

## Relevant Representations

	<b>Received on</b>	<b>From</b>
	19/01/2022	***
	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing in regards to the complaint regarding Public Nuisance due to live music at the Oddfellows Arms, Nantwich.</p> <p>As a local resident and patron of the Oddfellows I feel it necessary to voice my objection to this complaint. Firstly, as I am sure you are aware the hospitality industry has suffered two years of intense challenge and uncertainty and not all have been lucky enough to survive. We are very lucky in Nantwich to have a variety of different pubs that cater to all age groups and tastes and most of these places have been working very hard to give their customers an enjoyable experience and environment which is not only beneficial to the customer in these stressful and worrying times but it also encourages people to come into the premises, which in turn keeps businesses afloat and people in work.</p> <p>I have visited the Oddfellows on many occasion whilst they hosted local bands, musicians and open mic events, which again ensures that our local performers who also need to work, can earn a living and valuable exposure. Most if not all of the performers that I have had the pleasure of seeing have been acoustic and it is always easy to have a conversation while the performers play so I cannot see how this can constitute a public nuisance due to noise from live music.</p> <p>On no occasion have I witnessed anything other than a well organised and extremely pleasant experience from the events that the Oddfellows have hosted and as a community we should be doing all that we can to ensure that these essential social hubs survive along with our exceptional local artists.</p> <p>I feel very strongly about this subject. I am not a musician myself but I very much enjoy live music and the benefits it can provide to peoples well being, including my own and I feel it would be an absolute travesty to so many people to have this taken away.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>***</p>	

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<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I understand that a complaint has been made regarding the live music being played at the Oddfellows pub on Welsh Row in Nantwich. I reside at *** Welsh Row, quite literally next door, in fact so close I can almost pour myself a pint without leaving the house.</p> <p>I would like it to go on record that never once have I been disturbed by the music either in volume or in the music being played. In fact, it is an absolute pleasure to have a vibrant community pub bringing joy to the neighborhood. I am appalled that anyone could possibly complain and I trust you will take the sensible course of action and allow the pub to continue its live music offering.</p> <p>Kind regards ***</p>	

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19/01/2022	***
<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>It has come to my attention that the licence to play live music at the above premises is to be looked into. Apparently there are concerns about the level of noise in the vicinity.</p> <p>I do visit the premises particularly to see live artists and bands. In fact this is the sole reason for visiting these days. I have to say that in my view the noise level is minimal. In fact on walking towards the premises I have been surprised once entering to see that the live act has already commenced. The sound was not noticeable on the street, giving no clue that the music had started. If any noise might be heard it was drowned out by passing vehicles.</p> <p>Once inside the premises the sound level is relatively low. I do not wish to damage my hearing by being in a place with excessive sound levels.</p> <p>I am very surprised that local residents find the noise levels to be an issue and I would be appalled if this objection was upheld to the detriment of this well run and well supported community public premises.</p> <p>I trust my comments are of assistance in your considerations.</p> <p>Yours sincerely ***</p>	

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<p>Hello,</p> <p>I have heard that there have been complaints about live music at The Oddfellows Arms, Nantwich.</p> <p>I would like to register my support for live music at this venue. The Oddfellows is one of the few places where Nantwich people can both enjoy and perform music. The open mic night is particularly valuable to our young people wanting to make a career out of performance arts.</p> <p>Whenever I have been at a music event, the volume has not been excessive. It is still possible to have a conversation and to order a drink. The music always finishes at a reasonable time before the bar closes.</p> <p>The Oddfellows has a long history of live music and has been there for hundreds of years - far longer than any current resident who chose a home next to the pub.</p> <p>I urge you to see sense in this matter</p> <p>***</p>	

