

Date: 01 March 2006

Our Ref: WK/200350665

Your Ref:

Nikki Siggery
The George and Dragon
206 High Street
Epping
Essex CM16 4AQ

Edward Davis (01992) 564082
email:edavis@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Dear Nikki Siggery,

Licensing Act 2003
The George and Dragon, 206 High Street, Epping Essex, CM16 4AQ

On behalf of the Council's Environmental Protection Team (Pollution Control), I confirm receipt of a copy of your application dated 29th November 2005 that I received on 20th February 2006 regarding the above mentioned property.

I have made the following representation to the Council's Licensing Section with regard to the Licensing objective – Prevention of Public nuisance:

1. The Premises Supervisor (or representative) shall monitor the volume of music emanating from the premises and adjust the volume to ensure that any amplified sound or other music from the licensed premises does not cause a public nuisance. The Premises Supervisor (or representative) can ensure that music from the premises does not cause a public nuisance by ensuring that the music is inaudible at the boundary of any properties where the occupiers are likely to be sensitive to noise.

Reason: To ensure that any music and amplified sound from the licensed premises does not cause a public nuisance.

If you would like to discuss the matter or have any written comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I should be happy to withdraw the representation(s) if the operating schedule is amended accordingly or if you agree to a suitable condition(s) being imposed as part of the licence, or if you provide sufficient evidence to confirm that the representation can be withdrawn.

Please confirm your comments in writing (by letter or email). I will inform the Council's Licensing Section if satisfied that the representation(s) can be withdrawn.

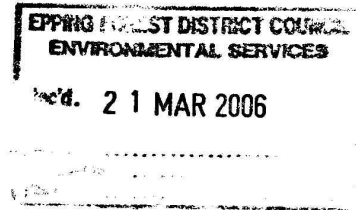
Yours faithfully

Edward Davis
Environmental Health Technical Officer

c.c. Mrs K Tuckey – Licensing Section

Shine glass ltd
T/a the Entertainer
199 cottis lane
Epping

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March 19, 2006

Epping Forest council licensing dept

Dear sir/madam

I have been informed that The George and Dragon pub are at the present applying for an extension to the current opening hours they have, and I would like it known that I would object to this license being granted.

As you know the Entertainer has for the past ten years provided late night entertainment in cottis lane along side club 195 and before that la taverna /breezers and we have worked hard to build up our own clientele and to keep trouble and noise at a minimum by working with the local police and councils. If this late license was to be granted I think it would cause too much trouble in the main high street and once again the noise levels would rise around the town areas in the early hours

The Entertainer has always been the only venue in Epping with a late bar and this should not be changed we employ door staff to control noise and trouble in the cottis lane area I do not want to be blamed by our near residents for any noise or trouble that comes from the George and dragon .

Thanks

Steve close manager/licensee

The Entertainer

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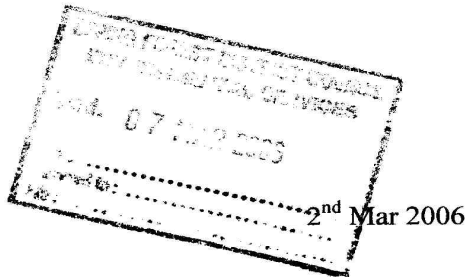
John Phelan owner

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Moon Tavern's Ltd

(Trading As Half Moon Public House)
26 High Street. Epping Essex CM16 4AE

Epping Forest District Council
Licence Officer Mrs Tuckey
Civic Offices. High Road.
Epping Essex CM16 4BZ



Reference: The George & Dragon PH

Dear Mrs Tuckey

Further to our telephone conversation yesterday, following various discussions with Liz Cox within your department and Simon Fisher of Essex Police over the past two days.

Not only are we extremely upset that the above public house, is attempting to emulate our licensing hours, and trading practices , of which they have their own group of clientele and us ours, have since taken our disc jockey's and one of our live bands namely the 'Diamond Girls', which as a family feel this totally underhanded and an absolutely a despicable disgrace, of which we will be contacting the establishment and manageress directly, and further feel they have disgraced any gentlemanly agreement within the local licensed establishments, if there were any ? and furthermore any community working practices.

Last year myself and my family had purchased our business in May 05 (Half Moon High St) we understood that the local Public Houses, and authorities all worked together ? not as in practice it seems, with maverick established premises doing exactly whatever they feel ?

After bringing the issue that concerned us to your department, that the George & Dragon is trading without the correct musical entertainment licence to do so, therefore is breaking the licensing law, of which they have applied for a variation on their existing licence on the 23rd Feb 06, which has not been issued to date.

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Vat No. 858 4104 15

Reg. Office 15 Station Road. Epping. Essex. CM16 4AG

Have since brought the issue to the attention of the Local Police at Harlow, EFDC Licence Authority and Performing Rights Society, that the establishment has already not only once, but after a written warning and a visit in person from a licensing officer, has again committed the same offence a second time and what is more on the same day ! Mar 2nd after the letter was hand delivered.

