

# Licensing Committee Agenda

HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A FULL VARIATION OF A PREMISES  
LICENCE

This meeting will consider only licensing matters delegated under the Licensing Act 2003

**21 January 2019 at 6pm**

**Council Chamber, Civic Centre,  
Duke Street, Chelmsford**

**MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE INVITED TO ATTEND  
HEARING**

Councillor L. Millane (Chairman)

and Councillors

R.A. Alcock, J. De. Vries, and R.A. Villa

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**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**HEARING OF APPLICATION FOR A FULL VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE**

**21 January 2018**

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

All Members are reminded that they must disclose any interests they know they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda and that they must do so at this point on the agenda or as soon as they become aware of the interest. If the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they are also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting.

3. **MINUTES**

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2018.

4. **LICENSING ACT 2003 – APPLICATION FOR A FULL VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE – BRIDGE STREET LOUNGE AND GRILL, 1 BRIDGE STREET, WRITTLE, ESSEX, CM1 3EY**

A report regarding this application is attached.

**MINUTES**

of the

**LICENSING COMMITTEE  
HEARING**

held on 12 December 2018 at 7pm

Present:

Councillor L. Millane (Chairman of Hearing)

Councillors, J. De. Vries, S.J. Scott and R.A. Villa

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interests**

All Members were reminded to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or other registerable interests where appropriate in any of the items of business on the meeting's agenda, none were made.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the hearing held on 24 October 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a New Premises Licence – Abstinence Bar and Restaurant, 4 Dukes Walk, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1GZ**

The Committee considered an application for a new premises licence in respect of Abstinence Bar and Restaurant, 4 Dukes Walk, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1GZ. The licence being applied for was as follows:

**Late Night refreshments**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>23:00 – 01:00</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23:00 – 01:00</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23:00 – 00:00</b>

**Provision of Films, Live music and recorded music**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>06:30 – 23:00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>06:30 – 23:00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>06:30 – 23:00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>06:30 – 23:00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>06:30 – 00:00</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>06:30 – 00:00</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>06:30 – 23:00</b>

It was noted by the Committee that there were three options namely;

1. Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for.
2. Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for, modified to such extent as considered appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.
3. Refuse the application in whole or in part.

The Committee was informed by the Licensing Officer that that the performance of live and recorded music in a workplace between the hours of 08.00 and 23.00 is unregulated for up to 500 people, and therefore provided these conditions are met, no licence is required for this activity between these times. The Committee also heard that, conditions placed on a licence that relate to live music would not take effect and would not be enforceable between 08.00 and 23.00 unless the conditions had been imposed by way of a review application.

The Committee noted that they had received some supplementary information to an initial representation. The applicant and members of the Committee were shown copies of the supplementary information. In summary the additional information raised concerns about smoking near the premises and litter from the premises.

The following parties attended this hearing and took part in it:

### **The Applicant**

### **Objectors – Three members of the public**

The Chairman advised that the written representations had been read and considered by the members of the Committee in advance of the meeting. The Chairman invited the applicant to introduce their application.

It was noted by the Committee that as detailed in Appendix D the applicant had agreed with Environmental protection to reduce the application so that the licensable activities of films, Live Music, Recorded Music and anything of a similar description would cease at 23:00 (Sunday to Thursday) and 00:00 (Friday and Saturday).

The applicant informed the Committee that their application was not intended to be used every week and that they wished to stay open later on occasional weekends where they had special events. The applicant stated that in terms of noise pollution they had worked with the residents in the flat above their premises and had installed anti vibration mats and the speakers were all positioned on stands. The applicant told the Committee that they had sent a notice to the nearby residents inviting them to a sound check visit and some residents did attend. The applicant informed the Committee that one of the residents allowed access to their flat during the sound test and the music could not be heard in the flat. The Committee heard that the applicant had been working with the residents as much as possible as they did not want to cause any issues. The Committee also heard that with regard to smoking outside of the premises, they had made a mistake on the opening night but now understood that the area directly outside was a non-smoking area. To summarise the applicant stated that they were delivering a new alcohol-free concept to the area and wanted to be allowed to open later on some occasions.

The three local residents addressed the Committee and expressed the following concerns regarding the application;

- The flats running parallel to Fairfield road were west facing and due to the large glass windows in the summer months every window had to be open due to the flats being too hot. The glass side to the building was also not suited for insulating sound and residents regularly heard noise from a different premises on Duke Street and delivery lorries.
- If there were to be younger people visiting the premises in the early evening they were likely to be picked up by parents in Fairfield Road. This was of concern as it could lead to noise pollution from cars waiting and picking up people from the premises.
- The building was mainly a residential building and of the commercial units underneath this would be the only one open past 11pm and the only one playing live or recorded music.
- Some residents who had attended the soundcheck said that at first it was of too low a level but was then changed to a more realistic level.
- The levels of bass from the premises on its opening night were excessive and could be felt in the flats above, after visiting the premises however the bass was switched off.
- Due to mainly being a residential block, the notion of music being played after 11pm was unacceptable as it would infringe on the residents sleep patterns.
- The soundcheck had not been at a realistic level, this was demonstrated by the noise on the opening night when the bass levels were felt in the flats above the premises.
- There had been people smoking in the no smoking area directly outside of the premises on the opening night and this was unacceptable.
- The music on the opening night was of a different genre to the sound test and the bass levels were therefore completely different.

In response to the above concerns the applicant stated that;

- The sound check had been at a realistic level and the level had not been deliberately lowered when being tested from the flats above.
- Door staff had been employed voluntarily and they would now instruct customers to smoke in areas where it is allowed away from the premises.
- They would continue to work closely with local residents and wanted to run a safe premises that didn't affect the nearby residents.

In response to questions from the Committee the applicant informed them that;

- Specific tests for bass levels had not yet been conducted.
- Air Conditioning units were planned to be installed prior to the summer of 2019 to allow windows to be closed at the premises therefore restricting noise pollution.
- The stage was slightly raised and the possibility of a theatre style curtain to further restrict noise was being considered.
- In response to the issues with bass levels on the opening night the genres of music would be carefully selected for future events.
- They did not want to rely on temporary event notices for special events and wanted to be granted the licence to allow them to host special events when desired.
- A noise limiter had not been installed at the premises although the possibility may be explored in the future.
- Customers would now be instructed to smoke away from the premises in areas where it is acceptable.
- They were seeking a contract for a daily rubbish collection to avoid issues with litter left near the premises.
- Sound levels had not been recorded in decibels at the initial sound test.
- Customers under the age of 18 were not allowed in the venue after 9pm and it would be the responsibility of door staff to check ID of anyone already in the venue they did not believe to be over 18.
- There would not be the noise associated with an industrial size kitchen as the premises only had a small kitchen area.
- The premises would run as a coffee shop style venue during the week with events and music taking place at weekends rather than during the week.
- The capacity of the venue was around 70 in the daytime and 110 in the evenings.

The Lead Licensing Officer emphasised to the committee and relevant parties that no licence was required from the Council for playing live or recorded music before 11pm. It was confirmed that the application would therefore only allow an extension for live and recorded music to 00:00 on Fridays and Saturdays in addition to the late night refreshment hours applied for.

The Committee retired at 7.55pm to deliberate on the matter and returned at 8.31pm.

**RESOLVED** that the Director of Public Places be authorised to grant the application on the terms and conditions agreed as part of the application process.

The Chairman provided a summary of the reasons for the Committee's decision and advised that a formal decision notice would be sent out in due course to the relevant parties.

### **Reasons for decision**

The Committee's reasons for its decision are set out below:

The Committee has taken into account all the representations and is satisfied with the steps which the applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives. The Committee carefully considered the concerns expressed by the residents but considered there was no evidence to indicate prospective harm at this stage. The Committee has also had regard to the fact that the responsible authorities have not objected to the application as amended in line with their advice.

The Committee would remind all parties that if subsequently there is evidence of noise or other problems emanating from the premises during the operation of the licence then it is open to people to request a review of the licence, in which case the matter would come back to this Committee.

The Committee would stress the importance of local residents and the applicant speaking with each other in the first instance to resolve any issues.

The Committee would advise the applicant to take all reasonable steps to ensure that anybody who wishes to smoke is directed to do so away from the premises in an area where smoking is lawful.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Chairman



## LICENSING COMMITTEE

21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

AGENDA ITEM 4

<b>Subject</b>	<b>LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR A FULL VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE</b>  Bridge St Lounge and Grill, 1 Bridge Street, Writtle. CM1 3EY
<b>Report by</b>	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PLACES

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### Purpose

To consider an application for a full variation of a premises licence, having regard to representations received and the requirement to promote the four licensing objectives:

- a) The prevention of crime and disorder
- b) Public safety
- c) The prevention of public nuisance
- d) The protection of children from harm

### Options

Members are advised that they have the following options when determining this application.

- (i) Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for
- (ii) Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for, modified to such extent as considered appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.
- (iii) Refuse the application in whole or in part.

The Committee is reminded that the applicant or any person making representation in relation to this matter may appeal the decision of the Council to the Magistrates' Court.



<b>Corporate Implications</b>	
Legal:	The Licensing Act 2003
Financial:	None
Personnel:	None
Risk Management:	None
Equalities and Diversity:	None
Health and Safety:	None
IT:	None
Other:	None

<b>Consultees</b>	None
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<b>Policies and Strategies</b>
The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy as required, by the Licensing Act 2003.

