

APPENDIX 6

From: andrew cartwright
Sent: 14 May 2015 18:53
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Bar 48, Crewe Road, Alsager

Good Evening

I wish to make a formal objection to the planning application review made against Bar 48, Crewe Road, Alsager.

As a local resident, I have submitted three previous objections, on the Cheshire Council site, regarding planning applications and now feel that the process of managing such premises, through the relevant planning authorities, leaves something to be desired; Bar 48, as a consequence of the nature of the establishment and the manner in which it is promoted and marketed, attracts a demographic of customers that are not in keeping with the nature of Alsager and its relevant environs. As residents, we have suffered from noise disturbances, from groups of drunken customers brawling and fighting in the street and from disturbances when visiting friends who have the misfortune to live close to the premises; my wife, in 2014, was verbally abused when requesting that noise disturbance be reduced late on Friday evening (the Police are aware of this incident).

Bar 48 seems to have been operating without proper licensing from some time and has been directly involved in illegal activities, that include; the showing of 'Sky' products without an adequate license; late night 'lock ins'; the sale of alcohol to minors and the production/distribution of illegal substances that were/are under investigation via Cheshire Police.

The bar was originally intended and marketed to be a 'tapas-style' wine bar which, given the demographic nature of Alsager, would have been both welcome and relevant to the nature of other licensed premises in the area and would have complimented the town; however, this didn't materialise and we are currently faced with a café-style bar that serves 'standard' beverages and 'rolls' under the current guise of a restaurant. We are faced with noise pollution and disturbances (which include fights and brawling) on a regular basis and have witnessed customers leaving the premises in the early hours of the morning in a drunken and anti-social state. Residents have absolutely no such issues with any of the other alcohol-serving premises in the area.

Despite a plethora of objections to planning applications, to retrospective planning applications and to change of use applications, it certainly appears that the current owners are associated with 'people' 'in the know' and seem to be able to bypass regulatory law. It is in the public interest that premises of this nature are seen to be dealt with under the relevant legal processes and forcibly served notice to cease trading. Should a member of the public actively seek to bypass planning or licencing laws (regardless of the nature) legal enforcement would be both severe and swift; this appears not to be the case with Bar 48. The premises have traded without relevant planning authority, have continued to trade regardless of having to apply for retrospective planning and appear to be operating without regard for the safety, the welfare and the interests of local residents; there are issues regarding the safeguarding of young people, evidenced through the sale of alcohol to minors, and through police evidence that confirms that customers are entering the premises in an inebriated state and leaving, at 04:00hrs following the recent televised boxing match, in a worse state and then causing anti-social behaviours.

I look forward to your response and would be delighted to meet should such an opportunity arise.

Andrew Cartwright

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14 May 2015 08:13
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Bar 48 (Alsager) License review

From: niki bugg [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 May 2015 21:37
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Bar 48 (Alsager) License review

Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to add my complete support to the police and their application to review the license granted to the above premises and the proposal to revoke the license. Since the premises opened in December 2013 I have had cause to phone either the police, planning, or environmental health regarding the activities of bar 48 each week. There has been consistent anti social behaviour, including numerous fights and violent incidents involving the customers of the bar. On almost each and every weekend we have had cause to contact environmental health regarding the noise either the music and the customers as they leave (or often enter) the bar. There is no control over the people who enter the premises or leave the premises and often the customers are clearly already drunk prior to entering the bar late in the evening. The bar has stayed open well beyond 11pm on numerous occasions playing loud music and encouraging the customers to sing and make extremely loud noise (again no control over the customers as they leave) customers will freely urinate and vomit up against the local business opposite (Dentist and solicitors). On occasions the owners daughters have been seen involved in incidents (they also work within the premises).

They screen sporting events without the required permissions or having paid the required fees. The premises has been involved in drug incidents including the growing and selling of illegal substances and was raided recently by the police. I believe the premise is still involved in drug activity. Most disappointing is that they were originally operating without the required planning permission to convert to a bar (A4 premise). They were refused the permission to do this based on a number of residential complaints surrounding the noise and anti social behaviour. recently they applied to convert to a restaurant (A3 premises) as this did not require permission and since they had recently been served with an enforcement action to cease trading as a bar. Unfortunately they have failed to do this and remain operational as a bar under the false guise of a restaurant and continue to cause problems (just in the last few weeks they have remained open until 1pm playing music extremely loud, and remained open well into the night to show the boxing (they did not shut until breakfast time the next day).

I have a young family and I am concerned for the safety of both my wife and my children with a premises like the one we have been subjected to over the last two years and would hope that they are stopped from causing residents the problems they continue to do with no respect or regard for the residents.

Niki Bugg
[REDACTED]

From:

Sent: 19 May 2015 14:15

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Subject: Bar 48, Alsager

To whom this may concern,

Although you now have my email address, I am concerned about making this complaint in case my name and address become public knowledge to the persons involved in this complaint.

I am writing to complain about bar 48 and the row of other shops that I believe are owned by the same proprietor. About 12 months ago I was out with some friends and decided to have a drink in bar 48. I am a local teacher and was with my husband and colleagues (one a local headteacher). The four of us were greeted in a strange way. Someone from behind the bar shouted "who the fuck's that". The people sitting around the bar turned and stared at us. The man at the bar left the bar and sat down, stopping us from purchasing a drink. It was clear that we would not be served. We felt very uncomfortable and intimidated. We decided not to go back, it felt as though it was a private club for thugs.

