

The Friends of Old Headington

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Dear Sirs

The White Hart, St. Andrew's Road, Old Headington Licensing Application 08/00734/PREM

We have been made aware of this application to vary the premises licence at this property.

Everards Brewery, owners of The White Hart, built a single storey covered pergola at the rear of this public house to accommodate smokers after the ban on smoking within the property came into force. Old Headington is a conservation area, and we, as the Friends of Old Headington, were not consulted in connection with Planning Applications 07/01249/LBC and 07/01250/FUL and were therefore unable to comment on the proposal to build the pergola at the rear of The White Hart.

We understand that under this current application the pergola is not considered 'garden' which is covered by the extension of its licensing hours granted in 2005. We are very concerned that use of the pergola, an outside space, after the garden is closed, will contravene the third of the licensing objectives, that of preventing public nuisance, by preventing neighbours from getting to sleep at a reasonable hour. Currently the licensing hours, granted in 2005, extend to midnight from Sunday to Thursday and to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

We object to the proposals contained in this application and would ask that the variation be refused on the basis that the noise generated by customers would constitute a nuisance to neighbours by affecting their ability to get a good night's sleep.

Yours truly

Stella Welford
Hon. Secretary

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