<b>Corporate Plan Priorities</b>	
The report relates to the following priorities in the Corporate Plan:	
Attracting investment and delivering infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilitating suitable housing for local needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing high quality public spaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promoting a more sustainable environment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promoting healthier and more active lives	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhancing participation in cultural activities	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 1. **Introduction**

1.1 Members are requested to consider an application by Bridge St Lounge and Grill, made under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003, for a Full Variation of an existing premises licence on 1 Bridge Street, Writtle, CM1 3EY having regard to the representations received and the requirement to promote the four licensing objectives, namely:

- a) the prevention of crime and disorder
- b) public safety
- c) the prevention of public nuisance
- d) the protection of children from harm

## 2 **Background**

2.1 The premise is an existing bar and restaurant with a seated area for internal dining, currently with licensable activities of **Sale or supply of Alcohol, Performance of Live Music, Playing of Recorded Music:**

Sunday to Thursday 10:00 - 23:00  
 Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 00:00  
 Easter Monday 10:00 - 00:30  
 Spring Bank Holiday 10:00 - 00:30  
 August Bank Holiday 10:00 - 00:30  
 Christmas Eve 10:00 - 01:00

### 3. **Application**

- 3.1 The new premises application from Bridge St Lounge and Grill is for the following licensable activities:

**Sale or supply of Alcohol, Playing of Recorded Music**

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 02:00

**Late Night Refreshments**

Monday to Sunday 23:00 – 02:00

- 3.2 The application has been properly made in accordance with The Licensing Act 2003 and all procedures correctly followed. Members are advised that the original consultation period for this application had to be restarted due to an error in the original application resulting in the 28-day consultation period being reset. The completed application form is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 3.3 Members are asked to note that as this report is published publicly, personal details have been redacted from some documents, however, the licensing authority and the applicant have received complete copies of all documents.
- 3.4 The applicant has provided conditions consistent with the operating schedule intended to promote the four licensing objectives which are included as part of the application shown in **Appendix A**.

### 4. **Representations**

- 4.1 During the course of this application, in line with the Act, we sent a copy of the application to:

Essex Police

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

Head of Planning Services

Principal Environmental Health Officer (Environmental Protection)

Head of the Children's Safeguarding Service

Essex Trading Standards

Principal Environmental Health Officer (Commercial)

Licensing Authority

Public Health Trust

- 4.2 Responses to the consultation on this application have been received from 58 members of the public in the form of written representations. Copies of all the representations received from members of the public are attached to this report as **Appendix B**. No representations were received for any of the responsible authorities.

5. **Statement of Licensing Policy**

5.1 There are no specific issues arising from this application relevant to the Council's statement of licensing policy.

5.2 The following extracts from the Council's statement of licensing policy are brought to the general attention of members:

(1.2) When assessing applications, the Licensing Authority must be satisfied that the measures proposed in the applicant's operating schedule to promote the four licensing objectives aim to achieve that outcome, as far as possible.

(1.37) Where relevant representations are made, the Council will seek to make objective judgements as to whether conditions may need to be attached to various authorisations, to secure promotion of the licensing objectives.

(1.41) The Licensing Authority recognises that all applications should be considered on an individual basis and any condition attached to such a licence will be tailored to each individual premises, in order to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and other burdensome conditions on those premises. Standard conditions will therefore be avoided and no condition will be imposed that cannot be shown to be appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

**List of Appendices**

Appendix A Copy of application form

Appendix B Copy of representations received – Local Residents

**Background Papers**

Nil

\* required information

**Section 1 of 18**

You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

- System reference  This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.
- Your reference  You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.
- Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.
- Yes  No

**Applicant Details**

- \* First name
- \* Family name
- \* E-mail
- Main telephone number  Include country code.
- Other telephone number
- Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

- Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
- Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

**Applicant Business**

- Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?  Yes  No

Note: completing the Applicant Business section is optional in this form.

- Registration number
- Business name  If your business is registered, use its registered name.
- VAT number   Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.
- Legal status

*Continued from previous page...*Your position in the business Home country 

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

**Registered Address**

Address registered with Companies House.

Building number or name Street District City or town County or administrative area Postcode Country **Section 2 of 18****APPLICATION DETAILS**

**This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence, you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.**

I/we, as named in section 1, being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

\* Premises Licence Number 

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

 Address     OS map reference     Description
**Postal Address Of Premises**Building number or name Street District City or town County or administrative area Postcode Country **Premises Contact Details**Telephone number

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value of premises (£)

4,301

**Section 3 of 18****VARIATION**Do you want the proposed  
variation to have effect as  
soon as possible? Yes  NoDo you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the  
introduction of the late night levy? Yes  NoYou do not have to pay a fee if the only  
purpose of the variation for which you are  
applying is to avoid becoming liable to the  
late night levy.If your proposed variation  
would mean that 5,000 or  
more people are expected to  
attend the premises at any  
one time, state the number  
expected to attend**Describe Briefly The Nature Of The Proposed Variation**

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

The venue is a large bar space with seating for around 75 people. The layout is a large central bar and 2nd bar with 2 sections branching off of it with an attached Private dining room and kitchen. There are no plans currently to do off-supplies of alcohol. There is also a large space used as a carpark and a large outside space in use as outside seating during summer months

**Section 4 of 18****PROVISION OF PLAYS**[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)Will the schedule to provide plays be subject to change if this application to  
vary is successful? Yes  No**Section 5 of 18****PROVISION OF FILMS**[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)Will the schedule to provide films be subject to change if this application to  
vary is successful? Yes  No**Section 6 of 18****PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS**

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Will the schedule to provide indoor sporting events be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes  No

**Section 7 of 18****PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide boxing or wrestling entertainments be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes  No

**Section 8 of 18****PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide live music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes  No

**Section 9 of 18****PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC**

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide recorded music be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes  No

**Standard Days And Timings****MONDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

**TUESDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

**WEDNESDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

**THURSDAY**

Start

End

Start

End

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FRIDAY

Start  End

Start  End

SATURDAY

Start  End

Start  End

SUNDAY

Start  End

Start  End

Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both?

Indoors       Outdoors       Both

Where taking place in a building or other structure select as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.

State type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

recorded music exclusively from Spotify through premises surround sound system

State any seasonal variations for playing recorded music.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

none

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the playing of recorded music at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

none

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### PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes       No

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*Continued from previous page...***PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE**[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will the schedule to provide anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes  No

**Section 12 of 18****PROVISION OF LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT**

Will the schedule to provide late night refreshment be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes  No

**Section 13 of 18****SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Will the schedule to supply alcohol be subject to change if this application to vary is successful?

Yes  No

**Standard Days And Timings****MONDAY**Start End Start End **TUESDAY**Start End Start End **WEDNESDAY**Start End Start End **THURSDAY**Start End Start End **FRIDAY**Start End Start End 

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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SATURDAY

Start  End

Start  End

SUNDAY

Start  End

Start  End

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption?

- On the premises       Off the premises       Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

none

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

none

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### ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children.

Provide information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

none

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### HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#### Standard Days And Timings

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MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Provide timings in 24 hour clock (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

FRIDAY

Start

End

Start

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SATURDAY

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Start

End

SUNDAY

Start

End

Start

End

State any seasonal variations.

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

none

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed above, list below.

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

none

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Identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

none

- I have enclosed the premises licence
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

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### LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

Through staff training and strict monitoring  
contracted SIA staff to supervise the venue

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

SIA doorstaff  
CCTV already installed throughout the venue and carpark  
secure cloakroom with no public access

c) Public safety

Staff training in First Aid  
Alcohol awareness courses.  
Crowd management  
Fire safety training

d) The prevention of public nuisance

SIA door staff during late times.  
Volume monitoring  
Clear signage when leaving advising of neighbours

e) The protection of children from harm

Children not allowed in the venue after 10pm  
Strict age identification supervised by a licensed SIA Holder.

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Staff training and supervision on Challenge 25.

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### NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
  - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
  - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
  - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
  - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
  - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
  - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

**Section 18 of 18****PAYMENT DETAILS**

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For instructions on calculating the fee payable in respect of this licence, please refer to: <http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/apply-vary-licence>

\* Fee amount (£)

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Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

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Submitted On: 10/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Hi, I am writing in relation to the application to Bridge Street Lounge & Grill LTD's application for variation of premises licence to allow them to serve alcohol until 0200 Monday to Sunday. We live on St Johns Green with a baby along with a number of other parents of young children and many elderly villagers. The Bridge dominates the end of the Green as it stands and its current licensing laws mean we are still regularly effected by its clients of an evening - both in terms of overflow car parking (the Green currently does not have permits) and the noise made by clients often up to midnight. This application is troubling - these sorts of hours are for a town or city centre, not a village that is already blighted by crime to the extent its council recently felt compelled to employ private security in the absence of regular and effective policing. The Bridge is surrounded in close proximity on all sides by residential housing and the car park isn't currently large enough to support its current clientele. At a commercial level, I don't understand the thesis behind the extension given it's in the centre of a village with very little passing footfall and is primarily a restaurant. Your licensing references note four main concerns, all of which would be impacted by any extension. - the prevention of crime and disorder An extension would almost certainly lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour at times where the village council has already acknowledged there is a serious lack of police coverage. This has manifested itself in a spate of burglaries, amongst other issues. - public safety The Bridge is on a busy road junction and an extension will potentially further increase traffic and incidents around this tight interchange. That's without acknowledging the correlation between late licensing and an increase in the incidences of drink driving in an area with lots of elderly people and children. - prevention of public nuisance As above, this would almost certainly result in a increase in public nuisance through late night music (already audible) and the inevitable anti-social behaviour of the clientele. - the protection of children from harm As above - increase traffic flow, intoxicated individuals, anti-social behaviour, disrupted sleep, etc. I should add that we frequent and support The Bridge, but we are very much against this application on common sense grounds. We would implore you to do the same and reject the application. Thanks

**Date of enquiry:** 10/12/2018

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Submitted On: 10/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Protest at Share restaurant, Writtle, being given a licence until 2am every day. It could attract drunken oafs so leading to crime and disorder, and indeed public safety owing to hours of drinking. The premises are surrounded by houses, they are in a conservation area and the noise would constitute a public nuisance. These days children are kept up late and could still be there at 2am. There is enough noise already from the Rose and Crown on the Green, no need for longer hours in another pub.

