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Application Reference No. : HPK/2023/0336 Site Address: Old Hall Inn Unnamed Road From Tramway Track To Whitehough Head Lane Whitehough Derbyshire SK23 6EJ Comments by: G Summerfield

From:

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Submission: Objection

Comments: Dear High Peak Planning,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I would like to lodge an objection, please accept it on the following grounds.

This bar serving hatch was installed during the Covid-19 pandemic without courteous prior warning as a very close neighbour. It has been constructed approximately 10 metres from the edge of my property and less than 12 metres to my actual interior living space. This area is not suited to serving drinks, which can be purchased by a short walk through the adjacent main entrance door and therefore serves no additional or aesthetic purpose other than heightened convenience at the detriment of the fabric of the listed building and our living experiences as a very close neighbouring property.

We assumed and hoped this would be a temporary measure, along with all the extra benches and canopies that were installed to encourage outdoor drinking and eating as it was, for a short while, not permitted indoors during the pandemic. We tolerated regular elevated noise and disruption as a result which continues to this day especially in the warmer lighter months, which we never had to endure pre-pandemic. The noise generated by people has become very audible from both our interior and external curtilages including bedrooms as it has resulted in people sitting out around the main entrance area until much later in the evening and unfortunately leads to us having to endure noise levels which elevates as the evening progresses and more alcohol becomes consumed. At the risk of not sounding too puritanical, this depending on the patrons regularly includes audibly loud casual swearing, which in a small rural hamlet is somewhat incongruous in this small area right next to my dwelling. Outdoor drinking and eating is much better suited and contained within the high-walled garden which is much further removed from any neighbouring residential properties in this small hamlet.

It is my understanding that it lies on a permitted access path, and as a result it has had a detrimental impact on maintaining access for people wishing to use the path across the line of the property with people queuing, waiting to be served or standing and consuming drinks on this permitted access route on popular days. The placement of large

4-6 person picnic benches also on this path has also served to restrict access, especially for those with buggies, wheelchairs or mobility aids who may be visiting.

If you do wish to grant this retrospective planning permission, and deem the benefits to outway any of the above, I suggest at least an imposed or voluntary 'curfew' whereby it only perhaps serves people during the daytime of say 12-5pm which is generally when quieter families, walkers and couples tend to use this area, rather than the evenings where larger and purely adult groups tend to congregate.

Kind regards,

Mr Summerfield

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