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Relevant Representations – Wharf Inn, Congleton

	Received on	From
	24 th August 2023	Objector 1
	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I have seen that the Wharf Inn pub has applied for a license to play amplified music:</p> <p>Sunday to Thursday 10-12pm Friday to Saturday 10pm-1am</p> <p>I am very very concerned and worried living so close to the pub. Please do contact environmental health as I have also raised concerns there. Every since the end of last month it has been like living next to a nightclub in the evenings as they have been playing amplified music as early as 4pm on a Friday and well into 1-2am in the mornings from the pub. This is currently under investigation with environmental health.</p> <p>This is already impacting me:</p> <p>My job and ability to work from home. My mental health. Issues with drunks. Not being able to watch Tv without the constant thud of music and loud shouting outside. This is so loud it makes you feel sick and not able to relax at home. Serious impact on house value. Cost to put up security devices like cameras for protection. Feeling very agitated and sick.</p> <p>Please I cannot live here if they are to be granted a license to make this even worse. It's like living next to a nightclub every weekend since the end of July. It's totally awful and I am dreading every single weekend!</p> <p>I absolutely contest the license to play that loud music and they play it outside on amplified speakers! It's making life here totally miserable. Please can this license not be granted.</p> <p>Please do contact me at your earliest convenience;</p>	

	Received on	From
	25 th August 2023	Objector 2
	<p>Sir, I live at XXXXXXXXXXXX and I am writing on behalf of a lot of my neighbours, we are very concerned with the application by Emily Hammond in respect of the premises known as The Wharf Pub for a license to provide Recorded Music and Supply of Alcohol until midnight on Sunday to Thursday then until 1a.m. Friday and Saturday! We very much object to this license! This is a very built up area, plus having discussed this request for a license with the XXXXXXXXXXXX at the Laurels</p>	

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	Nursing Home she is also very concerned as the Laurels is a listed building so hasn't got double glazing! The possibility of this noise will upset some of her residents! I trust you will listen to all the concerns with this request for a very unsuitable license and trust you will refuse it!

Received on	From
29 th August 2023	Objector 3
<p>Hello, we live at number XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.</p> <p>We would like to register our objection to the application for licensing, for alcohol and music at The Wharf Inn on Canal street Congleton.</p> <p>The location is in a residential area, and there is already excessive noise from patrons leaving the premises, usually after midnight already.</p> <p>Additionally when there is live music on this can be heard at a considerable distance from the premises.</p> <p>As an example this past weekend there was music audible after 11.30pm.</p> <p>This regularly disturbs local residents.</p> <p>Also due to inadequate parking facilities this causes considerable congestion on surrounding roads, and considerable noise as patrons are leaving The Wharf, late at night/the early hours of the morning.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p>	

Received on	From
30 th August 2023	Objector 4
<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I write in connection to the above matter and wish to make a formal objection to the proposed variation in the Licence of the above premises for an extension to the opening hours with additional music.</p> <p>I am a resident at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX which is very close to the above premises.</p> <p>My objection concerns, parking on Daven Road as I already can't get in and out of the drive because of the customers who park the vehicle and go to the pub.</p> <p>They also block the road because they are drunk and leave their vehicles for days on end blocking the road.</p> <p>We can already hear quite clearly the noise from the customers both inside and outside of the pub during the day and night.</p> <p>I am continually taking objects which have been taken by drunks from various properties back to their owners which have been dragged up Daven Road and dumped on the adopted verge.</p> <p>Just last Sunday I folded up the very large "Slimming World" Banner including four big wooden posts, that was taken from the Church on Canal Road and dumped on the verge opposite my house.</p>	

