

HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21-Sep-2020 10:15
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing with regards to The Bridge Hotel's application for a premises licence.

I strongly object to the application due to the noise pollution levels that we already experience from the establishment and would be made far worse by extending the hours of the licence. I live on [REDACTED] Prestbury and have already experienced a higher level of noise pollution on certain occasions coming from The Bridge and strongly believe that an extension to the hours of performance will adversely effect the village environment.

I do not support their application.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

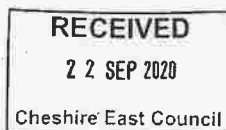
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Telephone [REDACTED]

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe CW1 2BJ

21st September 2020

Dear Sirs,

The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury, Cheshire SK10 4DQ

I understand that the above Hotel has submitted an application for the sale of alcohol, recorded and live music, performances of dance and anything similar to take place between the hours of 11.00 and 01.00 daily. It is also seeking permission to allow late night refreshment between the hours of 23.00 and 1.00 daily and additional P

I am writing on behalf of my wife as well as myself. We are the joint leaseholders and residents of [REDACTED] which is situated on the opposite side to the Hotel on the main road through Prestbury and in particular overlooks the garden of the Bridge Hotel. I am writing to record my and my wife's objections to many aspects of the application.

We do not object to the Hotel being permitted to sell alcohol in its garden during the daytime provided that its sale is not permitted after 10.30pm. However, we strongly object to the Hotel being permitted to play music, whether live or recorded, in its garden. We moved into our present address in the earlier part of this year since when there have been a number of days when music has been played in the Hotel's garden, which could be heard from our apartment and was intrusive. We find it extraordinary that the Hotel should be seeking permission to play music for up to 14 hours each day. We consider that playing music in its garden at any time causes unnecessary disturbance to all residents who live within the vicinity of the Hotel. We also object to the Hotel being permitted to sell late night refreshments in its garden each day between 23.00 and 1.00 hours, because this could cause undue noise late at night.

We ask that our objections, which as indicated earlier in this letter are very strong, are brought to the attention of the Licensing Authority not only for ourselves but also on behalf of the other residents who live near to the Hotel.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Appendix 11a



THE LICENSING SECTION,
CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
EARL STREET,
CREWE
CW1 2BJ

THE BRIDGE HOTEL, THE VILLAGE , PRESTBURY, SK104DQ
APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE .LICENSING ACT 2003

I am writing to make a strong objection to the granting of the above license to the owners of The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury.

For some months now the residents in the heart of Prestbury Village have had a pretty miserable time trying to come to terms with the loud music and raucous behaviour emanating from The Bridge Hotel.

We have lived opposite The Bridge Hotel for over thirty six years. We have never had cause or necessity to complain on any grounds to the owners of The Hotel.

Some weeks ago I spoke with the manager under the new owners to ask if they could tone down the music which had kept me awake until 12,30.am that morning.

I was told in no uncertain terms that they had a twenty four hour licence to play the music but that in respect of Hotel guests they always stopped the music at 11.00pm This was definitely untrue.

And as to the volume they have a machine that measures the decibels thereby always playing within legal volume. Why in 36 years are we suddenly deafened by the loud thumping music which not only blazes through the windows and doors but also from the beautiful gardens by the River Bollin.

I am afraid that there is no consideration or respect for this beautiful village or its residents and if this licence were to be granted we would encounter further behavioural problems within the village.

We have already witnessed police vans arriving outside.

Last Saturday evening while the music ended at 10.00pm the Village was inundated with a crowd of raucous , swearing party goers.

The party had spilled across the road into the drive of Ford House. I was afraid for the new elderly residents there are on the ground floor but frankly felt too vulnerable to go outside.

It should not be necessary for elderly residents to be afraid to walk outside or to protect their property. If the present behaviour continues we will need to have some security protection within the village.

Taxis now line up on the main road, On the bend waiting to drop off or collect guests. This is an accident wating to happen. At the same time the noise and foul language of guests waiting for taxis on the pavement is unacceptable and a problem we have never experienced before.

In respect for the road traffic situation and local residents taxis have always collected guests from the rear hotel entrance.

During the summer months the loud booming music has echoed through this once peaceful village, the sheer joy of being able to enjoy the peace and quiet of the garden has been lost.

For all these years we have lived a very amicable life along with the previous owners of The Bridge Hotel. There have always been, weddings, parties, dinner dances, musical evenings.

Living opposite a successful Hotel and Restaurant one would expect to hear music and the coming and going of guests.

The present music levels and total lack of consideration for the village and its residents makes me very concerned for any sanctions to these requests for live daily music between 11.00pm and 1.00am . The existing licence is giving us problems enough.

We do not wish to be constantly calling out The Police, who frankly have more important issues to deal, with but under this present management I am afraid this will have to happen on a very regular basis if we are to protect the residents and visitors to the village.

Yours Sincerely,



23/9/2020

HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23-Sep-2020 15:49
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: HELLON, Richard
Subject: Licence application by The Bridge Hotel PRESTBURY

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Following my personal letter objecting to the granting of the license sought by The Bridge Hotel Prestbury I have today received details of the 4 licensing objections.

In support of my letter I respond to your listed points of objection.

HISTORY.

We have lived directly opposite the Bridge Hotel for over 36 years with no complaints to the previous owners.

The Bridge hotel has been a busy thriving business during all these years with weddings, parties, dinner dances, musical evenings. We have never had cause for complaint.

We have lived in complete harmony with the owners and all their staff.

