

Longleton
Cheshire

12-5-2011

Dear Sir

I am objecting to licensing hours being requested for the Public House the Graffordshire Knot in West Street.

As a long time resident in the street (58 years) I can only imagine what life will now be like with not one but two licensed properties across from one another, with live music and liquor on hand until 3 am, not a pleasant thought. There has been trouble from the Public House before when

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police were called, so who can say what will happen with longer hours, and time to down more alcohol ~~and~~ available.

I hope that common sense will prevail when granting this licence.

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Licensing Department
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
Cheshire
CW1 2BJ

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Congleton
Cheshire

12th May 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref Applicant, The Staffordshire Knot, 15 West Street Congleton CW12 1JN

I am writing with regard to the above premises and their application to extend the existing licence to serve alcohol & entertain until 3 AM.

I wish to register my objections to this application.

Over the last 15 years or so this particular public house has undergone several alterations to the inside which have not really increased the dwindling customers. So in an effort to increase the patronage disco nights & karaoke were tried & live entertainment was advertised & put on. The DJ's announcements & loud music could be heard the length of the street late into the night. This coupled with the existing late hour drinking led to late night drunkenness, noise, abusive language, fighting and vandalism by patrons leaving the pub.

There was a massive brawl back in March last year where property was damaged people were hospitalised after late drinking & entertainment went wrong and the publican and staff were unable to control this rioting & the police force had to send 8 cars to restore law & order.


At the age of 84 I am most concerned that these kinds of incidents do not re occur & I can sleep undisturbed safely at night without the fear of such activities.

CCTV & doormen make no difference to people's drunken behaviour once they have left the premises they just couldn't care less & no one stops taxis blowing their horns & shouting to get fare paying drinkers to come out of the pub, this followed by car doors slamming & engines revving in the early hours. It is totally unfair on the streets residents asleep in their own homes.

Having lived in this street for 57 years or more I feel that it would be ill considered to increase the drinking hours & entertainment license of any pub to such a late 3am hour of the morning. Moreover should not this type of extended drinking & entertaining be confined to purpose built nightclubs in their correct locations? Not in the middle of a residential area where the outfall is intolerable for the surrounding community thus spoiling decent people's lives.

I ask that you give my objections to this application your most serious consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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15 West Street, Congleton, CU12 1JN.

To whom it May Concern,

I am writing with disagreement if the license is permitted for alcohol and entertainment at the above address.

I believe they are applying for a 3am closure, 7 days a week.

As a new resident to Congleton, only living here for 9 months I have in that short time had three started burglaries and also there has been damage to the 48 West Street and Vortex garage. I know this has been due to Bent Park and Dutton St, however since there closure 'West Street' has been blessed, so I'm sure you can appreciate my disapproval to this application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely.

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F.A.O.
Licensing Department
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
Cheshire
CW1 2BJ

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object about the extended licence application for-**THE STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, 15 WEST STREET, CONGLETON, CW12 1JN.**

My reason for objecting is that **WEST STREET** is just around the corner a few minutes walk from **RIVER STREET** and I don't want any possible noise disturbances or vandalism outside my house at three o'clock in the morning!

I can't understand why a pub wants to be serving alcohol up until that time every night / morning? If people want to party and drink in the early hours then there's already a nightclub in the town centre which is out of the way of private houses.

No-one wants their community and lives affected by alcohol drinking until all hours, let alone the risk of a repeat of what happened at this pub in March last year when a "riot" broke out which the local newspaper the Congleton Chronicle front page reported on, with up to 30 people involved, 8 police cars in attendance at the scene, the road had to be cordoned off, bottles were being hurled and glasses smashed, several assaults including an attack on a woman bystander, and a man being thrown through a full size shop window.

A 3.00am license any day of the week is in my opinion totally inappropriate for this venue, these are my views and reasons for strongly objecting about a 3.00am license in a nice quiet residential street which is also sited in a conservation area!

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

Congleton
Cheshire

12th May 2011

Licensing Department
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
Cheshire
CW1 2BJ

Application Reference: - The Staffordshire Knot, 15 West Street, Congleton, CW12 1JN.

