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From: on behalf of Regen, Licensing

Subject: FW: Hoopers bar (829881) objection to application for extended hours/layout changes

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To: Regen, Licensing

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Subject: RE: Hoopers bar (829881) objection to application for extended hours/layout changes

We live opposite one of the exits to Hoopers Bar on Malfort Road and are writing to object to proposals to increase opening hours, especially on Wednesday night at Hoopers Bar. We also object to a new entrance being made a matter of a couple of meters along from this exit if there is no sound-proofing provided - the site of this is a former door but has not been in use in the last thirty years (yes, Lucy has lived here since 1979).

We believe an extension this will cause a public nuisance to residents: this has to do with the noise, and people/ vehicle movement late at night. This has been a long standing problem for those of us living here, especially in relation to any amplified sound.

Hoopers is surrounded by residential housing on all sides, and all the hard surfaces mean noise really travels.

This proposal ignores the fact that most of us need a good night sleep ready for work the next day -an extension in hours especially mid-week would threaten this. The pub has no sound-proofing of any kind whatsoever on windows or any existing exits. This means that people gathering outside in the street to answer mobiles, smoke or just talk loudly can be heard in our homes, while amplified sound really penetrates our homes, particularly every time a door opens in the otherwise quiet of an evening.

We are also concerned that Hoopers is proposing that children should have access to the premises until 10.00 pm (although this is only apparent on the schedules we saw at the Licensing Unit on Tuesday 28 July 2009). At the moment we believe this stands at 8pm and can see no justification for extending especially considering the social consequences in this area - already we have gangs of children gathering to ride bikes unlit, towards midnight, at the junction of Ivanhoe Road and Avondale Rise.

Lastly, we would like it noted that we were not informed of these proposals by either the council or the publican, both are aware of the history of Hoopers when similar extensions (illegally perhaps) took place on a regular basis when it was known as The Ivanhoe. We would also like it noted that the plans deposited at the Licensing Unit were inadequate and did not show in any clear detail the proposals for internal partitions, bar alterations and so on. We believe that these proposals should have been brought to the attention of local residents and another extension for objections should be granted - one was apparently granted till 3 August but as there has been no more publicity this is not good enough.

Yours faithfully

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