UNDER THE NEW OWNERS

The Bridge Hotel is no longer an asset to the village:

They play extremely loud music, emanating from open doors, windows and the garden with no thought for residents.

Taxis queue on the main road to drop off party guests.

Guests pour out onto the street with a great deal of noise, swearing and rowdy behaviour.

On trying to seek an amicable agreement to tone down the volume of music with management I received no degree of understanding but was assured that they have a 24 hour license and a machine to monitor the noise levels of the music.

I do not believe that these are responsible people to hold any license. I do not believe that they care about this once peaceful and beautiful village or about its residents.

The police have already been called to an incident. The rowdy, unacceptable, behaviour we have experienced can only deteriorate if these licenses are granted.

As things stand we need some kind of security to monitor the noise and behaviour of departing guests.

We owe it to our police force to grant such licences to responsible people only.

[REDACTED]



The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council,,
Municipal Buildings,
Earl Street,,
CREWE
CW1 2BJ

September 26th 2020

Ref: License Application by the Bridge Hotel, Prestbury Village.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you to lodge my formal objection to the License application submitted By the Bridge Hotel.

I am a long term Prestbury resident and live in the Village directly opposite the Bridge Hotel.

When the License was originally granted, the Bridge Hotel offered a quality restaurant, with background music. Their lower ground floor at the rear of the property has a function room which catered for larger parties and musical events which did not interfere with the quiet ambience of the Village.

The new owners have transformed the restaurant into a 'modern' bistro/diner, with a nightclub type interior and loud music both inside and outside onto the terraced garden, which now includes the

opening of a garden bar. This music is played loudly from the afternoon until the early hours of the morning which can be heard across the village and directly affects the residents of the village in an unpleasant way.

Since this transformation, we have experienced the following:

- Late night, noisy patrons entering/leaving the premises into the early hours of the morning, with a lot of shouting and swearing heard into our homes.
- Taxis and other vehicles using private driveways across from the hotel and illegal parking on a dangerous bend in the road by the hotel entrance.
- Emergency services being called after midnight to deal with excessively drunk and aggressive disturbances with the 'blue lights' shining directly into my home.

Whilst we fully support business initiatives, this type of a late-night music enterprise is totally at odds with the ambience of the village and is directly adjacent to residents who have already been affected by this activity.

I would therefore request that a strict limit on opening hours and the prohibition of outside music be applied.

I attach a copy of a recent Facebook advert placed by the hotel promoting live music and a DJ (currently only until 21.45 due to Covid)

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the sender.

Live Lounge Sessions

EVERY WEEKEND ON OUR
OUTSIDE TERRACE



Friday

Live DJ - 6pm 9.45pm

Saturday

Live DJ - 2pm until 6pm

Live Band - 7pm until 9.45pm

Sunday

Live Band - 1.30pm until 5pm



HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28-Sep-2020 13:41
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Bridge hotel application

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in connection with the application being made by the Bridge Hotel for changes to their current licence. The application for the extension of opening hours and permission to play live and recorded music is very concerning if it includes outside areas.

Throughout the summer period we have been subjected to loud live music from the outdoor bar area, which has been performed throughout the day and into the night. We are located 160 metres from the hotel garden, and can not use our own garden without having to listen to music from The Bridge. I am sure that this affects houses on Bridge Green, the flats in Ford House and other adjacent properties, together with the adjacent parish church. I would respectfully request that the impact of this on the lives of local residents is given serious consideration and that the playing or performing of music in the outdoor space is either banned or limited to set hours at lunchtime and early evening at an acceptable decibel level, and not allowed on Sundays.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]

Appendix 14a

Abbey Mill
Shirley's Drive
SK10 4XY

29.09.2020

Ref: Licence Application The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury, SK10 4DQ

Dear Licencing Department and Councillor [REDACTED]

I write regarding the planning application submitted by The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury, Sk10 4DQ.

We are the Estate Managers of Abbey Mill a retirement estate that directly neighbours this hotel.

We object to the licence for outside live music on the basis that we are directly affected by noise pollution as sound carries directly into our property (as shown on the enclosed map highlighted yellow).

Initially when the hotel reopened in August, we turned a blind eye to the loud outdoor live music giving them a chance to earn some funds after a difficult lockdown period and wanting to support local businesses.

We note that a new licence has been applied for and there is a possibility that this outside noise may become a permanent feature during the hours of 11:00am to 01:00am.

Abbey Mill is a retirement village containing 18 independent homes located 100yds from The Bridge Hotel. All our residents are aged over 75. They chose to purchase property in this location for its peaceful nature.

Our job as Estate Managers is to protect our leaseholders assets and wellbeing.

With the addition of a late night outside music terrace the impact on the previously peaceful life our residents enjoyed will be profound. I am sure you can appreciate our residents have worked hard all their lives and have earned the right to "Quiet Enjoyment" without nuisance.

I would be grateful if you would pass on our objections to those concerned at the licensing department at Cheshire East Council whom I have sent this same correspondence.

Our residents may also contact you individually with regards to this.

Please understand that while we wish to support local businesses especially in this current climate we also have a Duty of Care to our vulnerable residents.