Received on	From
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<p>I feel compelled to write with regard to the Oddfellows Arms complaints about live music .</p> <p>Yesterday evening was yet another wonderful evening of quality live music and great company which has now become part of the Oddfellows charm. Since Jordan Oldfield has been in residence, he has introduced so many talented artists resulting in a large community of people mostly in their 50s, 60s and older (also some younger).</p> <p>Most notably from the start, the beautiful music was almost a background noise, as we were all able to chat and meet new people easily without shouting or raising voices even slightly. Just a really fabulous atmosphere was created. I remember specifically boxing day, the first time I'd really spent a full evening in there with the music. This is still the same today. I met somebody last night who I shared lots of fond stories with regarding the musicians. I even played him something on my phone, and he could hear it whilst the musicians were playing.</p> <p>During the summer, occasionally there's an afternoon band playing, again at a good level to allow easy conversation.</p>	

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<p>I've been aware of the complaints from neighbours, and always been bewildered and saddened by this. If you move next to a pub, you surely must expect some noise, but it's one of the quietest places in town for music and the clientele. It cannot be heard from outside unless you're immediately next to the front window.</p> <p>So many pubs in Nantwich are much too noisy for me. I don't want ringing in my ears when I get home, I want to feel as a single woman I can go out on my own and feel safe and happy and that I can have pleasant company and a feel good evening in a pub with a mature approach to entertainment.</p> <p>This pub has become the heart and soul of the community for those of us who enjoy quality live music, pleasant and gentle sociable evenings or afternoons, and a place where we feel we belong.</p> <p>I can only assume that complaining about a pub with one of the most thoughtful, respectful and adult levels of noise is a personal vendetta. It would be unjust and a travesty to uphold these ridiculous complaints.</p> <p>Regards ***</p>
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Received on	From
19/01/2022	***
<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I am shocked and appalled that yet again vindictive neighbours are making life difficult for the Oddfellows Arms of Welsh Row, Nantwich.</p> <p>I live just a couple of streets away from this pub and have never once heard any disturbance from live or recorded music, either inside my home or walking along Welsh Row. For comparison, live events at nearby Dorfold Hall, a couple of <i>miles</i> away, frequently have music so loud it can be heard above the volume of my television, even with all doors, windows and curtains closed.</p> <p>Over the last few years I have attended a few live music evenings at Oddfellows, in my opinion none having excessive volume. In fact attending one event with a friend who is a professional sound engineer, he commented that the volume could afford to be turned up.</p> <p>Oddfellows is a clean, friendly, vibrant and SAFE hub of the local community, at the far end of town with little else in the way of either business or entertainment.</p> <p>Please take these thoughts into consideration, as well as the verbal attacks made towards the staff and landlord by the complainants.</p> <p>Kind Regards, ***</p>	

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	<p>I'm emailing in support of the above pub, which I believe has had a complaint issued against it.</p> <p>As a regular in the pub since before covid, I have never been aware of after hours drinking; when ever i have been there music is of a sensible volume and always finishes promptly; and the bar closes and patrons are asked to leave in good time. I have never been aware of underage drinking taking place. The landlord has been very strict in ensuring covid restrictions are adhered to.</p> <p>The Oddfellows supports many local musicians, who have really struggled during lockdown. Furthermore it provides a unique environment in which young and old mix in a warm and civilised fashion. I am a teacher at Brine Leas school, and on a number of occasions over the years I have been delighted and proud to see former pupils perform at the weekly Open Mic night. It's lovely to see young people in their late teens/early twenties perform alongside seasoned musicians in their 40s, 50s or 60s!</p> <p>The complaints seem to be from people who really just object to living near to a successful pub. Given that the pub has been there for centuries, I would suggest perhaps the fault is theirs in buying a property near to it.</p> <p>Warm regards, ***</p>	

