

Dear Lewisham Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed change to the opening hours of The Royal George pub. As a resident living [REDACTED] the pub, I am intimately familiar with the impact it has on the local area and myself. I am kept awake or woken most evenings by the noise from the customers drinking outside. While I appreciate the pub's success and the lively atmosphere it has created, I cannot ignore the significant noise disturbance it brings to our quiet residential area.

Customers frequently stand outside well past closing time, engaging in loud conversations and even shouting. Despite contacting the Sam Smith brewery multiple times, requesting that they implement a policy similar to other nearby pubs in residential areas, such as The Dog and Bell, where customers are asked to go inside after 10pm, I have yet to receive a response, and the situation remains unchanged.

During the warmer months, the issue is exacerbated as customers spill onto the pavement and roads, sometimes even sitting on the wall opposite the pub, which borders the train tracks below. The noise has become so intrusive that I am forced to keep windows closed even on the hottest summer evenings.

Before any changes are made to the opening hours, I urge the pub management and the brewery to take a more responsible approach, carefully considering the well-being of nearby residents. A reasonable compromise would be to require customers to move inside after 10pm and request that they leave quietly when the establishment closes.

To demonstrate the issue, I have attached photos and a video showcasing a typical evening outside The Royal George. I hope that these materials, along with my concerns, will be given due consideration when deciding on the pub's opening hours.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely