

Licensing Act Sub-Committee

Agenda

Date: Friday, 24th May, 2024
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber - Town Hall, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and in the report.

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PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

3. **Application for a Premises Licence - Bollington Brewing Co. LTD, Brook Mill, Parker Street, Macclesfield, SK11 7BQ (Pages 3 - 6)**

Membership: Councillors C Bulman, A Heler and J Place

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From: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2024 3:46 PM
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) <Licensing_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection statement Parker street Tap room Licence application
To the Licensing department at Cheshire East,
R.e. Bollington Brewing Licence Brook Mill, Parker Street, SK11 7BQ.

Having read carefully Lee and Kirsten Wainwrights statement for their license application I feel strongly that the objections made are NOT based on misunderstanding or matters outside their control as licensees. I therefore believe a hearing is VERY necessary indeed. I confirm that when the hearing takes place I xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxx the immediate neighbor to the mill (xxxxxxxxxx) need be in attendance (please refer to my previous email as I cannot make Friday 24th May at 10am due to the short notice and the fact that I will be administering my class's Year 2 SATS).

1. Location of the taproom/courtyard- I have definately not misunderstood the location of the taproom as I asked for an detailed explanation and tour off Lee and Kirsten Wainwright which I was given on Thursday 21st March 2024. They took me into their mill and explained the location of the taproom and the outside courtyard.

We have a serious worry about noise and disturbance of the tap room as we can hear so much noise already from the mill alone. The noises from the mill are impacting on our living conditions (including sleep and enjoying a peaceful life in our house/garden, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx). The walls of the mill are not thick as Lee Wainwright has stated. I will attach some videos which show the noise we are currently dealing with from the Brewery alone (not including building work noise). The refrigeration room and brewery equipment is causing distressing vibrations through our house at all hours. I am in the process of reporting this industrial noise nuisance to Environmental Health at Cheshire East.

My two childrens bedroom windows when open will hear noise from the open top outside courtyard and also when we are relaxing in our garden.

From my friends persepective as a physicist 'sound travels about the length of three and a half foot ball fields every second- about 50% faster than a Boeing 747. Plus sound is a vibration'. We are finding through no choice of our own that being joined to the mill is proving that poor sound proofing is causing issues to our health and living conditions. We feel every vibration that their equipment is making.

Currently directly outside our garden gate is a huge refrigeration unit making loud sounds intermittently. Please listen to the video. This has been planned to be and placed outside our back garden gate with absolutely no respect for ourselves as the home owners where we have lived for 17 years. Lee stated in one of his messgaes to me I quote 'can we kindly remind you that the mill car park is private property'. He did not think it was wrong to place this outside our garden gate/against our joining wall knowing forwell the noise and disturbance we would suffer. We have had sleepless nights/destroyed days as this machine pulses through the wall of our house. I even walked round to the mill gates (see video) at 6am one morning to hear the mill making loud noises which were vibrating through our house too. This shows that the distance does not affect the noise and disturbance levels as the taproom is next door to the brewery and the courtyard is open topped. The noise from the outdoor courtyard will bounce off the walls and echo up out the rooftop. My children will be unable to sleep due to the noise and disturance that will be caused, up to 11pm week

nights. They will be up at 6am for school. We are already disturbed. We feel that money should be placed into better sound proofing the mill. Furthermore the fountain (one of their five brewery bars) is only a 5 minute walk from the mill so there is opportunity to drink their brewed beer there instead. The fountain is ridiculously close to the mill.

2. The Brewery carpark- I knew that the carpark was not being used for the outside courtyard. The carpark is a noisy disturbance already with the brewery delivery pick up and drops offs. It is awful to look at too with clutter disregarding residents view. In fact one of their brewery vans parked so close to my gate all weekend that it restricted our ability to fully open our back gate (see photo).