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing with respect to the above license application to extend the licensing and entertainment hours up until a 3.00am in the early hours of the morning. We wish to register our objection to this application.

As the owners and residents of number West Street, Congleton, for the past 56 years we have enjoyed living in our family home which is situated in a **Conservation Area** surrounded by other residential period and listed properties.

Along with our neighbours, we are all very concerned about the excessive licensing hours which have been applied for. The application licensing hours in which to serve and consume alcohol on a **daily basis** would seemingly be far more appropriate to the requirement of a nightclub establishment as opposed to a public house.

We most certainly did not envisage the possibility of any unsociable hours disruption of early morning revellers at 3.00am or even later spilling out onto a residential street on a potential **carte blanche** daily basis, in our opinion the Staffordshire Knot's existing licensing hours are quite appropriate for the public house location, with residential properties sited to the rear and a row of terraced houses sited opposite to the frontage. There is also an outside area to the pub which if used for entertainment could cause a further noise nuisance to residents.

A major late night incident that took place in March 2010 last year outside this public house was an extremely frightening experience; we were absolutely terrified inside our own home with rioting taking place in the street. The street was cordoned off with 8 police cars present at the scene, there were bottles being thrown, glasses being smashed, shouting, fighting, people being assaulted, a lady attacked and a man thrown through a shop window. It was horrendous and we most certainly do not want to ever risk being subjected to a repeat occurrence.

We are both extremely concerned about noise in the quiet and still of night combined with any potential alcohol related anti-social behaviour that may occur. Another concern we have is related to possible vandalism and property damage which is often associated to late night drinking.

Could you please give serious consideration to our objections as we are retired senior citizens both in our eighties and living with disabilities. At this time in our lives to have our nightly sleep pattern being constantly disturbed would be intolerable.

Yours sincerely,

WEST STREET, CONGLETON,
CONGLETON, CHESHIRE
TELEPHONE

Licensing Department
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Earle Street
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CW1 2BJ

13th May 2011

**Application Reference - The Staffordshire Knot, 15 West Street, Congleton,
CW12 1JN.**

Dear Sir or Madam,

As the property owner and sole business proprietor of _____ which is
sited in close proximity to the applicant, I would like to object to the licensing hours
applied for in relation to above application.

I am extremely concerned with respect to a 3.00am finish and the consequences it
may entail with the consumption of alcohol until this unsociable hour of the morning
on what would be entitled to be a regular nightly occurrence, if the existing license is
extended.

At present West Street at 3.00am is virtually silent in the still of night and should
remain this way to ensure that its residents are embellished the entitlement of a
peaceful night's sleep and properties remain to a certain extent untroubled by
destructive vandalism.

As statistics clearly show alcohol consumption often fuels - noise, public urinating,
vomiting, verbal abuse, wilful vandalism, violence and crime. We have all seen TV
footage and media coverage of this type of despicable behaviour that affects so many
of our cities and towns, especially apparent in the early hours of the morning when
groups of people exit premises onto our streets and the vast expenses incurred in
public services stretched to their limits in trying to contain these diabolical situations.

In fact this exact type of despicable behaviour was witnessed first hand by the
residents and businesses of West Street when a major incident occurred late at night in
March 2010 outside this public house.

The incident was described in detail on the front page of the Congleton Chronicle, it
involved numerous police and vehicles in attendance, a mass brawl with fighting,
bottles used as missiles, broken glasses, assaults, a lady bystander being attacked, and
almost unbelievably a person was actually thrown through a shop window pane.

This is only a brief outline of the actual happenings and property damage so perhaps you can understand serious concerns over extending this license to allow 2.30am entertainment and alcohol consumption, with a 3.00am finish on what could be a daily basis if granted. There are residential properties to the rear and opposite the pub which also has an outside area, perhaps this and even open pub windows or doors should be taken into consideration regarding entertainment and possible uncontained outside noise disturbance. There is also the associated factor of taxis or vehicle noise in the still of night and early hours to be considered.

Congleton is a market town and West Street is primarily a residential area which has an abundance of properties of architectural heritage. West Street is sited within the towns conservation area and I would ask consideration be given to this and other aforementioned concerns.

Yours Sincerely,