	Received on	From
	19/01/2022	***
	<p>Dear Cheshire East Borough Council</p> <p>Regarding the recent application for review of the premises licence/club certificate 10th Jan 2022, I would like to make a representation supporting the continuation and renewal of the Oddfellows Arms premises licence/club certificate.</p> <p>My wife, child and I regularly visit the premises and have thoroughly enjoyed many days and evenings in it's beer garden, particularly throughout the summer when local pop-up restaurants visit and when live bands perform there. Particularly so during the covid-19 pandemic when we have all had to make sacrifices, non more so than those involved in the hospitality industry... who need our support now more than ever. The Oddfellows Arms is a very important meeting place for those who live nearby, the staff are always friendly and courteous and I have never known, heard of, or witnessed any antisocial behaviour in or around their premises whatsoever. I was shocked</p>	

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<p>and saddened to hear that someone had made a complaint. I have to assume they do not understand the importance of this pub to its patrons and the wider community. It is a family friendly and safe environment and I would recommend to the complainants that they visit it so that they can enjoy it too. Of course any pub that has a beer garden and live music makes some noise and there will always be a few people who dislike this, but I do not accept that the music and cheer from the Oddfellows Arms bands and patrons is antisocial. It is the opposite of this, a fine social environment that has helped us through these particularly difficult times.</p> <p>I hope you take into consideration the points I have put forward. To lose the Oddfellows Arms would be terrible and it would have a devastating affect on the local community.</p> <p>Yours sincerely ***</p>
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Received on	From
20/01/2022	***
<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing with regard to the fact that you are reviewing the license of the Oddfellows pub on Welsh Row in Nantwich. My husband and I, alongside many friends and family are regulars at the Oddfellows pub, which is the nicest and best run pub in Nantwich. I have been going to this pub for the last 40 years and can honestly say that has never been as well run as it is now. The pub is very community spirited and lots of people take family along. The pub has massively suffered due to the pandemic restrictions and yet Jordan Oldfield has kept it running very safely and complying with rules and regulations. The pub does have music played on occasion and the music is not loud and the pub does not get overcrowded and the people who are regulars are well behaved and polite people who are not rowdy and so I feel these complaints by neighbours are unfounded. Even in the summer, when the pub occasionally has a singer in the beer garden, they are singing melodies, not loud and Jordan the landlord insists they stop early to prevent upsetting the neighbours. We went one Sunday afternoon and everyone was complaining that the singer had to stop at 7 o'clock as everyone was enjoying listening.</p> <p>I am completely shocked that down the road is Nakatcha's bar which is full of young drunken people queuing outside littering the streets and being loud is allowed to remain open when the noise levels are awful and the drug pushing is rife. My daughter has been in there on a couple of occasions and had several people trying to persuade her to take cocaine. And yet this lovely friendly hub of the community which has a few musicians playing great music is under threat.</p>	

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<p>I would also ask that you give some consideration that Jordan the landlord has had a recent bereavement and also under going cancer treatment and as someone who works for a cancer charity, I understand the impact this has and apart from the appalling treatment he has received from his neighbours despite this, he should be allowed to maintain his license.</p> <p>As you can see from my email below, which having now re read myself, the issues are the same and I feel that the people who are complaining may well have some sort of venditor against Jordan. I do not understand why anyone would live next to a pub which has been around long before they were and then not expect to have any noise whatsoever.</p> <p>I shall be writing to my MP and also to Marstons brewery as I am appalled by these unfounded complaints.</p> <p>Kind Regards ***</p>
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Received on	From
20/01/2022	***
<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is ***, originally from Cork, Ireland and have made Nantwich my home for the past 6 years. I run a business in the town too.</p> <p>This morning I have found out that 2 complaints made against this pub which triggered a review of the license. I live near the pub too i might add.</p> <p>This pub presently stands as one of the best pubs in the town (the other being the Leopard on the far side of town). Since the current landlord has been at the reigns, the pub has come on leaps and bounds, its an enjoyable place to visit, with music playing in the bar and also, the quality of beer and offerings has improved.</p> <p>It has been a great place to visit particularly with the pandemic having such an impact on business &amp; mental health and the business has made great strides in supporting to community with the service they provide.</p> <p>Furthermore, bringing ideas to the pub it shows this man is trying to continually strive to make the best pub in the town.</p> <p>Please go speak to the pub landlord and i hope you appreciate why I am contacting you, please do not take this pub away from our town.</p> <p>I would hope you understand why I as a local in the town am emailing you in relation to this. I know there are a very small minority, literally a small few that moan about the pub, but to understand them is to understand some of the locals in the this town.</p>	