It was a good job there wasn't a fire and we needed to evacuate through the back gate. We would have struggled to open it fully. I am convinced (due to an arrival of a marque one day) that once they gain their licence that they plan to hold events in the car park. This would be a huge noise and disturbance for the three houses which gardens back onto their carpark (xxxxxxx xxxxxxx xxxxxxxxx). It would also be a massive privacy issue too.

3. Prevention of crime and disorder- I am not mistaken about the location of the tap room as once again I will point out the fact that I had a personal tour of the mill and I know Lee/Kistren plans.

There is no way that Lee can state that most of the footfall will not pass Turnock street. How on earth does he know which way drinkers visiting the tap room would arrive or leave? It is a ridiculous statement. I stand by my objection to the tap room. I believe it would encourage drinking near our quiet residential street which could lead to drunken acts of violence, drug use or vandalism to parked cars or property.

4. Parking- There is no need for another public house so close to the Silk trader and the wharf especially next to a residential row of houses. Parking would be a horrific ordeal if the mill was to open as a tap room. We as residents do not want drinkers trawling past our houses who may on their way home have drunk too much and decide to leave their car parked outside our house until they are sober enough to move it.

5. Prevention of public nuisance- I can personally state that the walls of the mill are not thick and have not been sound proofed to a high enough standard. Corners have obviously been cut for financial reasons. The videos I am attaching clearly show this. We feel the vibrations of the brewing equipment and the refrigeration room especially in bed at night. My two children and I are struggling to get the right amount of sleep because of the noise. One day I had to teach on one hours sleep. Lee arguing with me that the mill was not on and that he would be boxing the unit in (this never happened may I add). We have not been respected as a direct resident and I feel that if Lee and Kisten Wainwright were to gain a licence that they would not care about the noises their taproom was causing to us as neighbour. We are very low down on their list. As in his words "can I kindly remind you that the mill is our private property". He believes that his opinion is the the most important one disregarding our feelings and living conditions for the sake of his mill (brewery). Noise is transmitted throughout the mill and into our house as a direct neighbour. The floors/walls are all joined to our property. We feel noise vibrations day and night. E.g. talking, building work, barrels dropped and moved about, brewing machinery and refrigeration units working.

This has only just begun since the brewery started operation. We have lived here for 17 years and never experienced an issue with noise from the mill. Even when it was printing material as a textile factory.

On another note I am very concerned that the mills deep drilling from pipework has caused damage to our a-joining property.

In conclusion I do not agree with the taproom licence. When unpicking the mill itself I do not think enough thought has gone into planning the brewery. E.g placing a noisy refrigeration room

directly next to one of our joining walls (adjacent to my bedroom/family lounge), leaving brewing equipment running through the night with poor sound proofing, attaching a loud, noisy refrigeration unit directly behind our garden gate (xxxxx xxxx xxxxx) making our garden inhabitable when on and causing vibrations through our house.

Furthermore I believe that Lee and Kirsten Wainwright need to put their efforts into the brewery itself. Firstly looking carefully at how the mill has been designed and look to better soundproof it, taking away noise related equipment that is far too close to property owners of xx, xx and xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx (gardens that back on to the mill carpark).

The taproom would create noise and disturbance in our quite residential street. Noise that we do not want. We believe it would not be an asset but create an array of problems.

I do believe a hearing is necessary.

I am awaiting an email back to state if it can be rescheduled when I can attend?

I did call the helpline but no one could answer it needed to come from the licensing panel.

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hope you can help.

Thanks so much for your time

Kindest regards

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P.S

Videos and photos included explained...

Grey shutters video - This is the mill at 6:39am in the morning which had been running all night.

The machinery vibrating through our house, this is on Parker street at the front near tproposed

taproom. To send the video on the next email no mg room on this email.

In my garden - The noise from the refrigeration unit outside our back gate

(xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

leading on to the mill carpark) plus a photo to see how close it is.

Barrel dropping videos from taken in my lounge next to the cold room- you can hear barrels being

dropped from in my house (its much louder in person) I will have to send this video on another

room left too.

Photo of the van directly outside our gate, blocking us in

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