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Subject: Re: The Kings Head, Docklow

The hours asked for are not unreasonable. We may well close the pub at 10 or 11. Having the facility to stay open, just means we can adapt to the situation. We will not be putting on late night entertainment and if a person cannot drink enough between 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m to be drunk and anti social, then I dont think an extra hour is going to make any difference. We are aiming at a family trade, but families have birthday parties and the like and relatives might have travelled far to be with them. Having the option to extend our opening on those occasions, will just help to keep the pub viable.

It is our intention to have a village local, with some tourists on holiday. Not Stag and Hen Do's

We take our responsibility as Personal Licence holders seriously, and will not serve people if they are drunk. We do not want the kind of pub described by objector.

If you can allay their fears great, but in modern times we need to be flexible.

kindest regards
Paul & Debra



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6th April 2021

King's Head, DOCKLOW - Premises Licence Application

Dear Representor,

We are the Licensing Consultants acting for Mr ENGLAND in obtaining a new Premises Licence for the King's Head in Docklow. You will be aware that there is much public support for the reopening of the pub.

We have read your representation with some interest. You seem to speculate to some lengths as to what may go wrong in the future if the pub is not well managed. Can I reassure you that our client is an experienced landlord and indeed is currently a Magistrate? We were wondering if you could share with us:

1. Any evidence that you have to suggest that Mr England will not run a responsible business, and
2. Any evidence that you have of current/recent or past problems associated with the King's Head?

Lastly you ask for opening hours often associated with country pubs operating some years back. We would be respectfully point out that:

3. Many country pubs that have operated under these limited hours have indeed subsequently ceased to trade. Consequently, broader operating hours have been sought in these circumstances in order to provide a broader offering. But rest assured, our client has no intention of turning the King's Head into a Late Night operation.
4. That although the hours requested permit operating until their cessation, it does not necessarily follow that this business will operate to the fullest extent of these hours every day of the year. The grant of these hours would mean that the premises COULD operate to these hours without the need to apply for a Temporary Event Notice, of which only a limited number are available to any premises in a particular calendar year.

For that reason, we are minded not to reduce the parameters of the hours applied for, and hope that you will appreciate our intention to obtain a comprehensive Premises Licence YET at the same time provide a business that will not only prove and asset to the local community but also retail alcohol responsibly.

If we can offer any reassurances or indeed make other concessions in the form of offered conditions that might reassure you, then we would be pleased to explore these with you.

Your thoughts on our explanation of the application would also be very appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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