

PLANNING REF : 260921
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 20 Harmer Close
: Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 1SG
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Frank Burwood
DATE SUBMITTED : 03/05/2026

COMMENTS:

Here's the updated version with that change:

I wish to formally object to planning application 260921 relating to the expansion of outdoor seating at the Three Frogs pub.

My wife and I have lived at Harmer Close since 2012. We chose this home knowing full well that a public house sat at the end of our garden, and for eleven years we had absolutely no cause for complaint. The pub was well run and the clientele were respectful.

Sadly that is no longer the case. Since Greene King tripled the outdoor seating area in summer 2024, going from 48 seats to 150 seats, the character of the pub and its customers has changed considerably. The language we are now subjected to from our own garden is not acceptable. Loud swearing and offensive language from the beer garden has become commonplace, and this is coming from inebriated customers. The noise of drunk customers and their revelry late into the evening has made our garden completely unusable whenever the pub is busy.

I am a retired man who simply wants to sit in his garden in peace. That has been taken away from me. My wife and I now dread warm evenings and weekends, knowing what is coming. We cannot use our outdoor space, we cannot open our windows, and we cannot even relax inside our own home without hearing the noise and bad language from next door.

Greene King has allowed standards to slip badly. Tripling the seating capacity has brought significantly more customers, more alcohol consumption, and more antisocial behaviour directly into our lives. We were promised noise screening. I am concerned how this affects children in my street. Nothing was done.

I strongly urge the council to refuse this application.