**Date of enquiry:** 10/12/2018



Submitted On: 11/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Re: Application for variation of premises licence by Bridge Street Lounge and Grill Ltd. I object to the application on the grounds of public nuisance. The premises is in a residential area which will be severely affected by late night music and noise. In summer the outside tables will exacerbate the nuisance. There is already inadequate parking, so customers' cars will be jostling for space in the already overcrowded village green and St Johns Green areas, and customer returning to their cars late at night will be a nuisance. If this licence is granted I think it's likely that similar licences will be sought by the Rose & Crown and Olios. The licencing of late night music and bar sales in this conservation area is inappropriate and will create a public nuisance.

**Date of enquiry:** 11/12/2018

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Sent: 11 December 2018 11:11

From:

To the relevant person(s)

I've received a letter through my door this morning stating an application has been made for Bridge Street to operate with a drinking licence until 2am!

We saved for 12 years to be first time buyers in Writtle and have nearly broken ourselves to own a beautiful house down St John's Road and as a household of professional mid 30's couple with two young children we do not want any establishment to have a 'nightclub' licence until 2am Mon-Sun.

We live down a track of 5 houses which is the direct path for cyclists, walkers etc to walk to town and with the University around the corner, the amount of people that would walk past our house will triple tenfold and on top of it most of these people will be intoxicated with a lack of care or consideration to noise or those who are elderly, with young children and have paid a fortune to live in a beautiful village which should remain quaint and peaceful.

Bridge Street has been failing for years due to inconsistency, poor quality of food and astronomical prices which has driven trade away and they repeatedly make the same mistakes over and over and instead of cutting losses and selling, they are scraping the barrel to make money and in doing so is at the expense of all of us residents.

There are tens of bars, clubs, lively restaurants not even 3-5 miles away and no need whatsoever for a 'club' to open here in a village.

I am absolutely livid and certainly not alone.

Submitted On: 11/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** I am concerned over the licensing application from 1 Bridge St Bar and Grill to extend the alcohol license until 2am as well as playing music. I live close by and this is a quiet residential area and i don't want to bring my young daughter up opposite a late night bar / club where i can imagine there will be anti social behavior which goes hand in hand with these kinds of licensed places. If you can supply any information of how i can oppose this that would be great.

**Date of enquiry:** 11/12/2018

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Submitted On: 11/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Re: Bridge Street Restaurant, Writtle I strongly object to this restaurant applying to extend its licensing hours to 2 am 7 days a week. This might possibly be okay in the city centre in Chelmsford but not in a village environment such as Writtle. Our village is largely populated by young families and senior citizens and the last thing anybody wants is a night club environment on their doorstep - especially because we have been subjected recently to a lot of anti social behaviour and burglaries whilst lacking any police presence in the village. Kind regards Glenda Hastrup

**Date of enquiry:** 11/12/2018

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**From:**

**Sent:** 14 December 2018 14:55

Dear Sir,

I would like to register my objection to the extension of licensing hours for the above premises until 2am in the mornings on the basis of 'prevention of a public nuisance'.

In short I feel the extension to these hours within what is a quiet village would be unnecessary and would inevitably lead to disturbance particularly to surrounding residential properties from those leaving the restaurant in the early hours of the morning following the extension to drinking hours for alcohol consumption.

I would appreciate if this objection could be taken into consideration as a part of the application process.

Yours Sincerely,

**From:**

**Sent:** 12 December 2018 13:33

I am a resident of St. John's Green, Writtle.

I object strongly to application from Bridge Street to extend their licensing hours for music and alcohol on the grounds of:

Prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance & public safety.

The restaurant is situated in the middle of a residential area of a village in a conservation area, it is entirely inappropriate.

Residents of villages choose to live in them because they are by nature, quiet.

The noise from the music, additional footfall (people make more noise when they have been drinking) and extra late night traffic would be completely unfair to nearby residents. & certainly a nuisance.

The infrastructure is that of a village, there is **no late night street lighting** a concern for safety for example.

There is **little to zero police presence** in the village which would seem essential if we are to have a late night club effectively and therefore a concern for the prevention of crime and disorder.

Kind regards

**From:****Sent:** 12 December 2018 14:34

Licensing Section  
Chelmsford City Council  
Duke Street  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM1 1JE

12.12.18

Dear Sirs

We live near to the Bridge Street Grill (the Premises) and have seen that an application for a Premises Licence is being made to allow music to be played and alcohol to be sold to 2am.

This is something that we would like to object to in the strongest possible terms. The basis for our opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour, and that we and the neighbourhood would suffer from public nuisance in the form of noise and disturbance and because of the noise from events and customers arriving/leaving late at night.

Anyone wishing to leave these premises would need to do so by foot or their own vehicle as there is no public transport that passes between 8.51pm and 5.36am (weekdays) and 18.02 and 5.36am (Sunday evening / Monday Morning). This in itself will cause significant disturbance. The area is normally very quiet during the early hours of the morning and in particular any arrivals or departures after midnight will cause a disturbance. The footways along Bridge Street are very narrow and uneven and unsuitable for customers leaving in the early hours of the morning, having drunk significant quantities of alcohol. This will lead to potential for damage to property along Bridge Street, and potential for accidents where the increase in late night vehicular movement, coupled with the risk of intoxicated pedestrians walking in the road will compromise public safety.

The use of the Premises as a venue for late night entertainment is not an appropriate one because of the character of the area, which is within the Writtle Conservation Area. It will be detrimental to the quiet enjoyment of a significant number of listed buildings in St John's Green, immediately opposite the Premises, and the wider Conservation Area along Bridge Street and The Green.

We would also question whether the applicant should also have to apply for planning permission to change the use of the premises. From 21st April 2005 the town and country planning Use Classes Order now divides the former A3 Use Class for Licensed premises use into 3 separate use classes, including A3: Restaurant and cafes where primary use is for the sale of food and drink on the premises and A4: Drinking establishments defined specifically for pubs and bars where the primary use is for the purchase and consumption of liquor

Where there are combined uses that have more than one primary element then they are to be treated as 'sui generis' and will need a specific planning consent which defines what is authorised. The Variation in licensing being applied for will partially change the previous restaurant A3 Use Class into a bar therefore planning consent may be required before the licensing application is decided upon.

Yours faithfully

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**From:**

**Sent:** 13 December 2018 14:44

Dear Sirs

I would like to comment on the application to change their hours of opening and services.

Firstly - The current hours do not cause a problem for serving of alcohol or refreshments and of playing music, and as such I see no reason to change these. This takes in to account of the location namely:-

- In the middle of the Village surrounded by residential housing.
- Close to the two Greens and very near the pond. in the historic conservation areas
- On a central road junction which is in use at all hours of the day and night and can be extremely busy.

Secondly:- Any change in hours or services will have a negative impact on all the above and also:-

- Be potentially hazardous in the case of the roads/pedestrians
- There is a high risk that with late hours the premises could become the centre for late partying and drinking. This would have safety implications eg with the nearby pond.
- There could be an increase in antisocial behaviour and vandalism . Note that the nearby toilet facilities are close in the evenings..
- Parking can also be a potential problem. in the immediate vicinity where residents parking is already full

Hence I cannot support for this application for any changes.

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**From:**

**Sent:** 15 December 2018 09:35

The extension of licensing hours to daily events at the above would cause a public nuisance. There are nearby residential properties in a currently quiet area which would be affected by late night music and people leaving at 2am would cause a further noise problem. Extra late night parking would also cause a nuisance to local residents.

**12****From:****Sent:** 14 December 2018 17:15

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms, to the application from Bridge Street Grill to extend their licensing hours to 2am, 7 days a week, for music and alcohol.

I am a resident of St John's Green and live close to the restaurant. Bridge Street Grill is surrounded by residential properties, in a conservation area.

I believe that it is totally inappropriate to grant this license. The city of Chelmsford is only a couple of miles away and is far more appropriate to have this sort of establishment in the centre of town.

Writtle is a quiet village and if this is granted, the noise would be intolerable. Late night drinking would create extra noise which would disturb residents sleep. This is not conducive to positive mental wellbeing. Possible public nuisance could cause further stress to the neighborhood.

I am also concerned about public safety. There is no street lighting late at night.

Parking in St John's Green (opposite the restaurant) is difficult at the best of times. Most of us have to park in the road as we don't have driveways. Extra patrons at the restaurant will exacerbate this problem.

With regard to the prevention of crime and disorder, it also worries me that there is very little police presence in the village. You only have to read the Essex Chronicle each week to know that there are fights and general drunken disorder when the clubs close in the early hours in Chelmsford city centre.

Writtle is a peaceful community which is why we chose to live here. We understand that we have to put up with a certain amount of noise but a license until 2am would be unacceptable.

Kind regards,

**13****From:****Sent:** 15 December 2018 08:40

To whom it may concern,

I would like to make representations ref the above.

To allow the sale of alcohol and the playing of music until 200am will create a public nuisance, crime and disorder will increase with the increase of alcohol and drug consumption. This, at a time when our emergency services are already struggling to cope with their work load.

The threat to public safety will be increased by the sale of alcohol into the early hours of the morning. Not uncommonly where there is alcohol there are drugs. And to make things worse, this application is for 7 days a week.

Public nuisance Noise will increase in a residential area with an increase in traffic too, with its associated problems. Parking is already limited in this area and it already worsens when the Lounge and Grill is open. Most of the grill's customers seem to park in the street. Imagine noisy cars, people at 200am in a residential area for seven days per week.

Please consider the folk of Writtle that live in this area and how the above will affect their everyday live.

Regards

**From:****Sent:** 17 December 2018 10:53

Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the planning application in respect of music and alcohol being supplied at the above premises it is totally not in keeping with a small village such as Writtle and with all the associated noise of traffic and people leaving at 2-0am in the morning I can see being unbelievable.

Yours faithfully

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**From:****Sent:** 17 December 2018 17:40

Dear Sir/Madam

It is with much distress that I understand Bridge Street Lounge & Grill have applied for a late Licence 7 days a week.

The noise at the moment is intolerable so I cannot imagine what a late night licence will be like.

How can it even be considered, in a small residential village?

I object strongly to any further extension on the Licensing times, in fact I was hoping that it could be cut back due to the late night noise coming from the bar, which is unbearable at times.

