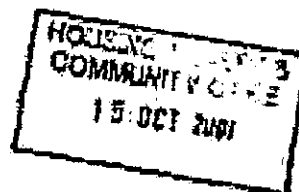


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APPENDIX 12

Anchor Cottage
17, High Street
Great Wakering
Essex SS3 0GF

12th October 2001

The Head of Housing, Health & Community Care
Rochford District Council
3-15 South Street
Rochford
Essex SS4 1BW



Dear Sir

Re: Rochford District Council Public Notice
Anchor Public House
Great Wakering

We should at the outset declare our interest in the Public Entertainment License request made by the landlord of the above Public House; we are neighbours.

We have lived next door to the Anchor since Christmas 1985 and have never before found the need to make any complaints whatsoever to any of the landlords until the recent incumbent. Since the new landlord arrived we are suffering an unaccepting level of noise disturbances never previously experienced. Given that we live next door and indeed continue to frequent the pub, we understand that excess noise on special occasions might be forgiven. Now, however, we cannot sit in our garden without the pervasive deep bass tones of the 'background' music engulfing every weekend and weekday evenings.

We are aware that they have recently taken their Karaoke session off the menu on Sunday afternoons, presumably in order to prepare to go legit! But the problem persists in that they insist on throwing all their doors and windows open and playing background music unbelievably loud. What chance are we to have to enjoy village life when the desires of the current management appear to be to produce a 'London Pub' in our midst?

Please understand that as a local businessman I understand and prescribe to the notion that entrepreneurs should be encouraged. It may be that due to inexperience, the Anchor licensee believes that their approach will bring long-term success. I offer no criticism if they wish to change the character of the pub, it's their prerogative, but not at the expense of our and other neighbours' rights.

Great Watlington, after a long decline, appears to be improving. One can see many properties both modest and more substantial being proudly renovated thus enhancing the aesthetic of the High Street to the benefit of all. The local Church, just a hundred yards from the Anchor, raised thousands of pounds from locals in order to have the Church professionally floodlit for the benefit of all. The council has made efforts with its traffic control and pavement repairs also to the benefit of all locals and now we see right on the edge of the conservation area a severe threat to the local community.

The lack of care and control over the existing noise is abhorrent. Sitting in our kitchen or lying in bed one can hear the cacophony of noise. Surely we cannot be expected to put up with what we get now let alone after a licence is granted. This area is a conservation area. Behind us in the Anchorage are residents one couple of which are now too embarrassed to invite friends to visit because of the noise, another a widow who retired to her dream bungalow is now forced into considering selling up.

This has now become a very serious matter, we have been patient for far too long already, but enough is enough. Consideration must be given to local residents; if the Entertainment Licence is granted it will be in the face of reasonableness, neighbourliness and quite frankly good sense.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by return and confirm it is within the 28-day period of publication of the Public Notice.

Yours faithfully


V. T. and J. J. Jones

HOUSING HEALTH &
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B.P. Woodhouse
Head of Housing, Health & Community

Dear Sir,

Re: Anchor Pub & House - St. Wakering

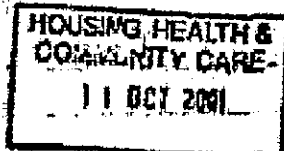
An residents in the above property
we strongly oppose the granting of
an entertainment licence to the above.
Through out the summer we have
had to endure the noise of music,
D.J.'s and other theme nights at a
volume that could be a nuisance
even with all double glazing closed.
The noise and litter are not in
keeping with this conservation
area and Friday evenings, Saturday
afternoons and evenings and Sundays
are very noisy indeed, including
cars departing the car park until
midnight!

Yours Sincerely

T.C.D. G. G. G.

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Dear G.P. Woodhouse,

After seeing the paper in the local paper that you put in about the chicken pub, having a Keweenaw chicken, I rather you did not grant the license as we get such a lot of crime from this anyway. I like most and to the chicken and you know if you like most to a pub you cannot expect crime, but the previous people were not so crazy and as we had had a crime summer all our windows and doors should have been open, but it has been so noisy with heavy weather. Road music until 12 o'clock at night that I have had to shut it down and visitors. Even then you can still hear it. I am asking you not to grant the license.

Yours sincerely

Mr. J. Brown