

Representations

Representation 1

I'm writing to add my comments re licence variation application PR202208-81491.

I live in Church Street, next door but one to The Pullman. I spent 15 months (Jan 2021 to April 2022) living in a flat on the garden side of the building and was very close by, I could see directly into the Pullman's garden from my bedroom on the 1st floor (I have since moved to a bigger flat on the other side of the building which is better, although I still hear it).

It is often a noisy garden with a lot of shouting, shrieking, loud laughter and general noise of inevitably drunk people. It has a large capacity so can generate a lot of noise.

It was really quite disruptive at times and could impact when I was able go to bed, and that is with the supposed 10pm finish (the noise would actually often go on later). It is really very close to a lot of people's homes/bedrooms and for those who get up early for work it's a problem already. Several of my neighbours were really dismayed when they heard the garden might be open til midnight every day. I work from home so had some flexibility but it was very frustrating at times to have to stay awake when I didn't want to.

We also have the school next door and that can be noisy with children/parents arriving from 8am so if people end up struggling to sleep til after midnight then are disturbed again early that feels rather unfair.

I strongly feel the garden is too big, too noisy and too close to people's homes/bedrooms for it to be open til midnight every day. They say they will monitor the noise but none of us are confident about that with current noise/cut off times so far. The licence variation application seems to suggest that the 10pm limit imposed was due to a complaint which I'm not surprised about, I often thought about it myself.

The Pullman is generally a great pub and I believe all of us in the building want to support local businesses, but the news that the garden might open til midnight every day has been really stressful and for several flats in the building, really debilitating news.

Yours Sincerely,

Rosalind Keep

Representation 2

I would like to register my objection to the Licence Variation PR202208-81491 submitted by the Pullman Wine Bar, 7-9 Church Street, Folkestone, CT20 1SE.

The request to amend appendix 3 of the licence which currently requires the garden to shut at 22:00 to instead allow it to open until midnight is not considerate of the neighbouring properties and the community. The garden of the Pullman is adjacent to a number of residences, including houses on The Bayle and flats on Church Street, and while customers can remain inside the Pullman past 22:00, it is an infringement of local resident's right to quiet enjoyment to allow customers to remain in the outdoor garden area past this time, as noise from the garden area can clearly be heard within the surrounding residences.

Residents already have to tolerate the noise until 22:00, but allowing the noise to continue past this is not acceptable. In the summer the garden is generally full, and even in the colder months is it well used including my smokers, so the noise would be year-round. Not only are there many residents who are working and need to get up early for work, but there are many families also, but for any residents it is not appropriate for the timing to be extended as this will disrupt sleep and quiet time into the night for those who live nearby.

The two pubs on The Bayle (The Guildhall and The British Lion) both close at appropriate times so that customers in their gardens do not disturb local residents. They are also not as closely surrounded as the enclosed garden of the Pullman, the noise from which impacts a large number of dwellings.

Allowing the garden of the Pullman to open past 22:00 will create more opportunities for drinking, so in addition to the noise whilst in the garden, the patrons leaving often walk through The Bayle area, the churchyard or down Church Street and are loud which is disturbing (I am often awoken by drunk people talking loudly when they are leaving establishments around the town late at night), and a minority of patrons of pubs and bars engage in antisocial behaviour (arguing, fighting, graffiti etc) so allowing late night drinking in a garden area (which is not in direct view of the bar area in the Pullman and which makes monitoring of alcohol consumption and level of intoxication of customers much more difficult) is not conducive to maintaining the safety and tranquility of the local area.

The suggestion in the licence variation that noise levels could be dealt with accordingly does not seem possible once patrons have left an establishment, and if they've been out in the garden drinking out of view of the bar for some hours the noise they make as they exit and walk down the street is likely to be much greater than if their drinking had been in view of the bar.

It is wholly inappropriate for an outdoor pub garden in the middle of a residential area to be open past 10pm at night, on any night of the week. I therefore object to this licence variation.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Worley

Representation 3

My name is Andrei Ionescu, I'm a resident of Church Street, with a direct view of the garden of Pullman Bar. I understand that they are seeking to extend the hours that they use the garden.

