

**SWT Licensing Sub-Committee
Addendum**

**Friday, 13th August, 2021,
10.30 am**

**Somerset West
and Taunton**

Members: Simon Coles, Craig Palmer and Brenda Weston

Addendum

2. Application to vary a Premises Licence

Responses to Notice of Hearing received after agenda
publication.

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**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Missing paragraph from Mrs Wendy Philipson's submission: -

"Are there any licence conditions or amendments to the applications which you could suggest that would remedy your concerns, or other suggestions you would like a Licensing Sub Committee to take into account?"

= If the midnight extension of opening hours was restricted to occasional use only, i.e. for functions such as weddings, New Year's Eve parties etc. then I believe this would be much more acceptable.

Response to Notice of Hearing from Mrs Wendy Philipson: -

After the inconclusive Mediation Meeting on Tuesday, I can confirm that I wish to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing on Friday 13th August. In addition to my original representation, and after the discussion which took place during the Mediation, I wish the following points to be taken into consideration:

Sound travels in this village - the Church Clock can be heard almost everywhere, and it is very obvious that it is running slow at the moment. Also, the Village Hall, which is opposite The Windmill, lost some bookings because of (justified) noise complaints from neighbours therefore losing a valuable income stream. If the Village Hall caused a noise issue, then extending the license to midnight every night of the week will inevitably cause an unacceptable noise nuisance as well. As I stated before, I would accept the proposal providing a sensible limit is placed on the number of times the extension would be used. My suggestion of 9 occasions per year was clearly unacceptable to the applicant, but I got the impression that they do have a figure in mind. I await their response. I remain opposed to unrestricted opening until midnight.

I also wish to ask how The Windmill will ensure that drinks bought inside between 23:00 and Midnight are not taken outside, again taking into account noise implications.

Finally, it was apparent that car parking is an existing issue; this has the potential to become worse as the car park cannot cope at times, with an increase in trade extra capacity will be required. If cars park on local roads at night this will cause road safety issues.

As an aside I was surprised that the applicant did not make any suggestions or proposals of how to mitigate the impact of extending the opening hours, nor was any reference made to my point in my original representation about potential safety issues due to extending the external license area across the car park and down to the increasingly busy A39.

Yours sincerely,
Wendy Philipson

Response to Notice of Hearing from Mr Alan Read: -

Please include me in the (Zoom) meeting to be held at 10.30 am on Friday 13th August.

After the mediation meeting, I felt that there was still insufficient clarity regarding the number/regularity of live music events that were likely to occur on an annual basis, and that as time goes by their numbers will insidiously increase. I also believe that the corresponding noise levels will continue to be a problem for the neighbours who share a boundary with the Windmill pub, and also for other neighbours living further away.

I can only hope that this next meeting reaches the required conclusions for all parties involved here.

Be assured - the neighbours will be closely monitoring the outcome of the proposed events.

Best regards

Alan Read