Please consider this proposal and consider the fact this Bar is in a residential area, surrounded by homes in a supposedly quiet village that is in a conservation area.

Yours faithfully

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Submitted On: 17/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Regarding Bridg Street's application to serve alcohol and play music every night until 2am. We live on the end of this road and I greatly object to these terms. The impact of having intoxicated drunk people in a small village after hours is sure to lead to vandalism and noise pollution. There are no taxi ranks and will be no way for these people to get home. Secondly, playing loud music in a built up residential road will be disruptive to the neighbours. It is totally out of context with the village and what the residents are buying into when coming here.

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**From:**

**Sent:** 18 December 2018 09:10

I wish to strongly object to the application to alter the licensing hours at 1 Bridge Street Writtle for the following reasons:-

It is considered that extending the period of opening of the premises to 2 am everyday is likely to result in a public nuisance to the surrounding residents and the village. The former Public house is located on the corner of two streets, with residential properties in close proximity on either side where there are pub gardens and a car park. This is a quiet village centre where all other premises of this nature are only open until 11 pm. Extending the period of opening of No. 1 Bridge street will have an adverse impact on the quiet enjoyment of the neighbouring residents and the community as a whole by access and on site activity, when the surrounding environment is quiet. This is also likely to cause crimes as a result of people having alcohol over this extended period.

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Submitted On: 18/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

**Your enquiry:** I would like to express my objection to the application by Bridge Street Lounge and Grill Ltd to extend the licensing hours at 1 Bridge Street Writtle to 10:00-02:00, Monday to Sunday. I believe that this application is entirely unsuitable for the location of the restaurant which is very close to residential housing and would be likely to lead to significant noise nuisance in the early hours of the morning with patrons leaving the premises along with parking difficulties in an already overcrowded street. There is little to no police presence in Writtle and the potential for drunk people causing public disorder is increased with the extended hours. Local residents would not only be inconvenienced by excessive parking and noise but by potential public disorder and possible crime being committed in an unpoliced area.

**Date of enquiry:** 18/12/2018

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**From:**

**Sent:** 19 December 2018 19:13

I object to the late license being applied for by Bridge Street Grill. I think this is unsuitable in a residential street. In the summer nights when bedroom windows are open the noise of people leaving either by car or walking will be very disturbing or the sound of taxis with their engines running will be a nightmare.

When people have been having fun and drinking they are not the quietest when leaving premises. The traffic in this road is not the quietest at the best of times. At 2 am in the morning it would be most unfair for the people living here.



**From:**

**Sent:** 18 December 2018 10:30

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to make a representation regarding the following application:-

Application for variation of premises licence.

Bridge Street Grill. 1 Bridge Street, Writtle.

**Supplying alcohol. Monday to Sunday 10:00 -02:00**

**Provision of recorded music. Monday to Sunday 10:00-02:00**

**Time premises will be open. Monday to Sunday 10:00-02:00**

The above premises is located in a quiet residential area of Writtle village and within a conservation area.

The above application would appear to be turning the premises almost into a night club. There is concern that as such this would be unsuitable in the area especially as there are numerous late night bars in Chelmsford.

As residents whose properties are located in the same area as the above premises, we wish to raise the following concerns about the application.

### **1.Prevention of Public Nuisance.**

- **Loud Music**

The increase in level of noise from music from the premises is, of late, already unacceptable. The impact of longer licensing hours and provision of music daily gives cause for concern that the disturbance will become greater and more of a public nuisance to residents.

- **Late night Noise and disturbance.**

The effect of the extended opening hours raises concern about the impact on nearby properties from patrons sitting in the outside areas, especially during the summer. Also of considerable concern will be the noise of patrons arriving and leaving up to 2am, contributing to the public nuisance factor.

- **Parking**

Although there is some parking provision at the premises ,patrons already park in residential roads around the site. There is concern that a regular additional number of patrons will result in an increase in vehicles being parked in such a way as to cause further problems for residents and **affect public safety**. As has been observed in the past.

### **2. Prevention of Crime and Disorder.**

The village already has to deal with problems connected to crime and disorder. Such that private security has been employed in the past. There is concern that late night activity on a regular basis, will add to this problem.

Contributors to this representation

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**From:**

**Date:** Saturday, 29 December 2018 at 09:58

Dear Sir, I am writing in respect of the application by the above establishment to increase it's licensing hours. You may know me as the City Councillor for Broomfield and the Waltham but I live in Writtle and I will provide my full address at the end of this e mail.

I strongly oppose this application on the basis that granting it would constitute a public nuisance. Obviously there is room for such late night entertainment but surely not in the middle of a village. I personally know several people who live close by to the premises, and certainly within earshot, who work in London and obviously catch an early train to get to work on time. There is also an employee at Broomfield Hospital who works shifts. I urge you to reject the application and keep the licensing hours to more reasonable times compatible with normal family life for those living close by the premises.

Submitted On: 27/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** I wish to make representations in relation to an application made by the Bridge Street Grill-1 Bridge Street Writtle to vary their premises licence to enable them to supply alcohol and provide recorded music until 2am Monday to Sunday. I am strongly opposed to this application and consider that the terms of this business's current licence are more than adequate and already disruptive enough. I object primarily because of the public nuisance this will cause but also in the prevention of crime and disorder and to protect local children from the harm the increased noise will cause them. I live a stone's throw from this business in the heart of Writtle's conservation area. I am aware of the police being called to this property on a couple of occasions due to disorder there which causes a public nuisance. Many of the customers for that business park in my road and already cause a disturbance late at night returning to their cars. This will be worse and go on even later into the night if the application is allowed. There are primary school children living adjacent to this business whose sleep will be interrupted by the noise from the business and the late night comings and goings of people the worse for drink. Writtle is a sleepy rural village and the business in question is in the heart of a residential area and the Conservation area. All around are houses not businesses. At 2am there are no street lights on. The noise from the venue itself combined with the noise of people leaving the venue heading to their cars and driving home, taxis coming to collect revellers will be hugely disruptive and a public nuisance to residents who choose to live in a quiet village conservation area. Please take my representations into account when considering this application for variation of licence. Kind regards,

**Date of enquiry:** 27/12/2018

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**From:**

**Sent:** 27 December 2018 18:00

I am a resident of Lodge Road Writtle and object to the application from The Bridge Street restaurant to extend their licencing hours until 2:00 am on the grounds that :

- there is insufficient off-street parking.
- Such late night activity is inappropriate in a residential village area
- It will increase late night noise and the possibility of public disturbance, particularly as there is virtually no police presence in the village now.

I ask that the above objections are taken into account when the application is considered.

Signed

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**From:****Sent:** 27 December 2018 16:40

Dear sir/madam,

I write with reference to the application by Bridge Street Lounge and Grill Ltd, in Writtle, to vary their licence.

The new application seeks to cover the sale of alcohol and the provision of recorded music from 10am - 2am, 7 days a week.

I strongly object to this application on the following bases:

#### Public Nuisance

- The venue is surrounded by houses, the residents of which will be disturbed by the noise from the music in the venue as well as from the customers and their cars/taxis as they leave.
- Parking in the village is already problematic in the evenings. Increasing the capacity of this venue - by changing from restaurant to a venue with more of a bar/nightclub feel - would exacerbate these problems.
- a village location is not appropriate for a venue of this type - people move away from towns and cities purposefully to avoid living near such places. Chelmsford town-centre is less than two miles away with a vast array of late night venues and the security and transport facilities to support them.
- The area is not supported by an all night bus service nor a taxi rank. There is the potential for anti-social behaviour after the venue closes while people wait for a taxi service to arrive. There are no other late-night venues in the village, so people would have to wait outside this venue.

#### The Prevention of Crime & Disorder / Public Safety

- An increase in the number of people drinking alcohol over longer periods of time is likely to increase the incidents of violent and antisocial crime in the area.
- The increase in the number of people drinking to excess, in an area unserved by a taxi service (unless specifically summoned) has the potential to lead to more incidents of drink-driving.

Please would you acknowledge receipt of this email and let me know if you need any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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**From:****Sent:** 27 December 2018 20:58

I wish to object to the above licence .

This is a residential area and will cause s public nuisance late at night and 2am in the morning .There is no police presence so a real risk of public order problems .Noise of intoxicated people leaving the venue causing noise and disturbance to residents .

Risk of criminal offences and damage to local residents cars and homes .

No control over people leaving the venue and noise and music till 2am

**From:**

**Sent:** 27 December 2018 18:03

I have received a number of representations regarding the variation of the licence for the above named premises.

These representations are against the proposed variations. The premises in question was originally a public house and became a restaurant some 10 -15 years ago. This change of use was generally accepted locally as it essentially provided a similar facility and similar hours that was part of the community use and met the then increased demand for eateries both locally and in Chelmsford.

However to extend the music licence and the supply of alcohol to 02.00 seven days a week takes the restaurant provision too far.

The restaurant is located in a largely residential area and a music licence will provide a major disturbance to the tranquility of the area late at night and this would be particularly relevant in the warmer months when windows and doors of the building and surrounding residences are open. There can be no justification for this extension.

The same applies to the extension of the alcohol licence as this too would cause major increase in the disturbance to those living nearby late at night and in the early hours; as cars and taxis and people talking outside would be an on going problem when residents can expect peace and quiet. It should be noted that part of the restaurant is located in the open air adjacent to the roadway.

With the significant increase of night clubs, restaurants and bars in those non residential areas City of Chelmsford there can be no need for this part of Writtle village to become an area for night clubs, which in essence is being sought by this variation.

As the Leader of Chelmsford City Council said earlier this year, there are already too many such establishments and this is one too far.

May I register my objection to this application in the strongest terms.