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	<p>I ask please do not continue with your review of license to the current landlord and reconsider, it is an important location presently in the town and has been a joy to visit and a place people enjoy going to, there is or has never been trouble in any of my visits there.</p> <p>The pub previously was such a poor example of a pub until its current occupants have done what they have done. People of Nantwich like and enjoy this pub as it is in the town so again, I would ask you reconsider.</p> <p>Thanks for your time and would appreciate a reply to my email as a local in the town of Nantwich and a regular of the Marstons pub 'The Oddfellows'.</p> <p>***</p>
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			<p>I understand that CE is reviewing the license of the Oddfellows Arms in Nantwich based on 'nuisance from music'.</p> <p>Persons purchasing properties near licensed premises must accept there will be some noise and this is why such properties sell at a market discount to comparable residences in quieter locations. To buy such a property and then seek to reverse this discount via such a complaint is disingenuous at best.</p> <p>The UK is a world leader in music and entertainment - a multi billion £ industry built on a foundation of local venues. Nantwich itself has a music festival which bring significant income to local traders (including a complainant whom I understand benefits from this via a town centre cafe).</p> <p>I have attended the 'open mic' music night almost every Tuesday for six months. The music is not so loud as to prevent conversation (surely an 'acid test') and is finished at a reasonable time. Without this entertainment , the pub would be empty or closed (like many mid week). We have lost so many pubs in Nantwich already and risk losing another as - without such added value events - pubs cannot justify the price of drinks relative to cheap supermarket booze.</p> <p>Please support local businesses, performers, residents and the music industry by maintaining the current licensing arrangements.</p> <p>I am a Born and bred resident of Nantwich who had used this pub for 40 years.</p>



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Received on	From
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<p>I am writing in support of the Oddfellows Arms regarding the performance of live music.</p> <p>While I am not a local resident, I am a regular visitor as I have a narrowboat moored in Nantwich Basin.</p> <p>When choosing when to visit the boat and spend money in local shops, pubs and restaurants, one key factor is whether there is any live music at Oddfellows. They attract many excellent musicians and also host a weekly open mic night which is a great opportunity for newer performers.</p> <p>Add in the good range of ale and the great atmosphere and the Oddfellows is a venue which should be supported particularly when hospitality venues have had such a terrible time lately.</p> <p>Yours sincerely ***</p>	

Received on	From
21/01/2022	***
<p>Hello,</p> <p>I have heard that there have been complaints about live music at The Oddfellows Arms, Nantwich.</p> <p>I would like to register my support for live music at this venue. The Oddfellows is one of the few places where Nantwich people can both enjoy and perform music. The open mic night is particularly valuable to our young people wanting to make a career out of performance arts.</p> <p>Whenever I have been at a music event, the volume has not been excessive. It is still possible to have a conversation and to order a drink. The music always finishes at a reasonable time before the bar closes.</p> <p>The Oddfellows has a long history of live music and has been there for hundreds of years - far longer than any current resident who chose a home next to the pub.</p> <p>I urge you to see sense in this matter The oddfellows follow all rules and it's lovely to see such a community coming together to have open mic nights and food nights. I urge you too look in to this matter. The complaints are nothing but bogus. I live about 5 doors down and have never once been disturbed by the the noise as we can not hear it.</p> <p>Many thanks. ***</p>	

