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The General Manager
Hunters Hill Council
Alexandra St
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Dear Barry,

Re DA 2016-1114
Proposed extension to the trading hours of Hunters Hill Hotel

We are writing to oppose the proposal to extend the trading hours of the Hunters Hill Hotel past midnight on any day of the year. Currently, the hotel closes at midnight, which is appropriate for a residential neighbourhood and we are concerned that extending the trading hours beyond midnight will change the character of the hotel and make it a target for non-residents to travel into the area in search of alcohol. In addition, clear evidence links extended hours alcohol trading to increased alcohol related accidents, violence, property damage, anti-social behaviour and other preventable harm.

There is already a problem with rowdy behaviour in the area at closing times, which will only get worse with increased drinking hours. This late-night disruption is particularly distressing for elderly residents and problematic for those with children. Further disruption could also be caused by the scarcity of buses and taxis after midnight. The quietness of the village at night means that the sound of loud voices and drunken behaviour carries very far and it is likely to have an adverse affect on many residents in the vicinity.

We also note that any extension to the hours of operation would conflict with the objectives of Clause 4.2.5 of the Hunters Hill Development Control Plan, namely:

- To ensure that future development respects and enhances the environmental character of the Hunters Hill Village
- To protect the amenity of residential neighbourhoods that surround the Hunters Hill Village.

In summary, extending the operating hours of the Hunters Hill Hotel would have adverse impacts directly on the immediate neighbours of the hotel and indirectly on many residents in this part of our municipality. We urge Council to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Coote
President The Hunters Hill Trust