To summarise our main objections:

RETIRE IN STYLE

- Outdoor terrace noise carries directly into our property
- Proximity of noise (See enclosed map)
- Increase in traffic and late-night taxis turning in Abbey Mill which is a private access only road

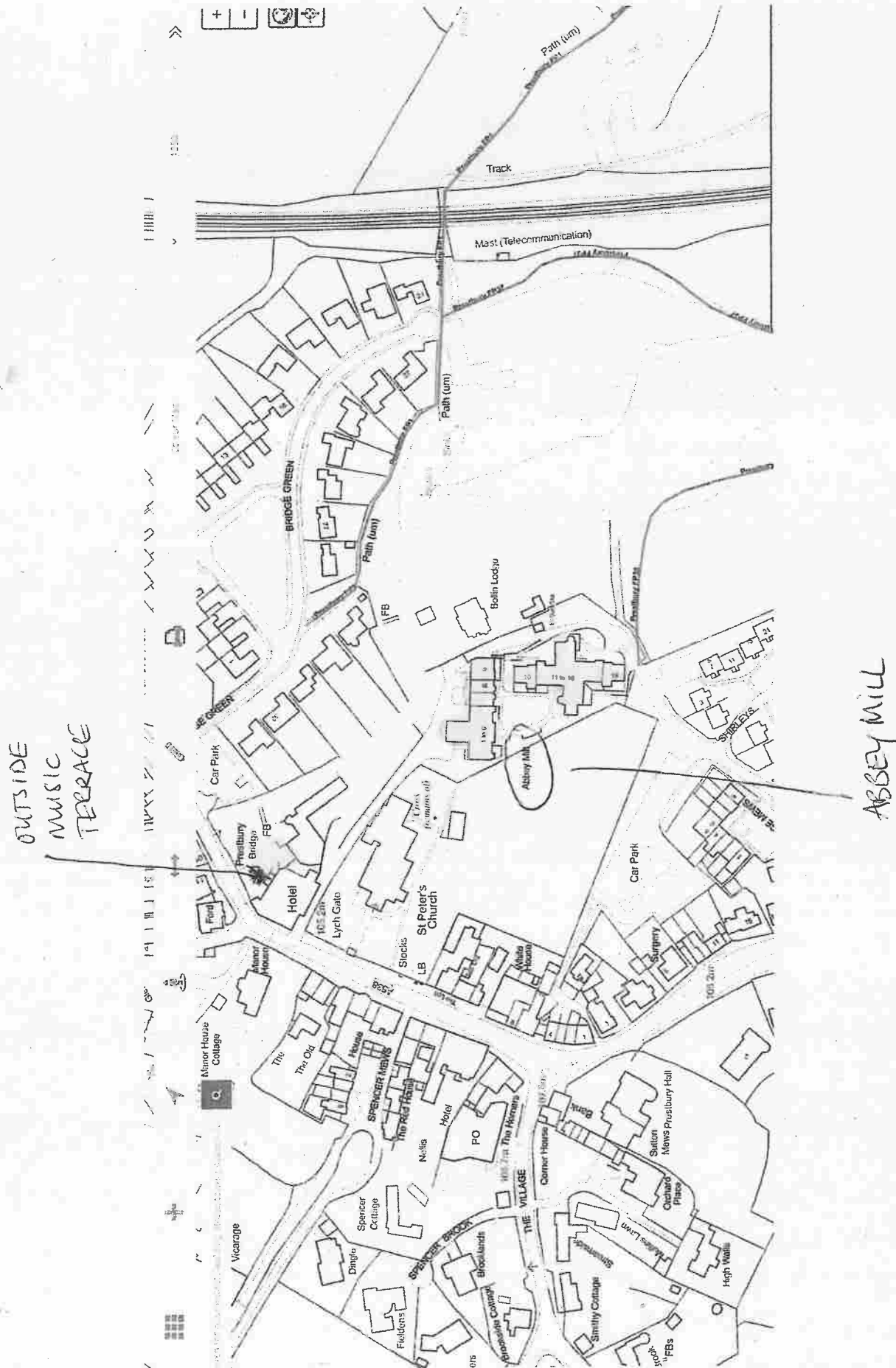
We look forward to receiving an acknowledgment of our concerns and watch with interest the outcome of the licence application. Should you require any additional information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details provided.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Estate Managers

Tel: [Redacted Phone Number]



HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29-Sep-2020 15:15
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury, Macclesfield SK10 4DQ

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Dear Sirs,

Re , The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury, Macclesfield SK10 4DQ
Application for a Premises Licenses: Licensing Act 2003

I wish to object to the above application by the Bridge Hotel. I believe that it would contribute towards a Public Nuisance.

I live on an estate of 33 houses within 200m of The Bridge Hotel.

I am aware of the high volume of music and singing coming from the gardens, which continues in spite of complaints made by other residents. The volume of noise is a Public Nuisance.

This matter has been reported to the police, the local Parish Council, the local East Cheshire Councillor, the Environment Protection Enforcement and Regulatory Services and Health sections of Cheshire East. I understand that they are all currently reviewing the current license, let alone a new one, which contains the request for the extension of hours to sell alcohol, live and recorded music, performances of dance and "anything similar", I find very disturbing.

I have no objections for the Bridge Hotel to playing music inside their building - but not outside.

I ask that you defer from awarding any further extension to their present license, and review their current license to restrict playing music in the gardens.

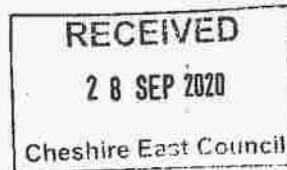
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Tel: [REDACTED] - Mobile: [REDACTED] - E-mail: [REDACTED]

The Licencing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ



23rd September 2020

Dear Sirs,

Re: The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury, Macclesfield, SK10 4DQ
Application for a Premises Licence: Licencing Act 2003

We wish to raise an objection to the above application by the Bridge Hotel on the grounds that its award would seriously contribute towards a 'Public Nuisance'.
(We are local residents living within 200m of the hotel's location.)

