

### Appendix 3 – Representation

I understand from our previous exchanges that an application to vary the existing license has been submitted by the landlord and that this relates solely to the extension of serving time to cover an extreme range of 10:30 until 00:30 with now down-time and seven days per week, making this a relentless drinking hole right in the heart of a tightly packed residential area.

Right in the heart of the West Coker village Conservation Area, by Church, local flats, numerous character cottages and houses, I am concerned that this structure, along with a declared intention to open to the public from 10:30 through until 00:30, seven days a week has the potential to cause significant disruption. There will inevitably be noise both around the bar and on all the approaches. There may even be an element of anti-social behaviour if all-day drinking is being encouraged. Traffic on an already heavily pressured and often dangerously obstructed Church Street will increase.

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Incidentally, you may have heard of a very recent Cabinet Office report that estimates the cost of alcohol across all aspects of the British economy at £27 billion per annum through health impacts, crime and lost productivity. Surely this points us all at the need for some form of balanced approach to drinking whereas balance does not seem to figure in the landlord's current thinking.

In summary, I wish to object to both the positioning of this new open-air structure (which appears in no planning application and does not form part of the requested license variation) AND to the extension of opening hours AND to the loss of breaks to alcohol serving during the day. Yes there is an old pub here, but the residential properties surrounding it are equally old.

I also object to the opening of the pub at 10. 30 am every day. This is another extra hour of peace ruined during my day especially at weekends.