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	<p>I have on many occasions taken back the Roadwork Cones which have even been put on the roof of my car, and recently I have taken back the large traffic cone from the bus works on Canal Road.</p> <p>Therefore, I am absolutely sick of the troubles the pub causes already, the way it is now !</p> <p>Please register my formal objection to any extension to the existing Licence.</p> <p>Your faithfully</p>
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	Received on	From
	31 st August 2023	Objector 5
	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I have received representations from a number of neighbours of Wharf Inn who are very concerned about the apparent attempt to turn it from a local pub to a night club with extended licencing hours. The neighbours already suffer from noise, disruption, obstructive parking and antisocial behaviour. It is completely unacceptable to extend this late into the night.</p> <p>I draw your attention to the fact that the Wharf Inn is (I believe) single-glazed and also often plays music with the doors open or with speakers outside, which adds to the disruption.</p> <p>The Laurels Care Home is just across the road, as is the War Memorial Hospital Aston Ward. Both of these house vulnerable older people who should not be disturbed into the small hours with loud music. This sort of facility shouldn't be in a residential area and I hope that you will refuse this extended licence.</p> <p>Thanks very much Kind regards</p>	

	Received on	From
	1 st September 2023	Objector 6
	<p>Hello,</p> <p>We live sufficiently far along XXXXXXXXXX for any noise nuisance from this proposal (see attached PDF file) to be minimal; however, I object to the proposal because of parking issues.</p> <p>Some years ago, the Wharf Inn car park was repurposed for a housing development on what is now a road called Locke Rise. This has lead to patrons of the Wharf Inn parking on the end section of Daven Road at the junction with Canal Road. Frequently there are vehicles parked here, often overnight, contrary to rules 242 and 243 of the Highway Code (within 10 metres of the junction and facing oncoming traffic at night).</p>	

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Cars coming out of Congleton along Canal Road often cannot see illegally parked vehicles until they are actually making a turn into Daven Road. When there are cars coming along Daven Road towards Canal Road, parked vehicles mean it is not possible to complete the turn into Daven Road safely and vehicles may be stuck with their rear portion protruding into Canal Road creating the risk of being rear end shunted.

The situation is made worse by the location of a bus stop immediately before the entrance to Daven Road. Sometimes a bus will be parked there for several minutes especially if there are a number of passengers getting on or off the bus. Cars may attempt to go passed the bus and then find they cannot enter Daven Road because of badly parked vehicles with other vehicles waiting to turn right out of Daven Road to go towards town. This causes a dead-lock situation, which means that vehicles either have to reverse to unlock the situation or drivers have to abandon the turn into Daven Road and waste time and fuel finding somewhere to turn round and to complete the entry to Daven Road from the other direction. If an emergency vehicle was caught up in such a deadlock, this could have potential serious consequences.

I would not support the licence application unless:

1. The bus stop is moved towards the town centre to be closer to or opposite the bus stop for passengers going into town. At that point Canal Road is significantly wider and deadlock situations should be far less likely.
2. There are double yellow lines from Canal Road as far as the first speed bump on Daven Road.
3. Overnight street parking is banned on the north-west side of Daven Road from the junction with Canal Road as far as the close where addresses 1 to 17 are located.



These steps should reduce the congestion and potential for accidents at the junction of Daven Road and Canal Road.

As a suggestion, but only if it can be arranged, perhaps the Wharf Inn could make use of some of the parking space for the War Memorial Hospital for use between perhaps 7:00 PM and 2:00 AM possibly with some financial contribution to the hospital.

It appears to me that the junction of Daven Road and Canal Road, the position of the bus stop and the removal of the Wharf Inn's own car park was carried out with very little consideration for safety and the smooth flowing of traffic. These issues should be rectified before the licence for extended hours and any increase in poor or dangerous parking occurs.

Regards,

Received on	From
9 th September 2023	Objector 7
Ref : Application for Premises Licence for the Wharf Inn, 121 Canal Road, Congleton	
We oppose the Application for A Premises Licence for The Wharf Inn,	

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<p>121 Canal Road, Congleton having an extended Premises Licence for Recorded Music and Supply of Alcohol Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 00:00 and Friday and Saturday 10:00 to 01:00 am.</p> <p>There is a huge amount of trepidation regarding the impact on the local residents if The Council allows the licence to be given.</p> <p>Parking is a big issue as The Wharf Inn appears to have parking for only two vehicles. Customers of The Wharf Inn very often park their vehicles in Daven Road, and put the kerb side wheels on the footpath. It is important to uphold the law which states vehicles cannot drive on the pavement so this means they cannot park on the pavement.</p> <p>The Wharf Inn is near The Laurels Care Home on the junction of Daren Road and Canal Road. There is also The Memorial Hospital nearby. It is very important that the noise issues are thoroughly assessed.</p> <p>We recognise that The Wharf Inn is already Licensed but does not have the increased hours and music conditions currently applied for. We request that the existing licence continues but is not extended as described above.</p>

