

## Kate Halsall

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**To:** Licensing Policy  
**Cc:** Louise Goodfellow  
**Subject:** Lounge bar & grill Godalming, Variation



Dear Kate

Whilst Godalming TC would not normally comment on this type of matter, as the land owner adjacent to the Lounge we have a vested interest in this application.

The issue at hand which concerns GTC is the variation to allow a relaxation of the smoking regulations.

The lounge currently is allowed a maximum of 5 people outside the front of the building at any one time. The variation is proposing to remove enforcement of this policy before 11pm and thereafter to allow up to a maximum of 15 patrons at any one time on a Friday and Saturday night, mentioning no limit on numbers on other days. Additionally it is proposed that the smoking area be moved to the side of the building.

Godalming Town Council object to this proposal on a number of grounds.

1. The side of the building opens onto land owned by Godalming Town Council over which pedestrian access only is allowed under the 1932 Rights of Way Act, Godalming Town Council would not wish to extend the use of this land for other purposes.
2. The assertion that there are no residential neighbours to the left of building is false.
3. The side entrance to the lounge opens onto a footpath area which also allows access to the entrances of No 3A, 3B and 5A High Street which are residential properties, as well as to the current empty offices at 1 High Street.
- 4 The current limit of 5 persons to the front of the Lounge limits the noise and being a wide stretch of roadway allows for the noise to dissipate. Having upto 15 people will not only increase the amount of noise, the fact of being in a confined alleyway will also amplify the noise to the detriment of neighbours.
- 5 The temptation will exist to seek shelter under the cover way between the High Street and the alleyway, which will encourage people to linger for longer.

Regards

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