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Name of Premises:

New Inn – Premises Licence number LAPLWA0231

Address of Premises

Main Road

Galgate

Your Name:

Joseph Southall

Your Address:

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Your daytime and/or mobile telephone number

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Your email address

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Please insert your comments in the table below:

The prevention of crime and disorder

See comment under 2) in section 'The Prevention of Public Nuisance'

Public safety

The prevention of public nuisance

1) To play Live Music on Friday and Saturday 18:00hrs to 23:00hrs

A licence for live music was declined in 2007 for the same premises. The circumstances have not changed since that date. The applicant has made no attempt at direct contact with immediate neighbours to inform of the intended changes.

Previous live music (unlicensed) at the New Inn in 2007 was a frankly awful experience in terms of the volume of noise coming from the premises. The front of my house is directly opposite the back of the New Inn, and the noise on these occasions was extremely intrusive at minimum, through the open back door, increasing to unbearable when the middle door of the premises was opened (which is frequent as patrons go to and from the toilet, and to and from the outdoor smoking area). When the middle door was open as well as the back door, the volume was very much increased, resulting in wide variations from loud to extremely loud which added to how intrusive the noise was. I was unable to sleep, and my children were unable to sleep.

The Live Music in 2007 (unlicensed) would continue long after 23:00h – I do not have confidence in the New Inn's intention to keep to the licenced hours.

Granting a licence for Live Music at this premises would, from previous experience of their unlawful and unlicensed events, produce unacceptable levels of noise in a residential street.

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- 2) Remove condition (17) Rear gate to be closed and appropriately secured, with a sign requesting that patrons use the front door

As far as I am aware, this was the condition at the last application from the New Inn to have a Live Music Licence. Prior to the UK smoking in public buildings legislation in 2007, there was a background of noise from patrons using the car park either for parking, or as a short cut to other parts of the village, particularly the local Spar shop – this noise was generally either at a low level, or relatively brief. Following the start of the smoking ban, the patrons of the New Inn tended to congregate at the back of the premises – at that time, the New Inn placed tables outside, and use of the back door increased greatly, as did the noise. Often at weekends, there would be groups of patrons at the back of the premises, on the pavement, in the road, drinking and talking, often at volume. The New Inn then constructed a fence across their back yard – at this time the condition was that there should not be general access through the new back gate – this has rarely been enforced by the New Inn, and indeed for long periods the gate has had no fixings or sign. As a result the movement of patrons has greatly increased over recent years, with significant noise throughout the evening and frequently past midnight. Drunken people smoking and drinking beyond the fence is intrusive and intimidating to me and my family. This rear area is away from the bar, and out of sight of the licensee and staff, and they are either not aware of the behaviour of their patrons, or don't care.

I strongly object to any relaxing of the condition that the rear gate should be closed and appropriately secured, with a sign requesting that patrons use the front door. This will result in considerable noise nuisance, often late at night.

- 3) Remove Condition (16) Front door is to be used for customers

See 2) above – removal of this condition (which has been blatantly flouted) will result in considerable noise nuisance, particularly late at night.

I strongly object to any relaxing of the condition that the front door is to be used for customers, this would result in significant increase in noise nuisance in Chapel Street at all opening hours, and especially into the small hours of the morning.

- 4) Operating Schedule-(d) The prevention of public nuisance. Remove Condition (curtains will be closed after 10:00pm to prevent light pollution

No objection

Additional Comments

(please put in this box any comments which relates to more than one of the above licensing objectives)

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF REQUIRED

Signature.....Joseph Southall.....Date.....1st May 2012.....