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Submitted On: 27/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Regarding the application for variation of premises license at 1, Bridge Street, Writtle. The proposed extension of alcohol sales license and playing of music, both recorded and live from 10am until 2.00am Monday - Sunday. I feel this is totally inappropriate in an area which is residential. 1. The noise nuisance from music and rowdy customers would be considerable for neighbours. 2. The sale of alcohol for such extended periods of time would increase the likelihood of anti-social behaviour, causing a possible increase in crime and disorder. 3. This could also cause public safety issues in the surrounding area, as the property is on a busy junction. 4. As this is in a residential area, there are children living in some of these properties. This level of disturbance throughout the night, until 2am, would potentially disturb their sleep, causing difficulties in concentration during the day at school and potential mental health issues such as anxiety due to tiredness. I am strongly opposed to such a license being granted.

**Date of enquiry:** 27/12/2018

From:

Sent: 27 December 2018 19:38

We wish to register our objection to the application for a permeant 2am licence for the above premises.

We feel this is inappropriate due to its location at the centre of a village, surrounded by residential properties.

During this summer the weekend music from the venue has been audible from our house. We would not wish the current noise levels to be increased.

I trust you will consider our concerns

Regards

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From:

Sent: 27 December 2018 21:04

Dear Sir/Madam

I would hereby like to strongly object to the abovementioned application on the grounds that it will be a public nuisance to residents of Writtle village.

The Bridge Street Lounge & Grill LTD is located in a village and conservation area and within close proximity to dozens of residential properties. I object on the following grounds:

1. Currently it already causes a nuisance when intoxicated patrons leave the restaurant, making a noise as they walk to the village car park.
2. The noise from the restaurant causes annoyance to residents in the vicinity
3. I have also had to phone the restaurant on a couple of occasions, after 11, to ask them to turn their music down/off. This certainly does not bode well if they have permission to trade until 2am.
- 4 There is limited parking at the restaurant, the cars then overspill into the village streets, impacting on residents as they cannot park their cars.
5. The street lights in the village go off at 1am after which it is extremely dark. This will certainly make it dangerous for potentially intoxicated patrons crossing the very busy The Green/Bridge Street intersection.
6. There is no late night policing to deal with the inevitable problems that result from late night drinking.

The presence of a late night venue just does not fit into a village and the fact that the owners of the restaurant have applied for permission to sell alcohol and play music until 2 am 7 days a week, shows complete disrespect for neighbours. It is completely inappropriate for a village setting.

Yours sincerely

From:

Sent: 27 December 2018 21:30

Dear Sir/Madam,

Whilst I understand businesses need to be innovative to make a go of things these days I strongly believe that my village is not a suitable location for a venue with a late night licence. The restaurant is surrounded by houses and the noise and extra traffic it would bring would be a public nuisance and could well lead to unacceptable disorderly behaviour and safety issues.

I therefore object to the granting of this licence request.

Kind regards

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Submitted On: 27/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Objection to the Bridge Street restaurant licensing application This application will result in significant nuisance to local residents in what is a quiet residential area. It will also result in significant safety risk given the lack of any police resource in the village. It is wholly inappropriate to have a late licence alcohol and music venue in the centre of Writtle.

**Date of enquiry:** 27/12/2018

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Submitted On: 28/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Re application to serve alcohol and play music until 02:00. I object to this application. Writtle is a village with a lot of residents in close proximity to the Blue Bridge Restaurant. To allow music and alcohol to be served until 02:00 is unfair on the residents nearby. If a function is booked that is likely to go in later than normal licensing hours then an application should be made on a one off basis. Policing in this area is low priority and if this application is granted on a permanent basis an increase in alcohol related disturbances is inevitable. Chelmsford city centre is only 10 minutes away with plenty of night clubs and bars that stay open until later than normal licensing hours. PLEASE keep Writtle a the lovely village that it is.

**Date of enquiry:** 28/12/2018

Submitted On: 28/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Dear Sirs, I strongly object to variation of the premises license at 1 Bridge Street, Writtle, which has been made to Chelmsford City Council. The variation is - To supplying alcohol Monday to Sunday - 10:00 – 02:00am Provision of recorded music Monday to Sunday - 10:00 – 02:00am Times premises will be open: Monday to Sunday - 10:00 – 02:00am I summarise my objections under the following four licensing objectives:-

- The prevention of crime and disorder – on two separate occasions the Police have been called out to break up large scale fights at the restaurant and there have been many other minor anti social disturbances in addition. There is no police presence in the village in the late evening and early hours of the morning, accordingly any disturbance would mean police being diverted from Chelmsford City centre where they would be better used to deal with disturbances.
- Public safety - the fights and disturbances are a risk to public safety.
- Prevention of public nuisance - this is totally inappropriate in this the very heart of the Writtle village conservation area. The premises are surrounded by residential dwellings. There is no public transport available in the village after 11.10pm on any evening meaning cars would be coming and going in the early hours of the morning with the resultant noise and disturbance, I and my family live opposite the premises and already suffer from the noise emanating from the premises in the late evening after 11.00pm.
- The protection of children from harm – several families with Children of Primary school age live opposite and adjacent to the premises. With the premises open until 2.00am this must disturb their sleep pattern. Finally under the General Data Protection Regulations I question whether the following statement made by the Licensing Section, Chelmsford City Council is permitted under the GDPR “That on receipt of our representation, you will: Notify the applicant, and send them the representation in full, including the address and contact details” As you are no doubt aware there is a fine amounting to many million Euros for contravening those regulations. I would appreciate receiving your comments on this specific point. Yours sincerely

**Date of enquiry:** 28/12/2018

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Submitted On: 28/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Application for extension of hours for music and consumption of alcohol until 2 a.m. at the Bridge Street Bar and Grill, Bridge Street Writtle. I wholeheartedly object to this application on the following grounds: 1, It is not appropriate for a semi-rural residential village such as Writtle. 2, The reason given publicly by the applicant is that it will only apply for special occasions. These occasions can in fact be dealt with by special applications and a general extension virtually all days is not required. 3, A general extension throughout the week, is liable to cause nuisance and general disturbance not only to nearby residences , but also generally in the village. Even after the premises are closed to the public after 2 a.m.the noise and and nuisance is likely to carry on as the premises will have to be cleared thereafter- disposal of bottles and rubbish, and staff will not leave until much later. There is no late night bus service, so all traffic movement, for staff and public will have to be by private car or taxi. 4. There will be a greater likelihood of general anti-social behaviour. This will put increased pressure on already inadequate policing. 5, Parking is already difficult in this area and any greater extension of hours has the propensity to increase this problem. 6, It is unlikely that this will increase the economic/ profitability of the business involved given that staff will have to be employed for longer hours at potentially higher rates.

**Date of enquiry:** 28/12/2018

**From:**

**Sent:** 29 December 2018 16:16

Dear Sirs

I am writing from 1 Romans Place Writtle CM1 3JD concerning the application for variation of premises license for the Bridge Street Grill, 1 Bridge Street, Writtle.

I would not like this license to be granted until 2 am because:

The premises are in the middle of the village surrounded by housing which would create a public nuisance when people exit at 2 am. Whether by taxi or walking there would be an unacceptable amount of noise.

The unfortunate (although inevitable I think) results of people urinating or being sick in the street is not something we would like families having to contend with on their way to school the next morning. There is not police presence in the village as far as I am aware. In Chelmsford there are street pastors and police within minutes of any fight, altercation or accident caused by the effects of alcohol. Any trouble that might occur outside any venue in Writtle would not be deterred or dealt with as quickly, causing local residents to perhaps intervene if an incident occurred outside their home which of course could be very dangerous.

There are some really dark unlit footpaths in the village which could be dangerous when walking through at 2 am for the customers leaving the premises especially if they had drunk more alcohol than perhaps they were used to.

Yours faithfully

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**From:**

**Sent:** 30 December 2018 15:42

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to voice my serious concerns over the proposal to vary the premises licence for the Bridge Street Lounge & Grill in Writtle. My concerns, and those of my immediate family, are focused on the following points and why this is inappropriate to consider:

- An absolutely inappropriate proposal given the venue is located directly within a conservation area
- Families surround the venue and this proposal will have a direct impact on their quality of life and sleep
- Surrounded by residential properties and no other such establishments within the village
- This proposal is therefore totally unsuited to immediate environment
- Furthermore, there is no late street lighting
- There is no police presence in Writtle at any time, let alone late evenings and until 2am
- St John's Green and neighbouring areas are already over crowded with cars which pose a serious threat to public safety
- Previous example of Cock and Bell - which many residents are citing as something that they do not want to see a repeat of. We should listen to those who have lived in Writtle longest.
- This proposal has already totally alienated most of the locals within Writtle - as evidenced on the NextDoor website

I believe that these various points are all in direct contravention of the four licensing objectives and that this proposal will promote crime and disorder, increase the risk to public safety, cause a public nuisance and, therefore, can in no way be an improvement to the protection of children.

I live in [REDACTED], can see the Bridge St premises from my house, and will oppose this proposal alongside all of my neighbours with as much resistance as I can possible muster.



**From:**

**Sent:** 29 December 2018 21:30

May I strongly object to the granting of a license to allow opening of the above bar from 10am to 2am seven days per week.

1. The prevention of crime and disorder

The premises is completely enclosed by a residential area. People attending this restaurant will have been drinking and therefore may act out of character ( or use the lateness as a 'cover') and take part in crime and disorderly conduct to local houses . Alchohol frequently causes this type of behavior when too much is consumed. This is to the complete detriment of the local area and residents, very frightening.

2.Public safety

This surely speaks for itself. The area will have an influx of people having had a loud and fun time, probably have consumed alcohol and will not be settled into safe discharge into (again) a quiet residential area. The restaurant is literally on a major busy road in and out of Writtle. People may well be violent of very argumentative after such a late discharge from the restaurant premises. This could involve local residents or inocent passers bye.

3.Prevention of public Nuisance

Noise, bad behaviour, How can the restaurant stop these from affecting the very near local population. Parking is a sever problem in the area near to the restaurant, where on earth are the people going to the restaurant going to park, in the already limitted parking for the local population ?

How on earth are they going to stop noise, we chose to live here for its wonderfull residential qualities, the issue of a license for the restaurant to increase its hours to such late times would totally ruin the area in which people are trying to live and SLEEP. Echoing voices will wake many as sound bounces off local housing and car doors slam.