You may be aware that the current premises licence held by the Bridge Hotel is already the subject of several complaints from local residents. The problem being the playing of loud (and sometimes live) music on an outside patio area of the premises. The result is that within a radius of approximately 300-400 m from the patio the volume of noise is very much in the category of being a serious Public Nuisance and therefore very disturbing to local (mainly elderly) residents both in their gardens and within their homes.

The matter has been raised with the Police (a social distancing matter), the local Parish Council, the local Councillor and the Environmental Protection Enforcement and Regulatory Services and Health sections of Cheshire East. We understand that all are currently reviewing the status of the current licence let alone a new one.

There is no objection to a business such as the Bridge Hotel playing music (live or otherwise) within its internal premises. However, we strongly object to the disturbance that is caused if this is allowed to continue outside. We would ask you to defer from awarding any further extension to their licence and review their current licence to restrict it to the playing of music internally.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]

LCPREMLCO

Tel: [REDACTED] – Mobile: [REDACTED] – E-mail: [REDACTED]

The Licencing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ



12th October 2020

Dear Sirs,

Re: The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury, Macclesfield, SK10 4DQ
Application for a Premises Licence: Licencing Act 2003

Further to our letter of 23rd September it has been drawn to our attention that in the September issue of Cheshire Life an article on page 142 states the following about the Bridge Hotel in Prestbury:

".....the new riverside gardens include their own outdoor bar – The Shed – the perfect setting for the live lounge music settings, including DJs and bands, which take place every weekend on the terrace."

This is totally outside the remit of their current licence which as we understand it does not permit outside entertainment of this nature.

As the evidence we have provided already indicates, the management of the Bridge Hotel seem to have no qualms about flouting the terms of their licence. Doubtless you will take this into account when considering the new application.

Again, we would urge you to restrict their ability to play music (live or otherwise) to the inside of the hotel. Otherwise there will be a serious risk of more complaints from elderly local residents who will experience the disturbances as a real public nuisance.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

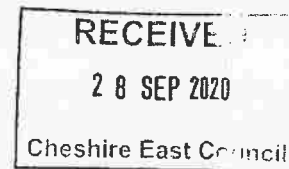
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Telephone No: [REDACTED]
E-Mail: [REDACTED]

23.9.2020

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe CW1 2BJ



Dear Sirs

Re: The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury
Application for a premises Licence : Licensing Act 2003

We wish to raise an objection to the above application by the Bridge Hotel on the grounds that its award would seriously contribute towards a 'Public Nuisance' We, and several other residents, live in close proximity to the Bridge Hotel.

We have already had reason to complain, on several occasions, to the Bridge Hotel themselves about noise/music disturbance and are also liaising with [REDACTED] of the Environmental Protection Enforcement Office. The problem is the playing of loud music, sometimes live, on the patio area. This has been very loud and disturbed local residents up to ½ a mile away thus constituting a public nuisance.

We have no objection to the Bridge Hotel playing music within the internal premises but strongly object to the playing of music outside and subsequent nuisance that causes. We would therefore ask you to defer from awarding a further extension to their licence and review their current licence to restrict it to the playing of music internally only.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]



HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01-Oct-2020 13:53
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Objection to Bridge Hotel Licensing Application for extension to 01:00 daily

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I would like to record my objection to the Application for a Premises License made by the Bridge Hotel, Prestbury for an extension to 01:00 daily, on the following grounds:

1. Character of the village of Prestbury. As a result of its history and evolution, Prestbury Village has developed a unique character, which is reinforced by the Conservation area, the adjacent churchyard and by the comparative lack of street lighting. This character would be significantly impacted by daily late night music, performance of dance etc up to 01:00. It would be very sad for the village to become a nightlife attraction, as has occurred at some other locations.
2. Expectation of loud music. Since the removal of Covid-19 lock down, the Bridge Hotel have chosen to play music in the garden at a high volume with a strong booming bass. In this respect they have given due warning of what we may expect, if they get this licence.
3. Noise at closure time. At closure time, there would be additional noise due to employees and merry revellers finding their transport home. People are typically unable to speak quietly at this juncture.

I have no objection to the occasional extension for Bank holidays and New Year's Eve.

[REDACTED]

HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04-Oct-2020 14:51
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Objection to Bridge Hotel Application for a Premises Licence

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

We would like to record our objection to the Application for a Premises Licence, made by the Bridge Hotel Prestbury for an extension to 01:00 daily, on the following grounds:

1. Prestbury village is a quiet, peaceful residential village. The Bridge Hotel is right in the centre of the village surrounded by many residential properties. A two hour extension as proposed, on a daily basis, with a late licence, recorded and live music, dancing etc until 1am seems wholly unreasonable for all the local residents and the general character of a quiet and peaceful village.
2. During the summer, live and recorded music was being played in the afternoons and evenings at a high volume able to be heard by all those houses within close proximity to the hotel. A two hour extension until 1am would only exacerbate the problem.
3. Also note that the noise pollution would continue beyond 1am as all the people exited the hotel and found their way home.

We have no objection to an occasional extension at the Festive Season and Bank Holidays.