Received on	From
10 th September 2023	Objector 8
<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>It has come to my attention that the Public House above has submitted an application for licensable activities up to midnight on weekdays and to 01:00 on Fridays and Saturdays, and as a resident at the XXXXXXXXXXXX residential apartments XXXXXXXXXXXX, I feel very strongly against this application as the subsequent noise and disturbance will be intolerable should this be granted.</p> <p>The Wharf Inn is situated amongst a residential area with houses and living quarters on both sides as well as opposite. It has very limited parking facilities and vehicles are often parked across the road at a junction where it can be very dangerous for drivers either turning into or coming out of Daven Road. There is also the possibility of vehicles being left overnight and again this would be an inconvenience to pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users.</p> <p>The XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX resides many elderly residents and crowds gathering on their doorsteps would be most unwelcome late into the night and early morning, and the younger residents would struggle with their sleeping patterns for either work or schools.</p> <p>I am in the hospitality industry myself and fully understand the need to maximise the turnover in these challenging times, but to do so by impacting others in a negative way is irresponsible. I hope my concerns will be taken into consideration when this application is being reviewed as I feel mine will be just one of many objections as to why it should not be granted.</p>	

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	Thank you for reading this email.
	Yours sincerely,

	Received on	From
	10 th September 2023	Objector 9
	<p>The Wharf Inn, 121 Canal Road, Congleton, CW12 3AP Application for a Premises Licence Extension, Licensing Act 2003</p> <p>We object to the above Application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The premises will be open after 11pm when it is reasonable to expect quiet in a residential area to get a good nights sleep. 2. Previous experience has shown that the car park at the premises is too small to accommodate all the customers cars. Therefore there is extensive car parking in surrounding residential roads with consequential noise from banging car doors late at night. 	

	Received on	From
	10 th September 2023	Objector 10
	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>We are aware of an application to extend the licensing hours of the Wharf Inn on Canal Road, CW12 3AP to Midnight from Sunday to Thursday and 1am Friday and Saturdays, to provide recorded music and alcohol during these hours.</p> <p>Whilst we do not wish to stop people enjoying themselves, we feel that if this is granted it will have a detrimental effect on the quality of the lives of the people that reside in the area. Apart from the noise pollution It will Increase the public nuisance, and safety of the public and devalue property in the area.</p> <p>We feel that Congleton town centre, which is half a mile away has enough on offer to accommodate late night hours with recorded and live music.</p>	

	Received on	From
	11 th September 2023	Objector 11
	<p>We are writing to object to playing music at the above premises.</p> <p>Whilst the music won't directly affect us, I do feel the music would cause a noise disturbance to the properties surrounding The Wharf especially if they are playing until 1am.</p>	

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	<p>What disturbs me is the lack of car parking, the car park was sold to a developer some years ago, who built houses next to the pub, now there are properties on all sides of The Wharf.</p> <p>As The Wharf no longer has a car park, this is another problem; cars/vans park at the beginning of Daven Road, this is usually worse when they have something on i.e. football matches on tv. These cars can be parked half way up the road making it difficult for residents or people in vehicles using the road, as you cannot not see what on coming traffic is coming. People are not only parking on the road but most park on the pavement making it difficult for walking past which isn't good for prams, blind or the disabled, who have to walk around the vehicles on the road, it is an accident waiting to happen especially as these cars park close to the Daven/Canal Rd junction and some can be there for 24/48 hours.</p> <p>This will only get worse should more events be put on.</p>
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	Received on	From
	11 th September 2023	Objector 12
	<p>Hi Kim</p> <p>Regarding events liscence extension proposed for the wharf inn in Congleton. Canal road. I am opposing it due to anti social behaviour in the flat car parks behind the pub XXXXXXXXXXXX. Loud music after 11 which should be a breach goes on till 11.30 till 12. Private car parking at wharf mill and customers seem to be parking on the private car park making noise pollution at obscene times of the day.</p>	