The manageress after being telephoned by Simon Fisher of Essex Police, and again by EFDC the two authorities have been led to believe by the manageress of the establishment that the whole issue is some oversight, and they will cancel the Thursday night live events until her licence is approved, with the exception of the establishment now applying for a TEN notice for the 23rd Mar 06, after already committing two offences on the 26th Feb and 2nd Mar respectively having live entertainment of which is publicised on the front of the Public House and give away flyers (one now in the hands of Liz Cox of your office), and has a good chance of actually getting her TEN notice granted, making a complete mockery of the Local Licensing Authority, which will set a precedent for any future disputes from any further source within your jurisdiction.

All of this before her variation licence is considered, now by a hearing I would trust ?, of which we will attend with representation, after being forwarded the details from yourselves, of when the board will consider the judgement, and would strongly urge the authority to strongly consider restricting any additional hours requested, and the use of live entertainment altogether after the two current misdemeanants.

Finally, all of the above had transpired, prior to contacting yourself, who actually listened to myself and my families concerns and grievances, although I would further add that Liz has herself been very helpful indeed , of which we are extremely grateful, from myself and my family who run the Half Moon PH. This project is our first and only venture into the entertainments industry, of which we have found very demanding to date, and further feel we cannot get into a dispute with a corporate business such as the George & Dragon's 'Ember Inns Ltd' if they wish to destroy another local community business, without our governing bodies support.

Yours sincerely

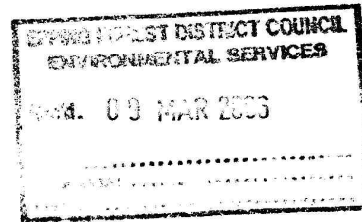


Maurice Sharp
Sue Sharp
Benjamin Sharp (licensees)

70 Crows Road
Epping
Essex. CM16 5DH

7th March. 2006

To Epping Forest District Council
Licence Dept.



To the Licence Officer.

I object to the George Public House being given a licence to have live bands and DJ.s on the grounds that there is already a venue doing the same , further down the town, known as the Moon Bar which is run and managed with extremely high standards.

What do we want another venue for when already there are 195 nightclub, the Entertainer which hold the same sort of thing quiet close together and opposite the George, what we need to continue to have is somewhere so that not everyone wants to listen to live groups with loads of youngsters , but to be able to go for a meal and drink and relax in comfort.

The George has had two sessions already which do not hold a licence , so under the council law surely this has already caused a stir, which should be investigated before giving a licence to carry on with out regard to anything.

I think it would be just another area which will cause further problems.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Longhurst". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

A. Longhurst

70 Crows Road
Epping
Essex CM16 5DH.
6th March 2006

To The Licence Dept.
Epping Forest District Council
Epping High Street
Epping.

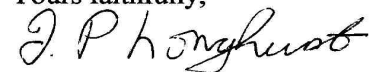
To whom it may concern.

I would like to object to a music licence being given to the George Public House on the grounds that we already have the Moon Bar which holds a licence for live music and is very respectively run and well managed.

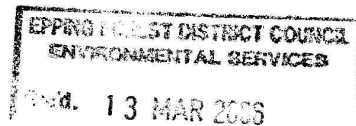
The George on the other hand is more a meeting place to have a drink and chat but saying that on two occasions when we have been in the George live groups were in fact playing on two separate thursdays knowing that no licence was in place for this sort of entertainment surely that is a mark against the George under the local authorities law.

It would be a shame to see another venue get a further music and live band licence making it yet another place as we already have the Entertainer, 195 nightclub and various restaurants it is becoming more like Blackpool /Vagas instead of a lovely little town to live.

Yours faithfully,


Mrs J. Longhurst.

Mr M. McCarthy
4 Lower Swaines
Epping
Essex
CM165ER



09.03.06

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express my serious concerns after hearing recently that an application is to be submitted by the George & dragon pub in the high st to have live music & D.j.'s.

Are we trying to turn our beautiful town into some kind of Southend by the forest. What are we planning next, gaudy lights strung permanently across the high st. possibly we could get rid of our historic market & replace it with a Fun Fair.

We already have enough night clubs, event venues, restaurants, cafes & pubs all blaring out loud music.

We do not need to accelerate the decline our town.

I implore you not to grant this application.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miles McCarthy". The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.

Miles McCarthy

76 representations have been received about the George and Dragon application. They are in the form of a standard letter (sample attached), and below is a list of the names and addresses of the people who had signed them. The original copies will be available at the Licensing Sub Committee for inspection.

