

PLANNING REF : 260921
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 14 Harmar Close
: Wokingham
: RG40 1SG
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Paula Driscoll
DATE SUBMITTED : 28/08/2026

COMMENTS:

My husband and I live at 14 Harmar Close, and I want to object to this application, and to raise concerns about the Noise Impact Assessment submitted alongside it.

This is not the first time we have found ourselves objecting to a beer garden proposal at this site. Back in 2002, we objected to an almost identical application on the same grounds we are raising now noise and disturbance to the surrounding homes. That application was refused. Over twenty years later, we are having to make the same case again, because Greene King simply built the thing anyway and are now asking the council to approve it after the fact.

I was at the pub myself on the evening of 17 June 2026, one of the nights covered by this survey, and what I saw does not match what the report describes. It was a hot evening and the pub was busy, understandably so given it was England's opening World Cup match, yet the doors and windows were kept closed throughout and the outdoor area was not being used as it normally would be. Reading the report now and knowing that evening fell squarely within Greene King's own survey window, I do not believe that was a coincidence. Beyond that one night, the survey period only covers Tuesday to Friday afternoon, meaning it excludes every weekend entirely precisely when the pub is at its busiest and the noise is at its worst. A report built on three quiet midweek nights, one of which I know for a fact was not representative, cannot give the council an honest picture of the impact on residents.

We have lived through this argument once before, and the council agreed with residents then. I would ask the council to give proper weight to that history, and to what residents who have now raised the same concerns twice in two decades are telling you directly, rather than relying on a short and selectively favourable survey commissioned by the applicant itself.

I object to this application on these grounds.