The Licensing Section.
Cheshire East Council.
Municipal Buildings
Earl Street
Crewe
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THE BRIDGE HOTEL, PRESTBURY, SK10 4DQ
APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

Dear Sirs/Madam

As we live directly opposite the Bridge Hotel we are one of the most affected by the loud outdoor music noise and car traffic noise at these premises.

Therefore we strongly object to the Licence Application in its present form and kindly request you take note of the objections listed below as Prestbury Village is a **Conservation** and Residential area.

MUSIC, ALCOHOL & REFRESHMENT.

No Outside Music to be played at any time either on the patio's or in the gardens.

The sale of alcohol outside should be restricted to between 12.00pm and 9.30pm.

The serving and eating of **refreshments** outside should cease at 9.30pm

The sale of alcohol to none residents inside the premises should be restricted to cease at 10.30pm This is requested to stop traffic noise and car doors banging late at night.

Following the Lockdown and since the reopening of the Bridge Hotel on the 1st August 2020 we have logged several complaints to Cheshire East Council all which have been recorded by email.

Yours Faithfully.



Appendix 21

The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council

Municipal Buildings

Earle Street

Crewe

CW1 2BJ

7th October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Objection to premises licence application: The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury SK10 4DQ

I understand that the owners of the above business have submitted an application for a licence to allow for the sale of alcohol, recorded and live music, performance of dance and anything similar to take place between the hours of 11am and 1am daily, as well as allowing late night refreshments between 11pm and 1am daily.

I wish to register my strong objection to the above for the following reasons:

The hotel is in direct proximity to residential accommodation; being the estate at Bridge Green, the new Ford House development and my own property at Abbey Mill.

Abbey Mill is a small retirement estate, populated in the main by very elderly persons like myself. I am extremely concerned that the noise from music and dancing will severely impact my day to day life and that of my neighbours. The Hotel has already been playing music during the afternoon and into the evening at its outdoor terrace throughout the summer months. At times, it has been quite intrusive and has impacted badly my quiet enjoyment of the estate grounds, as the noise from the Hotel's outside terrace carries directly onto our estate. I should think that it must have caused great concern to the owners of properties in Bridge Green and Ford House whose houses are within yards of the terrace. To be faced with that type of noise, especially late at night, on a regular basis would be simply intolerable.

Moreover, the hotel is seeking a licence to play music over a 13-hour period each and every day. That would be totally unacceptable and would, apart from affecting badly the mental health of those who live in proximity to the hotel, also probably lead to a reduction in value of property prices.

The late-night music, when combined with late-night sales of alcohol will only lead to noisy behaviours of those participating – loud voices and late departures of cars from the Hotel car park, which abuts the boundary with Abbey Mill estate. We have already been troubled with taxis/those picking people up, driving onto the Abbey Mill estate (which is private property) to turn around, as the Hotel's car park entrance is often congested and manoeuvring vehicles within the hotel's grounds is difficult. My house backs directly onto the area that car drivers are using to turnaround. It is surely unacceptable for the elderly to be kept awake, at such late times, through such behaviours?

I can appreciate that the Hotel owners wish to increase their revenues, but the Hotel is based in our community and the owners owe a duty of care to those who live here. We are entitled to live our lives peacefully. Prestbury is not a village that needs a "nightclub" – it is totally inappropriate, and I trust that the application will be rejected.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature block]

HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08-Oct-2020 11:22
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Bridge Hotel Prestbury

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From



With reference to the application to a variation of Licence by the Bridge Hotel, Prestbury.
We object to the current practice of playing loud music outside these premises.
We do not object to consumption of alcohol and the playing of music inside the premises.

Sent from [REDACTED]

HELLON, Richard

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 12-Oct-2020 08:15
To: [REDACTED] HELLON, Richard
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: The Bridge Hotel

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 October 2020 14:21
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Bridge Hotel

My Mother and Father have asked that I forward the following representation against the proposed premises licence application by The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury:-

We write to make representations against the application by The Bridge Hotel.

Our concerns are raised because we live very close to The Bridge Hotel in Abbey Mill. We are concerned about the potential for live music or recorded music to be played until 1.00 am in the morning every day of the year, possible outdoors. The applicant may say that it is not their intention to play or perform music at these hours every day of the year but if they are granted this licence they will have the right to do so and, as we all have found this year, circumstances can change. That would constitute a public nuisance that would affect ourselves and all the other residents of Prestbury Village that live within earshot of The Bridge Hotel.

Of particular concern is the playing of music **outdoors** late at night as noise nuisance is so much more intrusive then, due to the absence of the normal daytime background noise and of course the fact that most people are trying to get to sleep after 23.00 if not before.

We have been informed that The Bridge Hotel utilises a decibel controller system to prevent music being played above a certain decibel level. We have concerns that this may only control music played through the Hotel's internal music speaker system. Live music, where artists bring their own speaker systems to amplify their music, may not be controlled by the system. If this is the case, the situation would be worsened if live music performances were being performed outdoors. We would be grateful if the committee could seek clarification on this issue.

We also have concerns about public nuisance caused by late night taxis and cars collecting customers as they exit the Hotel at 1am onwards. We know this is not a 'silent' process'. The Bridge Hotel Carpark is not large and when full, vehicles do make use of the road leading up to Abbey Mill to execute 3 point turns before returning to the Bridge, despite 'private road' signs etc. This is irritating during the day but would be a public nuisance from 1am onwards.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

HELLON, Richard

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 12-Oct-2020 08:23
To: [REDACTED] HELLON, Richard
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury. Application for a Premises License.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 October 2020 11:36
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury. Application for a Premises License.