The lovely ambiance that makes Writtle special will be removed and may never again be present. What amounts to making a restaurant into a night club is not suitable for a completely residential area.This is not the center of Chelmsford, it it where people live.

4. The protection of Children from Harm

Children need to sleep. A discharging noisy crowd from a restaurant at 2am does not add up to rested children. lack of sleep presents proper development with extreeme tiredness. Poor learning then develops when attending school.

I therefore beg you to refuse the application, Writtle will never be again the desirable lovely place to live that it is at present,

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**From:**

**Sent:** 30 December 2018 17:54

I, [REDACTED], Writtle hereby oppose the application for variation of premises license at Bridge Street Grill, 1 Bridge Street for the following reasons:

Having a license to serve alcohol and play recorded music 10am-2am, 7 days a week will bring excessive noise, disorder and generally be a public nuisance to what is predominantly a residential area.

Living in close proximity to said venue and having had previous disturbances where Essex Police have been called out, I have concerns regarding the noise this will generate late at night / early hours of the morning from the general public and traffic.

Submitted On: 30/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Representation regarding Bridge Street Lounge & Grill LTD's application for a variation of premises license.

I am submitting this representation to strongly oppose the variation of premises application submitted by Bridge Street Lounge & Grill LTD which seeks to extend the supply of alcohol, provision of recorded music and opening times to 2AM / 7 days a week.

I live opposite the premises with my husband and 2 young children and the changes listed in the application would have a direct, negative, and unreasonable impact on our family.

There are existing issues with how the operator uses the premises. We are already able to hear the music and general sound emanating from the venue from inside our property, the noise is magnified in the summer months when we open our windows.

In addition to loud music we are frequently affected by customers congregating outside the venue in groups when smoking or when both customers and staff are noisily opening and closing car doors when leaving late at night. St Johns Green is often used as an overflow to the car park resulting in the disturbances being heard from all around our property.

Our children have been awoken by people talking loudly outside and on other occasions I have had to open the front door to investigate what is going on. In the past, I have also, on a number of occasions, called the venue to request them to turn the music down but have only been directed to an answer phone.

The extension of opening times will subject ourselves and our children to further sleep disturbances up to and beyond 2AM (until the customers and staff members leave) when the venue is closed which can be harmful to our health.

It is widely recognised that ongoing sleep disturbances have both short and long-term health consequences including but not limited to increased stress, cognitive, memory and performance deficits and stress related disorders such as depression.

The extension to supply alcohol until 2AM is likely to result in a higher number of intoxicated customers which can lead to unsavoury behaviour and nuisance customers and may lead to further disturbances both inside the venue and spilling out of the premises into the vicinity of our property.

While accepting that applications for late night licenses are suitable for some environments – town centres, remote locations - that is a world away from the circumstances of this application. The premises are in Writtle, a historic and quiet village, and within a residential area with housing immediately adjacent to the premises (or in our case the other side of the road).

Finally, the location of the venue is in a residential area that has street lights switched off at 1AM under the 'Part Night Lighting' initiative run by Essex Highways. This means that there is limited visibility for customers and staff post 1AM which can hinder public safety when leaving the venue.

For all the above reasons, I consider that the application is likely to unreasonably and adversely affect my family life and those of others in the vicinity of the premises.

**Date of enquiry:** 30/12/2018

From:

Sent: 30 December 2018 19:01

To whom it may concern,

I wish to object to the application to grant Blue Bridge Lounge and Grill, Writtle a license to open serve alcohol and play music until 2am.

The reason I object to this are outlined below:

- 1) As a resident of Writtle I believe this would encourage antisocial behaviour and noise disruption. This may then continue into the surrounding village once the venue closes.
- 2) There are several elderly people in the village who are unlikely to use the "nightclub" and would also not appreciate the noise disturbance afterwards and may indeed find it frightening.
- 3) I do not believe Writtle has the facilities required to support such a venue. There is very little parking within Writtle which often causes cars to park unsafely on The Green, Bridge Street and Lodge Road. Taxi and would also be unable to park safely or without creating an obstruction on the junction of Lodge Road, Bridge Street and St Johns Green. The street lights also go out at 1am which would be potentially dangerous from pedestrians.

I hope my points will be taken into consideration

Kindest regards,

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Submitted On: 30/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** I would like to register my objection (and that of my family) to the licence extension by the Bridge Street Grill Restaurant, 1 Bridge Street, Writtle for a late licence to serve drink and play music until 02h00, 7 days a week. This is a residential area, and I strongly feel that a late licence will inevitably lead to high level of noise disturbance, with guests leaving the premises under the influence of alcohol. To some degree this already exists. Noise from vehicles (especially taxis idling) as well as guests being noisy when leaving the restaurant, can cause disruption already, but at least this currently does not happen at 02h00, when most local residents choose to be asleep. The village location also means there is a higher risk of public disturbance, due to a lack of late-night policing. When the premises operated as a pub, this was highlighted on more than one occasion when group brawls spilled out onto the street. An extended music licence and extended hours for serving alcohol, greatly increases the likelihood of this type of occurrence happening again. This is supposed to be a restaurant, not a nightclub or late-night drinking establishment. This type of venue is already well catered to in Chelmsford. Who would police it? I hope you will agree that it is not an appropriate location for such a licence and our objection will be well noted and sustained. Thank you for your attention.

**Date of enquiry:** 30/12/2018

**From:**

**Sent:** 30 December 2018 19:49

Hi

It has brought to my attention that Bridge Street Grill has applied for a variation of premises license. The changes include supplying alcohol & playing recorded music until 2am on every night.

The location of Bridge Street Grill is set in a peaceful & largely residential area, if the changes were approved then this would disrupt this harmony - to my knowledge, most of the street lights are switched off at midnight. If this is the case, then I think having increased numbers leaving a venue into a residential area without adequate lighting is bound to cause disruption/frustration/safety concerns to both residents & the users of the venue. The answer is not to leave the lights on, but to refrain from introducing the opportunity for issues to arise.

We are located along the bridal path part of St Johns Road & we have a wide variety of users of this part of the road, mostly during the daytime & early evening in the summer & mostly without any incident. I do feel that if the license change is approved it could lead to an increase in footfall along the road at times which are unacceptable to the residents and many of us have young children to be concerned about.

There have been attempted & some successful burglaries in our area of late, I think having large groups potentially drinking heavily & then vacating the premises at times that most residents will be asleep will not reduce this type of issue, it will likely increase the number of times it occurs.

We used to live at 6 Bridge Street until a few years ago. On occasions, when Bridge Street Grill was busy, we encountered some unruly behavior when large groups of people were leaving the premises at the same time & this was when it was a restaurant. If it was to change its use to a more drinking & club feel, then I can only see this type of behavior increasing which would be unacceptable to us in our current location but even more so to the residents along Bridge Street & Lodge Road.

To be clear, we are 100% in objection to the proposal.

Many thanks

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Submitted On: 31/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Representation for Bridge Street Grill late opening and music license. We oppose the late opening on the grounds that it would compromise our public safety by bringing adverse behaviour to the village and local area. We have young children and do not want them disturbed by loud noise at night either directly from the venue or from attendees, we have concerns also that the amount of crime and disruption in the local area would increase due to higher levels of alcohol consumption.

**Date of enquiry:** 31/12/2018

Submitted On: 31/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** Representation to oppose the variation of premises application submitted by Bridge Street Lounge & Grill LTD

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Representation to oppose the variation of premises application submitted by Bridge Street Lounge & Grill LTD**

I am writing to make a representation to object to the application for a variation of premises license made by Bridge Street Lounge & Grill LTD concerning their premises at 1 Bridge Street, Writtle ('the premises').

The application requests that the premises be open from Monday to Sunday - 10:00 – 02:00 with the supply of alcohol and the provision of recorded music for the same hours.

As noted above my address is [REDACTED]. That is directly opposite the premises. I live there with my wife and our two young children.

Grounds of objection: Prevention of Public Nuisance

The existing issues

**Noise from the premises including recorded music**

Currently when recorded music is played at the premises it can be heard outside the premises and, in particular, inside our home by me and my family.

This is despite the mitigating impact of having separate double glazing for all windows facing St Johns Green. Due to our home being listed and in a conservation area we are limited to what further soundproofing we could reasonably undertake. I am unaware what, if any, mitigating steps the operator has taken regarding soundproofing the premises. However, as the committee will be aware, the premises is an old building and therefore is likely to have significantly weaker soundproofing than one built using modern methods of construction. It was not built to contain modern levels of sound and vibration, and therefore it is inevitable that music will escape from the building.

This issue is most prominent on some Friday/Saturday nights where the premises hosts a large number of people and plays the music loud enough to cause a nuisance to us. I have observed that on such nights customers of the premises congregate in the area immediately outside the entrance and make substantial noise (talking, laughing, shouting) which has on occasion woken our two young children. In addition, the flow of people in and of the venue late at night while recorded music is playing loudly means that further noise escapes while the front doors are open.

Consequent upon customers leaving the premises late at night is the arrival of taxis to the premises' car park or pulling up on St Johns Green. Taxis picking up sometimes leave their engines running which can be heard inside our home.

Further, the premises' customers also congregate outside the venue not just at times when they are arriving or leaving. The outside space is used as part of the amenities of the venue and substantial numbers stand outside chatting for extended periods before returning inside. This is typical of late night venues in town centres or in remote areas but presents a significant nuisance at the residential location in Writtle.

Seasonally the nuisance is most severe in the summer because the heat is such that we find it necessary, at nighttime, to keep the windows open in the children's bedrooms. At such times we are without the protection afforded by the two layers of windows we have in our bedrooms and the noise level from any activity at the Blue Bridge is significantly higher for us.

#### The likely consequences of the license being granted

The application to permit recorded music and alcohol sale beyond the current license to 2am is likely to produce a noise nuisance significant enough to fundamentally change the character of the neighborhood of Writtle where the premises is. As such it would be demonstrably against the licensing objective of the 'prevention of public nuisance'.