Mrs Warner
4 Kendal Avenue
Epping
Essex
CM16 4PM

Mrs S Gasen
10 Hemnall Street
Epping

G Baehr
8 Hartland Road
CM16 4PE

P Labbitt
18 Hartland Road

Mrs B Warner
21 Hartland Road

L Barry
24 Hartland Road
Epping

G Burn
26 Hartland Road

A Robertson
30 Hartland Road

E Jones
2 Hartland Road

Miss J Clarke
10B Hemnall Street

E Roberts
6 Hartland Road

J Yellop
10A Hemnall Street
CM16 4LW

B Edwards
20 Hartland Road

Mrs J Newton
Kendal Lodge,
Hemnall Street

Mr Panther
23 The Drummonds

Mr A Cox
6 Hemnall Street
CM16 4LW

R Lynch
8 Hemnall Street

Mr Lake
5 The Drummonds

D Jenkins
9 The Drummonds

Mrs Mosher
21 The Drummonds

T Midwinter
66 Sunnyside Road

S Hepton
39 The Drummonds
Epping
CM4 4PJ

Franklin
41 The Drummonds

Fallon
37 The Drummonds

Mr Toole
31 The Drummonds

R Wilkinson
29 The Drummonds,
Epping

J Payne
51 The Drummonds
Epping
Essex

Mrs L Clark
17 Hartlands Road
CM16 4PF

J Sheldrake
'Linders'
Kendal Close

Mrs Matt
'Brielands'
Kendal Ave.

D L Hart
13 Ambleside
CM16 4PT

Benn
5 Green Trees
Ambleside

R A Hull
Stone Leach
Hemnal Street

Sassons
26 Hemnal Street

Seward
3 Hartland Road

Mrs M Morgan
Kylemore
Hartland Road

M J Pealhey
7 Hartlands Road

Mr D J Green
Hartlands Road(??)

Mr G Woodcock
Hillcrest Lodge
Hartland Road

Mrs Farmer
3 Kendal Ave.

Jones
45 The Drummonds

P Griffin
Little Oaks
CM16 4PL

Porter
'Rimrock'
Kendal Ave.

J Sern
14 Ambleside

G Smith
15 Ambleside

P Hayden
8 Ambleside

S Firman
Roscommon
Hemnal Street

McMurrum
1 Hartland Road

F H Dutnall
32 Hartland Road

Welch
34 Hartland Road

Barnes
5 Hartlands Road

R Scott
9A Hartlands Road
Epping
CM16 4PH

A D Izzard
11 Hartland Road

P Blackwell
'Hartlands'
4A Kendal Ave.

Major C F Collins
15 Centre Drive

Avey
2 Green Trees
Ambleside
Hunter
3 Ravensmere

Mrs E M Mackay
14 Ravensmere

C A Rawlings
13 Ravensmere

Mr & Mrs I Wallace
6B Kendal Ave.

Mr Wilden
14A Kendal Ave.

Mr G Brown
'McNair'
Kendal Ave.

??
Kendal Lodge
Kendal Ave.

Miss P Manthorpe
15 Cranville Road

M Hanson
80 High Street

G A & J K Pettit
The Walnuts
Hemnal Street

Carley Harris
34 Lincolnsfield

Mr T A Gordon
6 Green Trees

H J Maris
16 Ravensmere
CM16 4PS

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9 Ravensmere

Mr R Smith
6A Kendal Avenue
CM16 4PN

J Warner
4 Kendal Ave.
Epping
Essex
CM16 4PM

Knope
6 Kendal Ave.

Mr Simon Lobbin
Kendal Lodge
Kendal Ave.

Hammond
18 Hemnal Street

Mrs ??
22 Hemnal Street

Mr & Mrs Hull
Middle House
3 Hemnal Street

Sample letter

Epping Forest District Council
Licence Office
Civic Offices. High Road.
Epping Essex CM16 4BZ

03/03/06

Reference: 'The George & Dragon' licence application

Dear Sir / Madam

It has been noticed that the George & Dragon Public House has applied for a variation on their existing licence on the 23rd Feb 06.

After contacting your office, this application, as we understand it, is for extended hours and live musical entertainment.

To bring to your attention, in Epping we already have a venue catering for this particular need, perfectly placed on the edge of the town, the Half Moon Public House, which is responsibly owned and managed, and do not need another such venue in what will be the centre of the town with what it will bring with it, late night and early morning noise and disturbance locally, further high street and side street car parking problems, added noise pollution, not only from the venue itself, but its guests leaving, further compounding the late night revellers from the two venues opposite, 'Club 195' and 'The Entertainer'

We would urge the EFDC Licensing Dept to oppose such a ridiculous proposal, on the grounds that the local 'community charge' paying residents will not be happy with such a major change in the existing licence for this establishment, now the licensing authorities are in local control, and are to consider the needs of the populous. If this proposal is remotely considered, a severe restriction on the opening hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday's should be considered with no live entertainment.

Mr Mrs WARNER.....
4 Kendal Avenue.....
Epping Essex CM16 4PM
Epping, Essex

Signed Mrs Warner.....