Approx 4 months ago I witnessed a nasty fight that started inside the bar and rolled out into street stopping cars in a dangerous way. One of the victims in the fight then went to hide in the driveway of a house, whilst 3 thugs persisted in the chase.

When I passed the bar I noticed a green notice on a lamp post, which had been covered up and defaced so it was difficult to read.

I am really concerned that despite licencing and planning permission, Cheshire East has done very little to stop the take over of the row of shops. When I walk by I see teams of young girls waiting inside and outside the hotspot, often flitting between the hot spot and bar 48. I have witnessed young girls coming from the back of this business as well.

I chose to move to Alsager some 10 years ago as I found it to be a safe place for my children to grow up. There is a sinister and threatening culture emerging between the row of shops/bars, which are clearly not operating in a respectful manner to local residents. I urge that along with Cheshire Police, you stop the threatening take over, which will reduce our village to be a place of fear.

Dear Sir,

In response to review of the premises licence in respect of the premises known as Bar 48 I was concerned at the alleged health and safety issues raised by the review. I became aware of the problems created by Bar 48 after reading articles in the local paper where local residents explained how their lives were being disrupted by the noise and behaviour of the customers of bar 48. I also attended recent Alsager town council meeting where again, the local residents explained the problems created by the mismanagement of Bar 48 in terms of noise, anti-social drunken behaviour by their customers and a disrespect for the law.


Clearly if an establishment open to the public has little concerns relating to health and safety i.e. not promoting a safe, clean and mature drinking environment nor protects youngster under 18 from alcoholic drink, then the licence holders should not be able to continue with owning and managing such an establishment. My particular concern relates to the alleged selling of alcohol to under aged persons which is an indication of the owners/managers lack of concern or perhaps awareness of the under aged drinking and the health and social problems which can ensue from this.

It would appear that the owners/managers are either unaware of their obligations to the public under the conditions of their premises licence which they have agreed to or have a total disregard for the law.

The alleged low standards of quality of care by Bar48 flies in the face of the hardworking landlords and managers in Alsager and will, by association, reflect on their good name.

I therefore object to continuance of the premises licence in respect of the premises known as Bar 48, Crewe Road, Alsager.

Barry Curtis



CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 29 May 2015 08:01
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Review of Licence for Bar 48 Crewe Road Alsager ST7 2ET

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From: Catherine Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 May 2015 17:56
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Review of Licence for Bar 48 Crewe Road Alsager ST7 2ET

Dear Sir or Madam

We understand that you are going to review the licence application for Bar 48. As a neighbour of this bar we are requesting you not to renew the licence for the following reasons.

1. Although we have not had many warm evenings, over Easter the weather was dry and sunny. However we were unable to sit out in our own garden because of the noise, including loud swearing and shrieking from patrons of Bar 48 who were in the yard behind the bar.
2. Patrons are not remaining in the designated seating area at the back of the bar but spill out into the yard at the rear of the bar.
3. We were assured the yard at the back would not be used as a car park, but some patrons are parking their cars there.
4. We understood that the original application was for a bar/ restaurant for quiet conversation and occasional live music. However there is now a screen for live sports events, more in keeping with a large pub than a restaurant. This means that patrons have remained in the bar drinking all night when there is a big sporting event being broadcast (e.g recent boxing match).
5. We have seen 2 or 3 people at a time appearing to conduct some sort of business in the yard behind the bar.

We should point out we moved to this area from London 10 years ago, fully aware that we were buying a property close to two pubs and several takeaway restaurants. During this time we have never had any reason to complain about noise or nuisance from any of these establishments, even when the university still had a campus in Alsager.

We have also never felt concerned or threatened until Bar 48 opened. It is a measure of our concern that we fear retaliation from the patrons of this bar because we are complaining, especially as we had to go and stand at the door of this bar to make a note of your contact details.

You should be aware we have not had any trouble since the notice was posted on the door of Bar 48, but we know that if you renew the licence the problems will start again, because that is what has happened each time there has been any reason why the planning or licensing application has been reviewed.

We urge you not to renew the licence application for Bar 48.

Yours faithfully

Anthony & Catherine Smith
[REDACTED]

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The Licensing Section

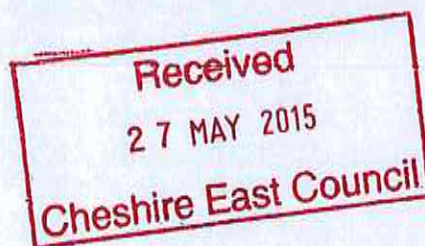
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Ref: Bar 48 Licensing Review

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to support the current action to review the license of the above premises. Since the premises opened as a bar we have been subjected to a wide range of problems on most weekends including anti-social behaviour of the customers who visit the premises, very violent incidents that have spilled out onto the street and included large numbers of people, and repeated high levels of noise from both customers and the music and events at the property. The owners have no regard for any laws associated with either planning, or licensing and have clearly been operating without the required permissions for the duration of the property being converted to a bar and continue to do so as I believe they have been refused permission to operate in this way since March. They also on many occasions will remain open beyond the licensed hours playing music and causing problems.

I hope the council will support this review and prevent the local residents and people of Alsager being subjected to this irresponsible property and owners any longer.

Yours Sincerely

Mr and Mrs Evans

[Redacted signature]