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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the premises licence application submitted by The Anchor, Gunthorpe, which seeks to extend the sale of alcohol and provision of live and recorded

music until 02:00, with closing hours at 02:30, and further extensions on bank holidays to 03:00 and 03:30.

As a resident of Gunthorpe, I have significant concerns regarding the potential for increased public nuisance, particularly noise disturbances, which would adversely affect the quality of life for local residents. The proposed operating hours are more suited to a city centre environment and are wholly inappropriate for our small village setting.

The neighbouring establishment, Tom Browns, already plays extremely loud outdoor music, which disrupts our ability to sleep, work, and even hear our television during the day. As The Anchor will be operated by the same owners, I am concerned about their willingness to adhere to any licence restrictions, as past experience with Tom Browns' management has demonstrated a lack of responsiveness to resident concerns. Despite numerous interactions over the years in which we have been polite and accommodating, there has been no meaningful action on their part to reduce the disruption. Extending the same late-night provisions to The Anchor will significantly worsen an already unacceptable situation, and it will signal to their management that their previous behaviour is acceptable.

I have previously reported disturbances caused by Tom Browns to the council, including their failure to stop outdoor music at the designated time, music being clearly audible inside my home even over household noise, and patrons congregating outside the premises shouting and speaking loudly late into the night. This disruption is entirely unacceptable in a rural, residential setting and negatively impacts residents' well-being and quality of life.

The increased noise from both music and patrons leaving the venue at such late hours will be highly disruptive. Additionally, the late-night extension will result in an increase in traffic and people congregating outside, which presents an increased risk of public nuisance, as well as potential crime and disorder. Intoxicated patrons waiting for taxis or leaving the venue will create further disturbances, with the added concern of them lingering near residents' properties and vehicles. I see no justification for The Anchor to have an operating licence past midnight, or a licence to serve alcohol past 23:30.

This venue also plans to host weddings, yet has not provided any details on the expected frequency of such events. Simply stating that they will be "occasional" is vague and insufficient. When Tom Browns has hosted weddings and private events, outdoor music has continued into the early hours, creating considerable disturbance for residents. Furthermore, plans for an outdoor area with a small train introduce additional concerns regarding noise, disruption, safety, and the risk posed by intoxicated patrons in that area late at night. This will significantly impact the residential life of families, children, and vulnerable individuals in our community.

I am surprised that this application is even being considered, particularly as Newark and Sherwood District Council has previously received noise complaints regarding Tom Browns. Given that The Anchor is owned and managed by the same company, it is reasonable to

expect similar issues will arise. Granting this licence would effectively sanction an ongoing pattern of public nuisance, with no clear evidence that management will mitigate its impact on local residents. It would be far more appropriate for The Anchor to be granted the following hours:

- **Opening hours:**

Sunday – Thursday: 11:00 – 23:30 (including bank holidays)

Friday and Saturday: 11:00 – 00:00

- **Regulated entertainment (including music, live music, outdoor events, and other entertainment):**

Sunday – Thursday: 11:00 – 23:00 (including bank holidays)

Friday and Saturday: 11:00 – 23:30

- **Late night refreshment:**

Sunday – Thursday: 11:00 – 23:00 (including bank holidays)

Friday and Saturday: 11:00 – 23:30

- **Supply of Alcohol:**

Sunday – Thursday: 11:00 – 23:00 (including bank holidays)

Friday and Saturday: 11:00 – 23:30

I strongly urge the council to consider the detrimental impact this application would have on the local community and to reject the proposed extended hours in order to maintain the peace and well-being of residents. Please consider the rural, residential setting of our small village and the effect this will have on those living in close proximity to the venue.

Yours faithfully

Dr Leena Maddock Khan

