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The Licensing Officer  
Swale Borough Council  
Swale House  
Sittingbourne  
Kent ME10 3HT

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Licence Application by JD Wetherspoon**

**The Golden Hope (Former Court House)**

We wish to object to the application made by JD Wetherspoons in respect of the Court House.

We live directly opposite the Court House, and whilst we are also a public house, The Ypres is also our home and we live above the pub.

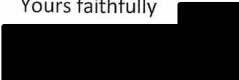
We believe the proposed licensing hours will have a direct effect on us and be detrimental to our sleep and personal lives as stated by the Councillor at the recent meeting and that we will be affected by noise and groups of people hanging around outside our home until 2am. This will be compounded by groups also leaving the Vineyard which already causes noise and disturbance to us until the early hours of the morning. We do not agree to the proposal that the new Wetherspoons open until midnight Sunday to Wednesday and 1am on Thursday evenings and think that a closing time of 11pm Sunday – Thursday is more acceptable.

In addition, over the last few weeks we have witnessed small groups of young people leaving the Vineyard and going round to the alleyway at the back of the Vineyard and taking drugs. This has been reported to the police and on one evening recently we witnessed this happening 5 times.

We are concerned about the frequency of anti social behaviour and fights that have previously occurred at the current Wetherspoons and that the amount of people at this end of town late at night will increase, we therefore think that the new Wetherspoons should have "door staff" as part of their licence (as do the Vineyard) to deal with any potential problems and possible police patrols be increased.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

  
Darren Rousell

  
Deborah Rousell