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<b>Received on</b>	<b>From</b>
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<p>Good day to you and Licensing. I am sending this email from The United States regarding Oddfellows Arms Nantwich.</p> <p>About two years ago at the beginning of COVID, I was following some musicians when I came across Oddfellows Arms Nantwich. I have been following this business ever since.</p> <p>My qualifications are a Master's in Business Administration, Digital Strategy Management (DSM), and I work as a Business Process Consultant (BPC) My interest in business does take me to many places and I always seek business to watch and love a good business when I find one, Oddies is just that.</p> <p>What originally caught my eye was the music, but in following, I became a part of the changes, I very much enjoyed the building upgrades and then the addition of food (that food is fabulous), on Tuesdays, they often have an open mic, which seems to spur some very serious talent, and the music is shared around the world.</p> <p>My friends in England chime in as well, and everyone is enjoying the music and now wish to visit the pub when in that area. My family is a global family all of which will visit and enjoy the pub when things open up.</p> <p>As we know COVID has slowed everything and everyone, but this little pub has brought a great deal of joy to many around the world. The owners and patrons alike share in their enthusiasm and efforts to have a great meeting place.</p> <p>I do hope that you will reconsider and allow this business to thrive and flourish and they have created not only an enhancement to their community ( they do promote the museum and local community interests) but a global presence.</p> <p>Best regards, ***</p>	

<b>Received on</b>	<b>From</b>
20/01/2022	***
<p>I am emailing regarding the apparent licensing complaints towards the Oddfellows arms in Nantwich.</p> <p>I have been living in the local area for over 7 years and have visited many times including open mic nights and at weekends before closing. All times I have visited I have found that any noise or music played to be at low volumes and at a level that people can still have a conversation inside, and that it cannot be heard outside the front door.</p>	

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<p>Their hosting of pop up food in the garden was always managed well and there was never any music played outside during these times.</p> <p>Living nearby I always found that Jordan had made a huge effort to incorporate the local community into any events. The staff were always friendly and it made for a great varied atmosphere that felt safe and respectful to all that visited.</p> <p>I am hugely disappointed that license is dispute at a time when pubs such as this are only just recovering from 2 years of struggle.</p> <p>Kind Regards ***</p>
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Received on	From
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<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I am not one for writing emails to support this that and the other, but even I feel strong enough to take the time to support the landlord of the Oddfellows on Welsh Row Nantwich.</p> <p>The Oddfellows has been a pub for a few hundred years, and one I have frequented on and off over the last 35 years, the current Landlord Jordan Oldfield has put his heart and soul into running the business despite Covid and fighting his own Cancer battle. He turned the pub around which unfortunately took a turn for the worse after Pete and Hazel left.</p> <p>The live music and food events have been a great success and it has been the only pub my wife and I have ventured into during the Covid pandemic as it followed all the rules and felt the safest to visit.</p> <p>I therefore think it is grossly unfair and despicable to inflict unnecessary worry and stress on Jordan at this difficult time.</p> <p>I fail to understand how Cheshire East can side with rude and unreasonable neighbours who move next door to a pub, and then complain about some degree of noise? and don't even have the decency to speak with him face to face.</p> <p>When I moved close to a railway line, I did not complain to British Rail about the train noise! you know what to expect.</p> <p>Anyway, I hope the number of emails and support you receive for Jordan will make you see sense, and realise he is the best chance of keeping a viable business in this pub, which benefits the whole community.</p>	

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	Received on	From
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<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am emailing regarding the noise complaints that have been submitted about the Oddfellows Arms in Nantwich.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to express my disappointment that someone has seemingly exaggerated the noise created within the pub, that has not resulted in the Landlord being told he must leave the pub entirely. I have regularly attended the Oddfellows Arms to enjoy their pop up food, and without fail by 9-10pm the beer garden is empty and the evening is coming to a close.</p> <p>I also attended their open mic night on the 21<sup>st</sup> December and found the music was at a low volume, which allowed our party to continue a conversation without having to raise our voices, or move closer together. It is quite disappointing that these complaints are being submitted, and I suspect they are being done so in the hope of the pub being closed entirely. The landlord of the Oddfellows Arms, and his team have worked very hard since the start of the pandemic to create a safe, welcoming, and supportive venue. From employing predominantly local staff, to organising weekly pop-up stalls with small food traders. They have done their best to support others, while keeping afloat themselves. The Oddfellows is a well-established pub, that the current landlord has worked very hard to ensure it is part of the local community. People who move into the area must be aware they are moving near a pub, and potential pub related noise when they view properties.</p> <p>I would like this email to be taken into consideration when reviewing current and future noise issues.</p> <p>Kind regards ***</p>		

