

In relation to my recent application to vary my premises license, for The Tally Ho Inn, I would like to reassure the local residents of my overall plans for my business.

My wife and I came to the Tally Ho with a vision of getting back the local pub that had been driven down into the ground so much, we aim for it to be a friendly local pub for the whole community, whether you are on your own for a drink and a friendly chat or as a family to eat, everyone is welcome and as a young family ourselves we are very much a family orientated pub.

We feel that already in our first year we have increased trade massively to create a much better atmosphere and we now have employed a third chef as the food trade has increased so much. We have had our children's play area completely refurbished and our garden is now safe for all ages young and old.

We have many families with young children come here as well as professional people on their lunch breaks for instance a lot of people come here from Michelmores on Pyne's_hill for lunch. We have many older customers from far and near for lunches during the week. And of course we have all types of people come for a drink of an evening.

I would like the pub to be a traditional family friendly local village pub serving food and catering for all the locals needs.

Even though I am applying to be able to open earlier and later, I won't actually be changing my opening hours anytime soon if ever, it's more as an option if I want to. For instance the reason I have asked for the earlier opening times is because I have had a few retired age people asking if I would think about doing morning coffee and croissant's etc.

The later opening time is because 11pm is a very outdated time for a pub to close these days, I have many people from various walks of life that all live in mill road, countess wear road or exe vale road and surrounding areas, that all would like to use the pub at different times. For instance I have people that finish work themselves at 10 or 10.30 at night and then would like to have a drink just the same as I have retired people that would like to have a drink in the morning, I know for a fact that at least one of my customers go to Weatherspoon's for a morning drink as I don't open until 11.30.

Food habits are changing too, people are coming to dine with us much later and I may start keeping the kitchen open until 10pm therefore to rush people through a three course meal and bottle of wine and out by 11 is completely unfair.

As I said we have children ourselves, we have 2-year-old twin girls and so I'm up at 6 everyday with them so I don't want to be open everyday until 12 or 1am, just as I don't want to be creating too much noise as they are sleeping upstairs.

Just as an option it would be nice to be able to stay open later, for instance on Tuesday night which is generally in the pub trade one of the worst days in a

week, I had 25 people in the pub at 11pm, it would have been nice to be able to stay open and serve them another drink rather than closing.

As far as the music, I won't be having live music or disco's every week, that is not what this is about, but occasionally on bank holidays or for the odd event then I might have a band. When this does occur it will be finished by 11pm if not 8 or 9pm.

The ones we have done so far have been for local residents wanting to celebrate their 50th birthdays. I never would want live music in the garden until 1am we are more about family events, so generally any live music in the garden or in the pub would be late afternoon into early evening so that families can enjoy it.

In response to some of the objections made:

More than one of the objections noted that police attended the pub on the 17th June;

I would like to point out that actually I called the police as young families were about to drive under the influence of alcohol back to Pinhoe, with their two children both under 10. We managed to get the keys before they put these children's lives at risk. I know they were arguing with each other and the police, but at least none of the children were harmed. If I don't like something then the police will be called.

The Quiz;

The quiz is aimed at our older cliental and the night it was possibly louder than usual due to windows being open was the week of the heat wave, I can understand and in future I will make sure all windows and doors are closed by 10pm on a Sunday night to prevent noise. The quiz is usually wrapped up by 9.30/10pm though.

Informing residents of events;

Like the double locks do I am more than happy to inform the immediate residents.

Numerous sound problems from previous landlords or myself;

I am unaware of any complaints or EHO being called.

Newspaper;

It was published on Thursday 22nd June on Page 79.

Vandalism and littering;

I don't see how being open another hour will increase littering or vandalism, however residents are more than welcome to ask me to see any CCTV if they think its been caused by someone leaving the pub.

Parking;

I believe the parking issue is more from commuters than anybody using the pub, if I have large wakes or bookings I tell people to use the public car park down the road. And to relieve the street parking issue on a Thursday morning when the village hall has slimming club, I actually let the slimmer's park in my car park.

Potential noise from people outside the pub smoking;

I will remove the wall-mounted ashtray and ask people to only smoke in the garden.

Live wrestling and boxing films and plays in the garden;

I have no intention of putting on events like this until the early hours, if at all. It is on my current license until 11 and was simply carried over as a condition but I am more than happy to leave those as they stand.

Noise in the garden from live music until 1am;

As mentioned before, my intention would only to have any entertainment in the garden early evening; any later live band would be inside. On the odd occasion I might have a later event in the garden it would still wrap up by 11 not 1am.

Potential negotiation to application.

I am happy to adjust my application as follows;

Indoors and outdoors; Films, plays, sporting events, dance, boxing and wrestling.
Leave as current license.

Indoors; Live music until 11pm Sunday-Thursday, and until 12pm Friday and Saturday rather than 1am

Outdoors live music and recorded music; change to no later than 11pm

Live music or recorded music in the garden I am happy to be until 11pm

Including the garden as part of my license; as far as the plans I have seen the garden is already included in my licensable area however the council don't have the full plan so I want to re-establish it and make sure we are all on the same page.

Licensing objectives:

Crime and disorder:

Our staff will be trained further on being vigilant to the use of illegal drugs and anti-social behavior. Especially late at night.

I am happy to work with the council and become part of the BEST BAR NONE scheme.

I am happy if the council see necessary to install further CCTV to cover specific parts of the premises.

Staff will be trained further on the importance of not serving drunk or intoxicated people. Especially late at night.

Leaving my outside lights on for a set time after last customers leave to ensure nobody hanging around in the dark.

The police will be called immediately if I or any of my staff think something isn't right or suspicious in the local area or on my premises.

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

We will continue to empty bottles into skip in the morning and not at night.

I will ask customers leaving late to leave quietly, currently done with a polite notice on exits.

I will remove our wall-mounted ashtray and ask customers to smoke in the beer garden rather than on the street, and after closing I will ask customers not to hang around smoking and chatting on the street.

Public safety:

Leaving my outside lights on for a set time after closing to allow people to leave safely.

I have taxi numbers available or call taxis myself for anyone that needs to get home safely.

No glasses are allowed onto the street to avoid broken glass on the pavement or highway.

Anyone seen to be driving or possibly driving whilst drunk will be reported to the police.

Currently we have 4 personal license holders but I am willing to put all of my front of house team through the course so that more of them are fully aware of the laws.

Protecting children from harm:

Children are required to be with an adult and to leave the premises by 10pm,

I operate the challenge 21 scheme and ID is asked for.

Anyone with children will not be served if they seem to be under the influence of alcohol.

If there are any concerns of child welfare it shall be reported.