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Subject: Fw: Application for a licence variation at Horse and Groom, Woodgreen, Fordingbridge SP6 2AS
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Parish Council letter

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To: Joanna Onisiforou [REDACTED]
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Letter from the Parish Council.
Mark

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I'm writing to you as chairman of Woodgreen parish council to give some background to the proposed licence changes for the Horse and Groom pub.

As a parish council, we try and support all local businesses to ensure we have a thriving community. Indeed, when faced with permanent closure, we even registered the pub as an asset of community value.

At a recent council meeting, Mark outlined the proposed changes to the licence for the pub. We viewed these as relatively minor and indeed strengthening controls with the introduction of enhanced age checks and a noise management plan. Our view, at the time, therefore was that we didn't need to take any further action.

however, it has subsequently become apparent that a small minority in the village have been misrepresenting the changes without understanding the detail and as a result it has caused much unnecessary ill feeling towards the pub.

Last week we hosted a public meeting in order to allow everyone to understand the facts

followed by a Q&A session. We are hopeful that this has managed to alleviate some of the unfounded concerns and as a result some may withdraw their objections.

I hope this helps set some context for the forthcoming licence review and will be happy to provide any further information if required.

regards

Lance Benest

Chairman - Woodgreen Parish council.

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