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<p>Dear sir/madam,</p> <p>I understand that CE is reviewing the license of the Oddfellows Arms in Nantwich based on 'nuisance from music'.</p> <p>Persons purchasing properties near licensed premises must accept there will be some noise and this is why such properties sell at a market discount to comparable residences in quieter locations. To buy such a property and then seek to reverse this discount via such a complaint is disingenuous at best. The UK is a world leader in music and entertainment - a multi billion £ industry built on a foundation of local venues. Nantwich itself has a music</p>		

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<p>Dear Cheshire East,</p> <p>I live 50 metres from The Oddfellowes at *** Welsh Row, and have an open back garden that is in line with the pub garden. I also walk my dog past the pub during the day and in the evening most days. I have never found that the music or any events at the pub to be a problem, quite the opposite. It is really nice to have such an iconic and historical building still being supported and is an asset to Welsh Row and Nantwich.</p> <p>When music events are held the noise is not loud, it's nice to hear and to see people enjoying and appreciating the local musicians. The music never goes on late into the night.</p> <p>The landlord and staff have always been very respectful and responsible, they were extremely strict through the COVID period and have worked hard to keep the old pub safe and friendly for all in very difficult circumstances.</p> <p>Regards ***</p>	

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<p>I fully support a continuation of the license as has been in force for many years.</p> <p>The premises provide a very valuable local social focal point and are run very well indeed. Indeed more support should really be given at this time as there was no chance for any of us mere mortals to have a drink in the garden with friends and colleagues after work so it seems we have a bit of catching up to do.</p>	

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Sincerely ***
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Received on	From
22/01/2022	***
<p>Dear sir/madam.</p> <p>I am disappointed to hear that unfounded complaints have been levelled at the Oddfellows Pub on Welsh Row, Nantwich, regarding allegations of a public nuisance being caused through live music events held at the pub.</p> <p>I live in Devon but regularly visit my family in Crewe and on each return to the north west I visit the Oddfellows having frequented the pub since 1976.</p> <p>I have known the current landlord, Jordan Oldfield, since he took on the pub over three years ago. He is, in my respectful opinion, the best landlord that I have known at the pub. He has, through sheer hard work and determination, turned the pub into a true local and should be commended for his work.</p> <p>He has never exhibited anything to me other than the utmost consideration for his customers, staff, and local residents. The pub, as you will know, is in a built up area and surrounded by private dwellings. I am given to believe that only two complaints have been made about the alleged public nuisance and that neither of the complainants has ever sought to mediate or discuss their concerns with Jordan before making their complaints.</p> <p>From my own previous employment history in the police service I am aware that there is (or was) a permitted noise level that can be measured by your Environment Department (Noise Pollution Officer?). Has this been considered or carried out as I feel sure that, from my personal experience at the pub, the noise would not be excessive.</p> <p>I am sure that your department monitor social media and if so have you seen the weight of support for the pub on Face Book in light of the public nuisance allegations? Many of those supportive comments, far more than the two complainants, are reportedly from local residents whose views are wholly at odds with what is alleged in the nuisance claim.</p> <p>The Oddfellows provides an excellent public service in a safe and well managed, by Jordan and his staff, environment.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that common sense will prevail and your review of the (music) certification held by the pub is concluded with no case to answer against the pub.</p> <p>Regards. ***</p>	