Dear Sirs

I am wholly opposed to this application.

The Hotel is in a Conservation area, with apartment blocks opposite, adjacent to Bridge Green, Abbey Mill, and many other dwellings, largely, if not entirely, inhabited by elderly people who have chosen to live there for the convenience of being in the centre of the village and for a quiet life in their later years.

To have loud music blaring out from what the Hotel refers to as 'The Shed', in its riverside garden during lunch times during the day, and particularly late in the evening until the early hours, is certainly not conducive to living a healthy life style.

The application shows a complete disregard for the character and people of the village, on the part of the management.

I sincerely hope it will be rejected out of hand.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

HELLON, Richard

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 12-Oct-2020 08:23
To: [REDACTED] HELLON, Richard
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury, Macclesfield, SK10 4DQ

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 October 2020 13:48
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury, Macclesfield, SK10 4DQ

[REDACTED]

The Licencing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

10th October 2020

To whom it may concern,

**Re: The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury, Macclesfield, SK10 4DQ - Application for a Premises
Licence: Licencing Act 2003**

We wish to raise an objection to the above application by the Bridge Hotel on the grounds that its award would seriously contribute towards a 'Public Nuisance'.
(We are local residents living within 200m of the hotel's location.)

You may be aware that the current premises licence held by the Bridge Hotel is already the subject of several complaints from local residents. The problem being the playing of loud (and sometimes live) music on an outside patio area of the premises. The result is that within a radius of approximately 300-400 m from the patio the volume of noise is very much in the category of being a serious Public Nuisance and therefore very disturbing to local residents both in their gardens and within their homes. We are a young family and we have suffered with this intrusive noise and made several complaints to the Bridge Hotel. It has prevented our children from sleeping and detracted from our quality of life.

The matter has been raised with the Police (a social distancing matter), the local Parish Council, the local Councillor and the Environmental Protection Enforcement and Regulatory Services and Health sections of Cheshire East. We understand that all are currently reviewing the status of the current licence let alone a new one.

There is no objection to a business such as the Bridge Hotel playing music (live or otherwise) within its internal premises. However, we strongly object to the disturbance that is caused if this is allowed to continue outside. We would ask you to defer from awarding any further extension to their licence and review their current licence to restrict it to the playing of music internally.

Yours sincerely,

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HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12-Oct-2020 16:07
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury. SK104DQ - Application for a premises Licence - Licensing Act 2003 - response from Prestbury Parish Council

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Good afternoon again,

I have just sent you a consultation response on behalf of [REDACTED] in respect of the above application. Please can it be replaced by this updated one.

Please confirm that this is in order

Many thanks
[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] considered the licence application for the Bridge Hotel, Prestbury at an **extraordinary** meeting on 7th October 2020.
- [REDACTED] received representations from both local residents and the licence applicant as part of its **deliberations at the meeting**
- [REDACTED] wishes to express its general support to the Bridge Hotel in recognising the benefits that it brings to the village of Prestbury.
- It notes that this licence application is for indoor use of the premises only and any comments are based on that.
- It furthermore notes there is not a great difference between the licence conditions being applied for and those of the existing permission.
- [REDACTED] however feels that extending the hours of operation on Sunday by one hour from 2400 to 0100 might be considered as unnecessary given the location of the Hotel within a residential area.
- [REDACTED] is however also concerned about a number of issues that it would ask the Licensing Committee to consider as follows -
The Prevention of Public Nuisance – [REDACTED] has received a considerable number of objections from local residents within the village, to both the current and proposed operation of events at the venue, as a result of loud live and recorded music that is either played externally or transmitted from within the venue. The issue is primarily one later in the evening at larger events. [REDACTED] has however also received complaints related to the afternoon where events /dining have taken place when excessive noise in the opinion of residents has been generated. It is felt that the Bridge Hotel under their current licence appear to be playing live and recorded music outside the premises, in the opinion of [REDACTED] and local residents and that this application clearly requests indoor activities only. We recommend that Cheshire East should consult with their own Environmental officers to determine whether this has been causing a Public Nuisance, if so, the Licensing Committee should take this into consideration. In addition, [REDACTED] has also received information from residents about the issue of late-night noise caused by customers leaving the venue at the end of an event leading to a noise nuisance to local residents.

- [REDACTED] is aware that the applicant is looking to address the above issues, including continuing to liaise with local residents. [REDACTED] would however like to make it clear to the Committee that it hopes that the premise application conditions will fully mitigate the effects of the venue's operation as outlined above.
- Following on from its extraordinary meeting, [REDACTED] became aware of editorial in a number of recent local magazines where the licence applicant is advertising the benefits of the venue including "all day dining and live music on the Riverside Terrace". The venue is also quoted as using "the new riverside gardens including their own outside bar – The Shed – the perfect setting for the live lounge music settings including DJs and band, which take place every weekend on the terrace". This appears to be very different from the aim which was described to the Council at the meeting, when the Bridge Hotel management said "Our aim is to develop the Bridge Hotel as a leading dining destination in a village in which this is a primary business activity, and we did not wish and have no intention of turning The Bridge into a destination for nightlife or musical entertainment". As outlined above, [REDACTED] discussions at its meeting were based on the information provided directly by the applicant, that its licence application was for indoor use only, whilst accepting noise and customers would spill into outside spaces. If this were to be the case the intentions of the proposed future use of the outdoor space go well beyond the understanding of [REDACTED] of what the applicant is currently seeking. [REDACTED] would therefore request the Licensing Committee to also take this information into account particularly given the concerns about public nuisance previously outlined.

