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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 3:00 and 3:30am.

As a resident directly opposite The Anchor, 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 same owners will be operating The Anchor, I am concerned by their willingness to adhere to any licence restrictions, because despite numerous interactions with Tom Browns' management over the few 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. Some of this behaviour, which I have previously reported to the council, includes not ending outdoor music when they are supposed to, being able to clearly hear their music inside our home and even over our tv, and their patrons outside the premises shouting and speaking loudly and waking my family and me up which causes us a great deal of distress and wellbeing issues (my wife has to wake up early for her shifts as a surgeon, and a good night's sleep is obviously vital). This is wholly unacceptable, and again, is not befitting or appropriate in a rural, residential setting.

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 our properties and vehicles. I can see no reason as to why this venue needs an opening licence past midnight, and a licence to serve alcohol past 23:30.

This venue also plans to hold weddings, and yet worryingly, does not specify the frequency of these. Stating that they will be occasional is not sufficient or quantifiable. When the management have held weddings and events at Tom Browns, the outside music has continued into the early hours of the morning. There are plans for an outside area with a small train; the noise, disruption, safety, and crime issues resulting from loud and/or intoxicated patrons in this area late at night and in the early hours of the morning will be a huge detriment to residential life, to the children and disabled people living nearby, and the

I am surprised that this application is being considered, particularly given that Newark and Sherwood District Council has previously received noise complaints about Tom Browns. As 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 evidence that the management will mitigate the impact on local residents. I think it far more appropriate for this setting that The Anchor be granted:

- **Opening hours:**
 - Sunday – Thursday 11:00 until 23:30 (including bank holidays)
 - Friday and Saturday 11:00 until 00:00
- **Regulated entertainment inc. music, live music, outdoor events and other entertainment:**
 - Sunday – Thursday 11:00 until 23:00 (including bank holidays)
 - Friday and Saturday 11:00 until 23:30

- **Late night refreshment:**
 - Sunday – Thursday 11:00 until 23:00 (including bank holidays)
 - Friday and Saturday 11:00 until 23:30

- **Supply of Alcohol:**
 - Sunday – Thursday 11:00 until 23:00 (including bank holidays)
 - Friday and Saturday 11:00 until 23:30

I 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 do consider the rural, residential setting of our small village and the lives and wellbeing of the residents.

Yours faithfully
Emily Maddock Khan