The garden of the Pullman currently has a license until 22:00 and wishes to extend it. We've had a very difficult time falling asleep, and keeping our 1-year-old baby asleep whilst the clientele of the Pullman is out in the garden. They tend to be extremely loud without realizing this is a residential area. They are not instructed to keep their voices down in any way. The pub's garden has, in fact, gone over the hours of 22:00 on many occasions, leaving us frustrated.

Please take our concerns into consideration when coming to a decision on the matter.

If you have any questions regarding my comments, please don't hesitate to ask.

We look forward to an equitable resolution.

Kind regards,

Andrei

Representation 4

My family and I live at 1A Church Street, above the hairdresser's, we are part of a residential community along Church Street, many of us living above the retail shops, many of us will families and young children. Our son already gets woken up by drunk individuals leaving the Pullman at closing time, and now I am to understand that our son might have to go to school on less than 6 hours sleep?

We frequently have to sweep up broken glass and wash puke outside our door, of you give people more drinking time that will only increase of your create more drinking garden capacity for longer. Do I really have to move?

This is not a reasonable licence alteration request for the community, or school children that have to go to school with a sleep deficit.

Yours sincerely

Ben Page-Phillips and Cindy Elliott

Representation 5

I am a resident at the above address, I have been a resident here for quite some time now. I am very familiar with the Pullman pub as a customer and nearby resident. So near by in fact, my bedroom window is roughly 30-40m away from the pubs garden. Some nights it has been so loud I have had to wear ear plugs, some peoples noise levels are beyond unnecessary. I am a full time working adult, so is my partner and many others in the building. I have to be asleep by 10:00pm 5 nights

a week and when there are large groups of people at the pullmans pub it is very disturbing throughout my nights sleep and I notice a significant difference in my function throughout the next day.

I totally disagree with the lift in the current curfew as the current curfew is already unbearable most nights of the week. The customers at the Pullman pub are just too loud, loud shouting and laughing in big groups for hours.

Sleep is the most important attribute to one's health and longevity. I hope that the health of this community is put before the extra bonus profit of a business.

Your sincerely, Joseph.

Representation 6

I live at Church Street and my bedroom backs on to the garden of The Pullman.

I have seen that they have made a request to open the garden until midnight instead of closing it at 10pm. I would like to oppose this as it would be a great disturbance to myself and neighbours. It is already loud being open until 10pm and can only imagine midnight would be much louder as people drink more and get louder. I would be able to hear this and it would prevent me from getting to sleep. It's an anti-social request seeing as the pub is situated in such a residential area.

I hope the permission will not be granted.

Thank you,
Suzi Belton

Representation 7

I would like to submit my concerns re the Pullman opening hours application. I and many of the tenants at church street do not want the hours to be extended to midnight due to the amount of noise that already comes from the drinkers when they exit. I live next door and it can be problematic as it is.

Please let me know if you need anything more

With warm wishes and intention

Jordan Dixon

Representation 8

I live very close to the pub and hear the noise from the garden regularly. From my experience in the past year and half, the noise often goes on after 10PM, sometimes until midnight. I was surprised to learn from this application that they were supposed to close the garden at 10PM.

I am worried that if they extend the official garden opening hours, the noise level will get louder more often. As a resident, I would like the pub to keep the current opening hours and follow it more strictly.

Thank you,

Misato Takeda

Representation 9

I would like to make a representation to state objection to extend opening hours for Pullman Wine bar on 7-9 Church St, Folkestone.

The main reason is:

- Increased noise and disturbance of sleep of children and elderly person in the close neighbourhood of the pub
- The noise is in two areas: the streets around The Bayle as people passed by when leaving the pub and in the backyard area where our residential bedrooms are facing the outdoor garden of Pullman. The noise from the garden often echoes across the school playground towards the back of the houses.

Marketa Patelova

Representation 10

Environmental Health objects to the granting of this variation application under the grounds of preventing a public noise nuisance.

The condition to close the beer garden at 22:00hrs should remain in place. This is to protect the amenities of nearby residential premises.

Kind regards

Mr. Wai Tse