onto the pub car park. We moved to this area to raise our young family in a peaceful, rural village environment and are proud to be part of the Dodford Conservation Area.

We are particularly concerned about the proposed changes, which would:

1. **Extend the licensed hours until midnight every night**, not just Friday and Saturday as currently permitted. This will increase the number of private events that are likely to be held in the week in addition to those that tend to take place on a Friday and Saturday.
2. **Remove existing restrictions on the use of the patio area**, which currently limits use and must close by 11:20pm.
3. **Extend the licensed premises area to the entire site**, rather than being limited to the building's immediate vicinity.

These proposed changes, if granted, would significantly increase the frequency and duration of noise and disturbance impacting our home and family life.

As parents to two small children (ages 3 and 4) with a third child due imminently, the potential for additional late-night noise is extremely worrying. The current weekend noise already disrupts their sleep, particularly in warmer months when doors are open and party-goers gather outside. We often have to keep windows closed to reduce the impact, making summer nights uncomfortably hot. An extension of hours and removal of outdoor restrictions would only intensify these disturbances.

Additionally, I work full-time as a lift engineer and leave home by 6:00am. A restful night is essential to both my wellbeing and the safety of my work.

The proposal to license the full site for alcohol sales - including the potential for outdoor bars or pop-up drink stands - poses further concern. Increased outdoor activity and noise in the grounds, directly adjacent to our garden where our children play, would concern us for their safety and possibility of being exposed to inappropriate language and behaviour.

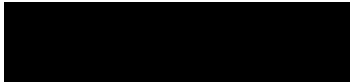
This application represents a significant shift from the pub's current operation. We didn't object to the planning application to change the pub's use to include use as a

wedding venue. We have a good relationship with the pub owners and visit the pub as customers. However, we now feel that we have to object to this Premise Licence variation as it feels that there are no boundaries - alcohol served until midnight every night, no time restrictions on outside use and the extension of this outside area to include the whole grounds feels unreasonable and not working in partnership with the local villagers. It is not in keeping with the rural character and conservation values of Dodford nor supporting the rural and peaceful life that the village enjoys.

We respectfully ask that the licensing authority considers our concerns, raised under the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance, and the negative impact this would have on neighbouring families and local villagers. We would ask them to reject the proposed variation to the Premise Licence.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our objection.

Yours faithfully,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2025 20:06
To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>
Subject: Dodford Inn application

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Good evening,

I am writing with concern regarding the application to vary a premises licence or club premises certificate under the licensing act 2003 at the Dodford Inn, Whinfield Road, Dodford, B61 9BG.

As a regular visitor to the pub, and have been for many years, I am very much in support of the family to continue to run a successful business. What already seems to be a thriving wedding venue, it doesn't seem to have any issues with the current hours in place, with regular weddings and parties.

I do not have an objection with the serving hours to begin at 10am, I think this is a lovely way for visitors to enjoy their special day.

A few points I am concerned about, as a village resident, if I were to have my wedding reception at Dodford village hall, this has a cut off time for music at 11.20pm unless a TEN is applied for. Regarding the extension of the music times to 00:00, if this is to be granted I hope this can be managed in a way against nuisance for neighbouring properties. My concerns are how this will impact our small, quiet, conservation village life and the surrounding properties of the pub.

Weeknight noise is a huge concern of mine. Being so close to the venue, we are very much impacted by the noise and how this can impact rest for work. Previous weddings have been heard inside the house even with doors and windows closed.

Perhaps a noise monitor could be installed, like Dodford Village Hall is required to have for neighbouring properties sakes. With future planning for a family, I don't wish for this to affect my family home and leave me unable able to open windows. Two of my neighbours also have young children and Dodford Children's Farm is directly opposite Whinfield Road where young families regularly stay.

My unease also lies with the complete removal of time restrictions for outside areas particularly with the extension of the boundaries, meaning it will be up to the bottom of my garden. I feel it isn't necessary to allow people to be so close to neighbouring properties to drink and be loud. I appreciate you can't control people's actions when leaving the venue, as it currently stands as a car park, I am just unable to understand the reasoning behind the boundary extension and what this will mean for the future, particularly if anything was to be

placed such as food vans, having festivals on the field etc and how this could impact on privacy.

The venue has also created a noticeable amount of traffic within the village, raising particular concern as to the speed at which people drive down Whinfield Road when going to the venue. I understand that this is not something that is directly relevant to the application, though is a concern that I have.

I do hope that my concerns are able to be considered towards the application as well as the wider concern of local residents.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 24 April 2025 21:24
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Subject: PL0209. The Dodford Inn

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Whilst I understand the need for a business to grow, it should not be at the detriment of others, neither financially (property values) or well being.

By extending the licensing hours and the permitted area in which to sell and consume alcohol 7 days a week for parties and weddings, would be inappropriate in such a rural location. Already the music travels across the fields and valley, and the venue is in extreme close proximity to several houses.

It is accessed by single track lanes in each direction, thus the traffic leaving in the early hours of the morning would be of significant disturbance to the surrounding village properties.

In conclusion, the proposal would fall into the category of public nuisance