	Received on	From
	12 th September 2023	Objector 13
	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>We are writing with regards to the most recent licence application by Emily Hamand for the above public house in Congleton, which has been highlighted to us by a neighbour.</p> <p>We are a family of five (myself, my husband, two teenagers and a baby) living at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX overlooks the pub beer garden and is built on what was originally the pub car park.</p> <p>When purchasing the house in October 2016 the pub was a well-known sports pub, it showed the football, had darts and pool teams, and 'regulars' who would drink early doors. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX and we personally enjoy popping in for a drink from time to time, especially over the festive period.</p> <p>Since the pub has changed management, the clientele has changed for the worse, and noise levels have increased significantly.</p> <p>The crowd is much younger and there is loud music (recorded and live) played until the early hours of the morning. Quite often a DJ, live singer or karaoke on a Friday,</p>	

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	<p>Saturday and Sunday night. We have had to request that the volume be turned down on a number of occasions.</p> <p>The disruption has a considerable effect on our family time at home. We can hear the music over our TV's in the house (one of which is in the lounge at the rear of the property) and we can no longer enjoy family time in our garden without the interruption of loud music and feeling bass from their speakers.</p> <p>They close the doors at 11pm to the beer garden which partially masks the noise, but we can still hear/feel it. It has been particularly loud over the recent summer months with having to have our windows open due to the warmer evenings.</p> <p>We have a 4 month old baby who we are unable to put down in our bedside crib at the front of the house until the music goes off and/or people vacate the beer garden due to the noise.</p> <p>The pub regularly has food trailers parked out the front on the car park which encourages people to linger at the bottom of our driveway, and they also use our PRIVATE driveway to turn around when parking or being dropped off/picked up. They literally have to do a 3 point turn by our cars.</p> <p>We know the Hamands personally, and we have absolutely no objection to there being a pub on our doorstep. However, if the pub is to be granted the new licence it will cause continued and further disruption to our lives at home. This is a residential area, and we are both professionals with stressful jobs, so our home needs to be our sanctuary.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
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	Received on	From
	13 th September 2023	Objector 14
	<p>RE: The Wharf Inn, 121 Canal Road, Congleton, CW12 3AP</p> <p>Recorded Music & Supply of Alcohol – Sunday – Thursday – 10:00 – 00:00, Friday – Saturday – 10:00 – 01:00 AM</p> <p>As a resident in XXXXXXXXXX of The Wharf Inn, I would like to register my objection to the above application and request that the application be refused.</p> <p>The area is a quiet, friendly residential neighbourhood with a mixture of young families through to retired residents. Should this application be granted, the resulting noise will have a significant impact on neighbouring streets.</p> <p>Furthermore, there is only a very small parking area at the Wharf Inn and aside from increased noise, any increased traffic volume will inevitably lead to parking pressures on surrounding residential roads.</p>	

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	<p>There is concern that increased licensing hours and subsequent increased alcohol consumption will lead to noise pollution at closing time, possible vandalism for private gardens, the potential for public urination & increased littering that local residents do not wish to deal with.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>

	Received on	From
	14 th September 2023	Objector 15
	<p>While it is good to see refurbishments and an active pub, the proposed extended hours will have a negative impact on the local community. I do not support proposed changes.</p> <p>Negative impacts include noise in a built-up dwelling-area and further issues with parking.</p> <p>Mitigations for noise might include sound proofing (not sure if possible?) and having a music cut-off before say 11.30 – and restricted to say 2 days/wk.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	

	Received on	From
	15 th September 2023	Objector 16
	<p>Dear Cheshire East Council,</p> <p>My partner and I moved to Congleton at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX a few months ago, which is about a minute's walk to the Wharf Inn. We moved from an urban area where we used to live near a different pub.</p> <p>The pub we used to live near had late opening times and our road had frequent anti-social behaviour such as shouting, littering and people urinating near our house - this happened during the week not just at weekends. One of the reasons we moved to Congleton was to get away from the urban city and enjoy the peace that XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX brings. Extending the opening hours would affect the nearby residents' quiet enjoyment of the area.</p> <p>It is not appropriate for the Wharf Inn to extend its opening hours as the pub is located in a residential area. The pub isn't near Congleton town centre where it would make more sense to extend their opening times.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	