As the committee will be aware the village of Writtle, in particular, at the location of the premises is a residential area maintained in keeping with its status as a historic village. The nearby restaurant of Olio's closes at the latest by 10pm ( <http://olioonthegreen.co.uk>) according to its website, for example.

The premises that are the subject of this application are immediately adjacent to housing and across the road from our house (and more housing on St Johns Green). The distances to nearby housing is therefore very small.

Should the premises be open later, the disturbances that already exist (as described above) would in turn remain but continue until 2am and potentially beyond. (As customers leave the premises and wait to be collected by taxi). It should be uncontroversial that noise disturbances later at night would have an increased impact on residents in the immediate vicinity.

Further, there is no reason to think the premises would be immune from the issues that affect late night venues selling alcohol including night clubs. Anti-social behavior and violence that cannot be contained within the premises would continue outside therefore affecting the residential neighbors. Such is the nature of these incidents that it would be a matter of when, not if, they occur if the premises had a later license.

However, the premises and Writtle in general are seemingly without many of the safeguards that mitigate the effect of such behavior. For example, extensive monitored CCTV, the benefit of working with doormen from other nearby premises and other 'keep safe' initiatives, a nearby police presence, such as exist in Chelmsford or any other major town centre.

For all the above reasons, I strongly oppose the application for an extension of the licensed activities.

I would welcome the opportunity to make my representations in person, if appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

**Date of enquiry:** 31/12/2018

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Submitted On: 31/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** I'd like to state my objections to the application made by the Bridge Street Lounge & Grill LTD to increase their licence till 2am for the following reasons: 1) A 2am alcohol licence will undoubtedly lead to more crime and disorder. It would be naive to believe otherwise. there are more than enough late night venues within easy reach. This is a village not a town centre. 2) The increasingly busy traffic which passes through Writtle at speed, particularly in the early hours of the morning would cause a risk to the safety of the patrons. the increased number drunk persons on the streets of a small village 3) Drunk people late at night in a small village is an obvious public nuisance. the majority of houses are listed and have single glazed windows therefore are susceptible to external noise. We moved to the village as it is a lovely place to raise our children, the increased traffic and now proposed reveler noise would cause additional loss of sleep. thanks Paul

**Date of enquiry:** 31/12/2018

Submitted On: 31/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** we live a few metres from bridge st lounge, we strongly oppose an alcohol license that allows them to serve alcohol and play music until 2am, 7 days a week. this is a quiet village, we do not want noise and drunken behaviour in the village, my children are of school age, they need sleep and we cannot risk them being woken every night. it will not be safe to walk in the village with lots of drunk people who are allowed to drink alcohol until 2am. the new owner of this place does not seem to know what to do with the place, first a tea room, then tapas, then a restaurant again and now who knows what he plans to do. he said on social media that it was for the odd event, well he should pay and apply for each event then, we cannot trust that the venue will not be noisy every night, the only way is for him to apply each time he puts on an event. we put up with v festival each year...in those 2 days we can put up with drunks shouting near the house and throwing litter in our garden, but we will not tolerate this potentially happening 365 days a year. there will also be parking problems, their car park is small, so will they park on lodge road or will they have pollution and noise of taxis collecting. there are no police in the village, we know as you pay s type security, so who will deal with anti social behaviour when these 2am drinkers leave the bridge st lounge ? so we strongly oppose the licence for all the reasons stated above.

**Date of enquiry:** 31/12/2018

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**From:**

**Sent:** 01 January 2019 12:30

Representation from

I wish to express my concerns about the application to extend the licence at these premises to 02.00

The Bridge Street Grill has limited customer parking and if the change in licence were to lead to increasing numbers of customers using the premises then nearby street parking is limited. Few of the houses on St John's Green have off-street parking and so on an average evening there are few if any car park spaces available. Drivers unable to find a place a place to park on St John's Green are likely to try Lawford Lane - this practice regularly happens during week day. My concern is that customers leaving the premises in the early hours of the morning would then be coming back to their cars at a time when the road is unlit and having to turn their vehicle in the lane which has no designated turning place.

Lawford Lane is a quiet residential place with mostly retired residents. I would not like to hear people returning to their cars at 02.00 and then using residents driveways to turn their vehicles - by so doing creating a public nuisance.

My house is probably too far from the premises to be disturbed by music from there, but the Bridge Street Grill has residential properties surrounding it and I have concerns for these nearby residents.



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**From:****Sent:** 01 January 2019 00:29

Dear Sirs

Please take this email as our formal objection to the aforementioned licence application which is to extend opening times until 2am from Monday through to Sunday and to also serve alcohol and play recorded music until the same time each morning.

To provide a little context, the premises are surrounded, on all sides, by residential properties which are situated within very close proximity and within a very quiet village location. It should be noted that the village is not served by any form of public transport at the time, and the proceeding hours, that the application is proposing the bar be open until. The village is also home to many elderly residents who may feel more vulnerable late at night and during the early hours. Many of which have lived in their current properties for well in advance of 20 years.

As a resident of Bridge Street, Writtle, CM1 3EY, we object to this application primary on the grounds that it is likely to cause a public nuisance in the form of unreasonable noise post 11pm resulting from:

- Vehicles arriving and leaving the premises, including the slamming of doors and playing of loud music on car stereos
- Patrons making their way to their vehicles in groups and then raucously parting company from each other
- Patrons speaking with each other while smoking cigarettes in the outdoor area
- The noise of taxis waiting to collect patrons with engines left running
- The sound of music and general revelry escaping from the premises

We feel such noise will be exasperated as the village is otherwise exceptionally quiet during the early hours and so any unreasonable noise will stand out and be heard by the residents of all properties surrounding the premises. The impact will be even greater during summer months when windows to either the properties or the premises will be open to allow cool air in.

Furthermore, there will be an issue of bright external car park lighting which will remain on until the premises have closed and all patrons have left.

In addition to the public nuisance we also feel that the extended drinking times may result in criminal / antisocial behaviour resulting from increased alcohol consumption during the extended period. A particular concern will be as patrons leave the premises and make their way home. As already mentioned, there is no public transport running during the extended times and so some patrons will be forced to walk home and thus could cause a disturbance as they are making their way, inebriated, through the streets of Writtle during the early hours. Others may be coming from further afield and outside the village for a late drink. Consequently, the risk of drink driving will be much greater which, not only increases the levels of crime but will also be a safety risk to residents who may also be driving on the roads at such times. We have already had first hand experience of the results of a late-night party at the premises (during the previous management) that got out of control resulting in damage to our property and with groups of patrons entering our driveway to relieve themselves and to be sick. Because the area is quite isolated, this all happened before the police were able to attend and disperse the group.

It should be noted that all the aforementioned concerns are not a reflection of the current licensee's attitude towards managing the establishment. We feel the management are responsible people, however, most of these issues will be outside of their control and so, no matter what control measures the management attempt to put in the place, they will have very little impact on behaviour once the patrons leave the premises.

It has also been brought to our attention that the extended hours are only to be used for the 'occasional' events. This being the case, we understand that there is an existing process in place whereby the management can apply for an occasional extension as and when needed. We therefore feel that granting this application would, apart from result in an unreasonable impact on the local residents, be completely unnecessary to meet the management's actual objectives for the application. Subsequently, we feel the only just outcome would be to reject this application, and this is exactly what we respectfully request that you do.

Thank you for taking the time to read this objection and for considering it during your deliberations.

Yours Faithfully

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**From:**

**Sent:** 31 December 2018 21:22

I have become aware of an Application for Variation of premises license for the above address including:-

- Supplying alcohol from 10:00 to 02:00
- Provision of recorded music from 10:00 to 02:00
- Premises opening time from 10:00 to 02:00

All of these Variations are likely to result in increased public nuisance, increased crime and disorder and disturbance of childrens' sleep, all to a greater or lesser degree:-

1. The Bridge Street Grill is located in a predominantly residential area of the village and extended opening hours will inevitably result in disturbance of residents' legitimate right to a peaceful night's sleep. This is relevant to all occupiers of all ages but of particular concern to children and individuals requiring a full night's sleep.
2. Supply of alcohol at any time is likely to encourage crime, in the way of damage to cars, properties and public disorder but the proposal to extend the supply of alcohol to this extent is likely to exacerbate this problem considerably. There is also a likelihood that increased availability of alcohol will result in raucous behaviour and potentially violent and threatening behaviour.
3. The provision of recorded music for these extended hours is likely to cause disturbance and noise pollution in the locale – unless the volume of the recorded music is restricted and measures are taken in the external envelope to limit sound escape.
4. Parking within the confines of the site is already inadequate for the property's current licensing hours resulting in disruptive and illegal parking within the limited parking provisions of the Green, St Johns Green, Bridge Street and all surrounding areas. Clientele returning to their vehicles are likely to cause disturbance by general talking, opening and closing of car doors and starting up engines and general vehicle movements during the night.

On the basis of these factors I strongly object to the Variation to extend the licensing hours as proposed in that they will breach the noted 4 Licensing Objectives of:-

1. Prevention of crime and disorder
2. Public safety
3. Prevention of public nuisance
4. Protection of children from harm

I consider that I am entitled to make representation as I live in the vicinity of the premises and I am likely to be affected by the Variation proposed if permitted.

Submitted On: 12/12/2018

Submitted From: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-licensing/>

Submitted By:

**Your enquiry:** I am concerned about the application to vary a premises license by Bridge Street Grill - 1 Bridge Street, Writtle. Writtle is a quiet rural village and the application will seriously disturb the tranquillity of the central part of this village, especially as the application is for 7 days a week which is wholly unnecessary. As regards the licensing objectives: Prevention of crime and disorder: more drunkenness, especially late at night, will usually lead to greater disorder and other antisocial activities, and possible increase in criminal acts (especially assaults and possible motoring offences such as driving under the influence). Public safety: since the streetlights in the village are routinely turned off at midnight to 1am, there is potential for this to be a safety issue as there will be an increased number of people in the village which is in complete darkness, leading to trips and falls. Prevention of public nuisance: Music noise levels will increase (at what is already quite a noisy venue), potentially every night of the week until 2am, leading to disturbance to village residents, not to mention the loud voices of revellers as they wander through the peaceful village green area which, from personal experience, can be particularly disruptive of a night's sleep. Protection of children from harm: I have nothing to add to this specific point which has not been addressed above. In its current form, therefore, I do not believe the variation should be granted.