Please can you confirm receipt of this consultation response.

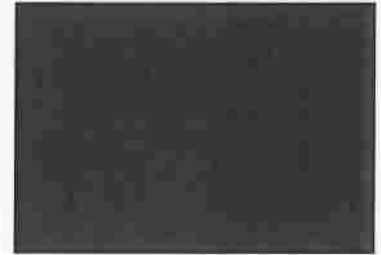
Many thanks

[REDACTED]

HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12-Oct-2020 21:16
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Objection to Premises Licence The Bridge Hotel, The Village, Prestbury, Macclesfield

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury, SK10 4DQ - Application for a premises licence - Licensing Act 2003

We would like to raise an objection to the application above by The Bridge Hotel as we believe such a licence will result in a Public Nuisance in the village of Prestbury.

We live some 150metres from the hotel and our rear garden is only 100metres from their outdoor seating area.

Throughout the summer months the Bridge Hotel has been playing loud music outdoors at a level which is causing distress to local residents throughout the village. This noise is certainly at a level meaning we cannot enjoy our own outdoor space, or sleep with windows open.

Myself and my wife are also essential workers, shift patterns are part of our employment and we see the possibility of outdoor music until 0100 deeply concerning.

I believe the matter has already been brought to the attention of the Police, Parish Council, local Councillor and Environmental Protection as well as our MP who are all duely reviewing the current situation.

We understand any business wishing to play music indoors and would not wish for this to stop. However, especially with current Covid restrictions we can see a large demand for customers seeking outdoor entertainment venues such as The Bridge offers. We strongly object to this disturbance that this music is causing outdoors. We would see fit a review of the current outdoor music within their licence and certainly not awarding any further licence that would allow any other than internal music to be played.

Additionally, there is clear precedence regarding late night music.



Licence Premises Number - [REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] applied for a licence to play “live and recorded music from 0900 to 0000” on 29/6/2018.

It was following only two representations that this licence was declined and on 27/06/2018 Mr [REDACTED] of the Cheshire East Licensing team required the licence application to be changed such that “the terminal hour for live and recorded music is 2300 every day of the week”.

As I’m sure you are aware, [REDACTED] is significantly smaller and the potential for disturbing and nuisance noise late at night is much less than a venue holding 20 times the number of patrons, but non the less, it is significant and relevant.

I trust you will find our concerns and objections in order, but you do require any further clarification or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14-Oct-2020 10:14
To: HELLON, Richard
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: THE BRIDGE HOTEL MUSIC LICENCE

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14-Oct-2020 09:59
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: THE BRIDGE HOTEL MUSIC LICENCE

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13-Oct-2020 17:11
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: THE BRIDGE HOTEL MUSIC LICENCE

Good Afternoon,

I would like to raise a concern that we are against any Music licence being granted to the Dining Area of the Bridge Hotel.

The music has been going on in the evening and we can hear the noise in our house and although we love music it's too much noise for my nieghbours as well who are going to appeal.

Thank you [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

HELLON, Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14-Oct-2020 16:51
To: HELLON, Richard
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 October 2020 17:19
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury.

Dear [REDACTED]

Greetings! I am writing further to our recent exchange, as the [REDACTED] in relation to the current licence application.

As you know, there has been a recent history of extensive noise and nuisance complaints from local residents/neighbours of The Bridge, the scale and volume of which I have not previously experienced. I am grateful to you and your colleagues in looking into these matters and attempting to resolve them.

The matter was discussed at a recent [REDACTED] and I wish to endorse the concerns recorded [REDACTED] will have forwarded to you.

I note that in the current licence it states that "management and staff at the premises shall respect members of the public living nearby and do their utmost to prevent public nuisance." I am afraid this has not been complied with, as witnessed from the numerous representations of noise nuisance I have received, and my having heard the noise level when walking by the premises myself. This has affected the quality of life of neighbours, and deleteriously impacted on their entitlement to occupy and enjoy their homes in a peaceful manner.

I understand from residents that numerous representations to the hotel management have been made, with varying degrees of success, in attempting to moderate the music volume level.

More recently I am in receipt of complaints relating to anti-social behaviour by those leaving the premises, taking the form of general noise and disturbance, inappropriate conduct outside the premises and adverse environmental impact. Again, this is unprecedented and worrying.

An exacerbating factor has been the volume of recorded or live music played outside on the terrace leading to the River Bollin, which features in the hotel's marketing, as witnessed in September's Cheshire Life which refers to the "...outdoor bar – The Shed – the perfect setting for the live lounge music sessions, including DJs and bands, which take place every weekend on the terrace."

The new Operating Schedule refers to noise not being such as to cause a nuisance to neighbours. There is a question of confidence as to whether, in the context of recent events, this will be adhered to.

If minded to grant a new licence there needs to be a strengthening of the conditions precedent, involving enhanced control measures to moderate to an acceptable level noise and disturbance so as to protect the environs. The Schedule should thereby be expanded to include additional measures to restrict noise generation from within and without (the gardens/terrace) the premises, limit the escape of noise, restrict noise emissions to moderate acceptable levels, and minimise noise created by those departing.

