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Dear Tabitha

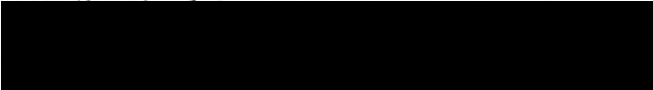
**Re: 26/00472/FP : Erection of external bar servery and stretch tent including access ramp : 69 High Street, Ashwell**

Ashwell Parish Council held their meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 and discussed the above planning application.

Parish Councillors resolved not to support the current application for lack of clarity over many issues and general concerns, these are:

1. Concern over possible disturbance to neighbours from noise. This is likely to be exacerbated in the summer months when adjacent residents are using their gardens.  
An outdoor bar is likely to create more noise as a result of orders and purchasing decisions being made around the bar area compared with a standard pub garden where drinks would be brought out into the garden from an indoor bar.
2. Intensification of the use of the site as well as physical structure. The proposal will change use of the space in a way that is not currently used. This relates to now and in the future, with possible live events creating additional noise and additional customers. Currently the limits of usage are too open ended; there should be tighter clarification in terms of usage conditions to limit the impact on neighbours.
3. The Parish Council would also like clarification on possible alternative positioning of the additional structures that might reduce noise impact on immediate neighbours.
4. Should a revised application be submitted, the parish council would like to see the potential use of acoustic barriers to reduce noise to neighbours and controls implemented over cooking facilities in the outdoor facility to minimise odour impact.

Yours sincerely



Sally Roberts

Clerk to Ashwell Parish Council