**Date of enquiry:** 12/12/2018

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**From:**

**Sent:** 20 December 2018 22:17

Dear Sirs/Madam

**Re: Application for variation of premises licence at *Bridge Street Grill - 1 Bridge Street, Writtle.***

I would like to raise my objections to the above application.

- The above application for extending drinking and music licence until 2am would cause extreme disturbance to the village and would be at complete odds with this environment.
- There have been occasions in the past of public nuisance and disorder connected to the premises, the police have been called on these occasions and this would increase exponentially with an increase of long drinking hours. This type of 'Nightclub' should be kept in an area that has a police presence, in order not to divide the already hard pushed police service.
- There is no lighting after 1am this would be a public safety issue.
- There are small children within very close proximity to the premises who would be disturbed in the early hours every night, this would be detrimental to their health and well being.
- This is a Conservation Area.

Yours sincerely

(52)

21st December

Hearing Section,  
Cheshamford City Council.

Dear Sirs,

Bridge St. Gill.

I refer to your letter regarding Bridge St. Gill applying alcohol and music from 10pm to 2am. One fact that this Gill is situated amongst all the houses, in the centre of Witley, it is not feasible for you to vary the premises licensing arrangements.

I live immediately opposite the Bridge St. Gill.

Yours faithfully,

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discussing Section,  
Cheshamford City Council.

Dear Sirs,  
Re: Bridge Street Gill, 1 Bridge St, Witley.

I wish to object strongly to the granting of a licence which will increase the opening hours when alcohol and music are made available at these premises.

On the subject of public safety - Notice must be taken of the situation of this building & its car park adjacent to the junctions of Bridge Street, Lodge Road, Church Lane (with its public car park), The Green, & St John's Green. These five thoroughfares already suffer from heavy traffic and roadside parking, with increased congestion ahead as these houses are built within & adjacent to the village. There have been several traffic accidents recently on St John's Green corner where traffic crosses Bridge Street via a 'dog's leg' junction between Lodge Road and St John's Green (with police & ambulances involved). There is a bus stop as well as a pedestrian crossing at the very

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entrance to Bridge Street Grill's car park! Restrictions in our village, many elderly &/or disabled, parents with children attending nurseries or schools at opposite ends of the Village Centre, already struggle to cross these roads at peak times.

As regards the prevention of public nuisance - suggested closing time of 2am. (possibly 7a.m. for week) would cause additional noise as customers leave the premises on foot, or by public or private transport. Two instances where police were called to the premises by previous licensees are on record - one in June 2009 & again in 2015 as ready readers were spilt into the car park and street. Noisy smoking and vaping like those outside; thus in addition to alcoholic plus drugs abuse will produce problems of nuisance to all.

Protection of children from harm - At risk of producing a toxic environment from both noise and pollution, residents in the village, young & old alike, could inevitably experience sleep disturbance from 10pm - 2am. Even those who live out of earshot of the premises

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themselves would be woken by traffic noise from honking customers on foot or by vehicles.

The requested development at the Bridge Street Grill is at odds with its situation in a residential village admired for its historic buildings and its beautiful views.

Sincerely,

17 DEC 2018

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10/12/2018

TEL 01245 421515Application for variation of  
premises license:Bridge Street Lounge & Grill LTD.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to object to the above application for the following reasons

1) I feel that what is proposed will turn these premises into more of a nightclub than a restaurant. Writtle is a peaceful village Chelmsford has many nightclubs in areas not surrounded by houses.

2) I feel this extended drinking time will attract some undesirable people to the village causing late night disturbance possibly every night of the week.

Kind regards





Dear Sir/Madam

Applications by Bridge Street Grill – 1 Bridge Street Writtle

I wish to object to the applications by the above to open Mondays to Sundays from 10am to 2am and to play music and to serve alcohol during those periods.

The premises are situated in a predominately residential area. There are a few businesses nearby but the only one that is open until later in the evening is Olio's Restaurant but that has sufficient consideration for its neighbours that it does not stay open until the early hours. It is self evident that premises where music is played past the time when most people go to bed will result in nuisance being caused to residents. And with alcohol being served until the early hours again it is plainly obvious that if customers have longer to drink then the likelihood of them causing anti social behaviour escalates.

Residents here have bitter memories of the last time these premises held events where music was played. When known as the Cock and Bell regularly on Fridays and weekends drinking sessions went on until late with accompanying music. Our house is double glazed but even so we could hear every word. Numerous complaints were made and some restrictions were imposed but were largely ineffective because you can never escape from the thump of the bass. And because the customers had a long time to drink when they left there was always much shouting, slamming of car doors, vandalism and sometimes fights. We did not feel safe.

So when the Council considers these applications it can do so not simply in the abstract, ie what might happen, but can look at the actual facts of what did happen. It might be argued that that was then but if the broad principles are the same then it follows logically that the outcome is more than likely to be the same. Will premises that stay open late with accompanying music and with customers who have been drinking for a lengthy period result in a better or a worse environment for residents? How can it be anything other than the latter.

I would submit that allowing these applications would inevitably result in disorderly and, on occasions, criminal behaviour; there would be a public nuisance created by noise from music being played for hours on end detrimental to the well being of residents coupled with the nuisance often caused by people who have been drinking. And if these applications went ahead it would breach residents' human rights to the quiet and peaceable enjoyment of our homes.

I would respectfully ask the Council to reject these applications in their entirety so that we can enjoy the good neighbourly relations that have hitherto existed with these premises.

Yours Faithfully

Licensing Section  
Chelmsford City Council

cc Writtle Parish Council

Licensing Section,  
Chelmsford City Council,  
Duke Street,  
Chelmsford, Essex.  
CM1 1JE

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: **Bridge Street Lounge and Grill Ltd**  
**Application for variation of premises licence-**  
**supplying alcohol and provision of recorded music, Monday to Sunday - 10:00 – 02:00**

I was appalled when I discovered that the Bridge Street Lounge and Grill had applied for an extension of their licence from 10.00am until 02.00am to supply alcohol and recorded music. I am also somewhat disconcerted that I have only just discovered this fact and might not have done so until it was too late to comment. The premises are, as you know, in a conservation area in the village of Writtle. It is a residential area with houses in close proximity to the premises. It will cause untold problems in the village not least with noise, parking and the likely increase in crime.

#### **Public Nuisance**

The car park backs onto my property and abuts seven other properties. When that car park is full, customers park opposite, on St. John's Green, which is also a residential area. I dread to think of the disturbance at two o'clock in the morning with raised voices, fuelled by alcohol as well as the slamming of car doors and revving of engines.

The recorded music is also likely to be a problem, especially in the summer when the windows and doors are open. People sit outside in various positions around the premises and if they are able hear the music then so will all of us neighbours.

#### **Crime and Disorder**

This licence application is clearly designed to attract the young who are happy to be out until all hours. The alcohol will reduce their inhibitions and is extremely likely to add to the already increased level of crime in the area, such as broken windows, scratched cars and the like. If people drink all evening and continue until 2.00 AM, apart from being extremely bad for THEIR health, they are very likely to be a **public nuisance** as well as possibly driving under the influence of alcohol, affecting **public safety**.

I sincerely hope that this application will be rejected.

Yours faithfully



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Licensing Section  
Chelmsford City Council  
Duke Street  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM1 1JE

21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Dear Sirs,

**Premises Licence - Bridge Street Grill, 1 Bridge Street, Writtle**

I have recently been made aware that Bridge Street Bar and Grill has made an application to supply alcohol, play recorded music and be open Monday to Sunday from 10am to 2am.

I am totally shocked that this could even be considered. Writtle is a quiet village, if people want lively action until the early hours of the morning, Chelmsford is only a few miles away and has an abundance of venues providing this service.

I am particularly concerned about the potential rise in crime and disorder, together with people having consumed too much alcohol becoming a public nuisance. We moved to Writtle as we liked the quiet, gentle community it provides, and this kind of venue does not fit with the rest of amenities in the village. There is no demand for this type of venue and if only for the protection of children and public safety, this must not be allowed to happen!!

Yours faithfully,

29 December 2018

Licensing Section  
Chelmsford City Council  
Duke Street  
Chelmsford  
Essex CM1 1JE

Dear Sirs

Bridge Street Grill, 1 Bridge Street, Writtle

I wish to make a representation in relation to the application for late night sale of alcohol and provision of recorded music which are the subject of a current licence application in relation to the above premises.

These premises have until recent years always been a village pub, located in what is essentially a residential environment. The use of the premises as a restaurant has only been comparatively recent and evidently the business has not been successful, having changed hands on more than one occasion. There appears to be a limited demand for the current activities and in my view it is questionable whether there is any demand for a late night drinking/music venue from the residents of the village.

It seems to me inevitable that the result of the proposed licence being granted would be the generation of late night/early morning visitors to our village from elsewhere, solely for the purpose of the consumption of alcohol. This in my view is inappropriate given the residential nature of the immediate locality and will inevitably result in disturbance/nuisance to local residents from noise - vehicle movements, doors slamming and raised voices during the early hours - likely beyond 2.00 am.

As has been documented in the local press in recent weeks Writtle has been experienced an increasing level of crime during 2018 - it may be internally generated to a point but is more likely to be due to individuals from outside the village. Current restrictions on police resources make this difficult to deal with and any further increase in individuals from outside the village during the hours proposed is only likely to exacerbate the problem.

Put simply the village location of the subject premises is inappropriate for a late night venue, which is much more suited to a commercial town centre where there are fewer residents and police resources are on hand in the event of disturbance.

I would urge the Council to reject the application.

Yours faithfully