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Dear Sir/Madam,

We have seen the proposal for the licensing hours at no 3. Fore St, Topsham. We objected to the initial planning proposal on the grounds that Fore St is highly residential, and many residents, ourselves included, have to sleep on the street side of their homes. Allowing a new drinking establishment to open up on this stretch threatens to create noise and people clustering outside on the pavement. We already suffer some late night noise from drinkers after the pubs close at around 11.0. at night but usually it wears off quickly and there is then peace after about 11.30. Matthews Hall events always end at 11.0, so as not to cause nuisance to nearby residents.

We feel therefore that this application is unsuited to the area and could change the character of the street in the evenings. If however the application is granted, then **we most strongly urge you to limit these drinking hours to those offered by the pubs.** 23.30 and 00.00 is far too late, and noise and bad behaviour on the street is likely to extend until well after midnight. It also seems likely that drinkers would move on from the pubs at closing time to the bar, which in itself could cause trouble as well as additional noise.

Please take into account the fact that Fore St is a shopping street by day, and a residential area at night.