The hotel and the village have co-habited successfully for many decades until, sadly, recent months. I trust they may do so again.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted Signature]

EVANS, Kim

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 05-Oct-2020 14:01
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury - Licence Application

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05-Oct-2020 13:59
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: The Bridge Hotel, Prestbury - Licence Application

I write to make representations against the application by The Bridge Hotel for the following premises licence

- To allow for the sale of alcohol, recorded and live music, performances of dance and anything similar to take place between the hours of 11.00 and 01:00 daily. To allow late night refreshment between the hours of 23:00 and 01:00 daily. From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day. An additional hour on the evenings preceding a Bank Holiday. (The sale of alcohol for hotel residents and their guests shall be permitted 24/7.

My interest in this matter is because my parents live in their own apartment at [REDACTED] and are situated closest of all residents to The Bridge. My parents still live quite independently despite being 90 and 92. They moved into [REDACTED] in September 2019 because it was in Prestbury village and in a quiet secluded setting. The proposed extended hours for live outdoor music to 1.00 in the morning will clearly be a public nuisance for them and other residents of Prestbury Village.

My representations are relevant to the licensing objective of **'the prevention of public nuisance'**.

There are many residences in the vicinity of The Bridge that will be disturbed by the noise of live music after 11pm going on through the night until 1am, and in particular if that music is played outdoors. Although the application does not specifically state whether the music would be inside or outside, it is fair to infer from the applicants' current website www.flatcaphotels.com/the-bridge that they both expect to be granted this application and that the music envisaged will be outdoors as they reference "**our new outdoor bar 'The Shed', this is the perfect setting for our live music sessions and Alfresco drinking and dining.**"

This is then going to be followed by further noise and disruption as people leave the premises from 1am onwards, using the car park which is even closer to the Abbey Mill development, to get in private cars and taxis with all the accompanying door slamming and conversational noise which we all know travels more clearly at night. If the Bridge car park is full at night, incoming drivers have 2 alternatives; reverse out on the single track entrance onto the blind corner on the High Street, which is clearly a highly dangerous manoeuvre, or drive on past the car park entrance up the private road entrance towards Abbey Mill. Here they will have to perform a 3 point turn under my parents window before heading back to pick up their passengers. Or worse still, sit there, engines idling until summonsed by phone to pick up their passengers.

Of most concern is the disturbance and anxiety that will be caused to the residents of the [REDACTED] development that is largely made up of elderly people, mostly over 70. They all moved in to what is clearly a quiet development in a traditional village setting next to a 13th century church. It is also an area with an older population generally and in particular in the properties off Shirleys Drive. This application is already causing

anxiety and consternation to them. As if they had not had enough to put up with. From the threat of Covid to their lives, the imposition of self isolation from family and friends, to now having the worry of their peace and quiet being shattered by this wholly inappropriate application.

To start late night discos and bands in the environment of Prestbury Village will be completely out of character for the village and I note from the relevant sections of the Cheshire East Licensing Policy that the Licensing Authority will take into account the 'proposed hours of operation', 'the character of the area' and 'proximity to local residents'.

As far as I am aware there are no other Licences permitting recorded or live music or dance after 23.00 in the Prestbury Village and this helps create the character of Prestbury Village at night. It is a quiet, peaceful place, not a late night drinking and live entertainment venue. If people want a more lively late night offering they will migrate earlier in the evening to Alderley Edge and Wilmslow (literally 10 to 15 minutes drive away) and even further into Manchester City Centre.

The character of a place may also be given by its demographics. Prestbury ward had 4300 people in its 2018 census of whom 70%, or nearly 3000 people, were over 40 years old. 32% or 1380 people are at 65+ of pensionable age. Given these figures it is fair to say that the people who live in Prestbury are predominately middle and older aged people and this influences the 'character' of the place.

Another indicator of the character of the place is given in the Councils' own Local Development Framework which states that Prestbury Village is predominantly **residential** and that the rich built heritage is reflected in the fact that the centre of Prestbury is a **Conservation area** with numerous Grade 1 and Grade 2 listed buildings. In a residential area people expect to be able to sleep at night without being disturbed by loud music at 1 in the morning followed by all the noise of late night revellers decanting into their cars and taxis.

In summary this application if granted will be a public nuisance.

The site is clearly proximate to local residents, and in particular, elderly and vulnerable residents, and is defined by the council as being in a residential area.

The application is not suited to the character of the area. Prestbury is not a late night music and drinking venue. It is a beautiful, peaceful, Cheshire Village.

I urge the committee to refuse this application.

EVANS, Kim

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 05-Oct-2020 10:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: The Bridge Hotel , Prestbury, Cheshire

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05-Oct-2020 09:42
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: The Bridge Hotel , Prestbury, Cheshire

Dear Sirs, further to the above application to extend licensable activities from 23.00 hours to 1.00 daily. As a resident at [REDACTED] we hear the music and general noise disturbance from events currently held at the weekends at The Bridge Hotel.

The sound travels and is totally unacceptable, potentially every day of the week and do not think this is necessary beyond weekends. They hotel are currently playing loud music outside in the grounds, this is also not reasonable in a village setting and conservation area. Should the application be for Fridays and Saturdays only with use permitted for indoors use only, with all external doors and windows CLOSED after 10pm, that would be expected for a hotel with function room. Signs encouraging departing guests to be mindful of neighbours(particularly Ford House immediately opposite the hotel) when leaving would be essential. It should be noted the Bridge Hotel is not a night club and the sounds in village permeate very easily, after living here for over 30 years I am fully aware, with kind regards [REDACTED].

Sent from my iPad