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<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I refer to the notice for submissions to your public review of the music licence held by Oddfellow's Pub on Welsh Row in Nantwich.</p> <p>I am astonished that this matter is under review. I am not aware of any evidence at all that live music at the pub has been a public nuisance.</p> <p>Oddfellows hosts a weekly Open Mic session which attracts upcoming artists to develop their craft. It is very popular with musicians in Nantwich and beyond and local residents enjoy the opportunity to enjoy some quality performances. Open Mic sessions are not to be confused with rowdy karaoke evenings so I am at a loss to understand why the Local Authority would want to deprive music lovers of the opportunity to see new artists.</p> <p>It is frankly unbelievable that the Council is considering a withdrawal of a music licence after TWO years of musicians being denied the chance to play live and music lovers being denied the chance to see local talent perform.</p> <p>Regards ***</p>	

Received on	From
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<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I am writing in support of the above named premises, which in common with all hospitality providers has has a truly hard couple of years due to the pandemic. It would appear that the as I understand one complainant has a short memory, as the pub and garden in appropriate weather is a much loved venue by locals and local musicians alike, and has been for years. It has been a mainstay venue for the Jazz Festival for as long as I can remember, and has given much appreciated experience to bands just starting out.</p> <p>It has also given other businesses a helping hand, by bringing in pop-up caterers and, when no food is available on site, encouraging patrons to bring their takeaways indoors instead of eating/ littering on the street.</p> <p>The Oddfellows is a true community pub, much loved and appreciated by all its regulars and the vast majority of local residents, who would be sorely distressed if it was reduced to the troubled drinking den it was before the current licensee had charge.</p> <p>It is also a favourite stop for the boating community, who bring so much business to Nantwich. I myself live in North Wales but regard the Odds as my</p>	

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<p>local, as our boat is moored at Nantwich and we call in as often as we can - especially when there is a band playing.</p> <p>Many thanks for your attention.</p> <p>***</p>
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Received on	From
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<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I would like to offer my support to the above named establishment for providing live music for the enjoyment of local residents. I feel that the benefit in providing live music, which is in a free fall decline, outweighs any noise or nuisance complaint made by one or 2 residents in the locality. It does have to be pointed out that the playing of live music has known effects, and those residents complaining should not have moved into a home where it would be expected to hear the entertainment. Clearly there are plenty of houses close to the pub that have no issue. Do not allow a disproportionate number of people to ruin a business that provides employment and enjoyment to a far greater number.</p> <p>The Oddfellows is one of a few venues in Nantwich that pays for musicians and should be applauded for doing so, and given grants for continuing to do so. The pub is well run and I have never seen any trouble from anyone in there. Please do not put more barriers up for the landlords to have to negotiate otherwise it may become another pub that has had to close its doors for good.</p> <p>There is no real justification for needing to vary its license in any way. I trust the Licensing Committee will act on sound sense and not alter the Oddfellows license.</p> <p>With kind regards</p> <p>***</p>	

Received on	From
24/01/2022	***
<p>Hi,</p> <p>re: Public nuisance complaint against the Oddfellows Arms.</p> <p>In support of the premises.</p> <p>I live at *** Welsh Row, in close proximity to the Oddfellows Arms.</p> <p>I experience no nuisance whatsoever from this pub. I'm on the same side of the road as it and experience no disturbance from people leaving the pub. Occasionally, during the summer, I can faintly hear live music being played in</p>	



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<p>the pubs garden. This has always been acoustic music and it's hardly a disturbance, and it's in the afternoon.</p> <p>I am an occasional drinker in this pub, very far from a regular. When I do visit, I very much appreciate the live music acts they sometimes have on and they seem to be creating a good community spirit. Visitors to the pub are generally somewhat mature, typically aged 30+. It's never rowdy.</p> <p>Regards, ***</p>
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Received on	From
24/01/2022	***
<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I understand the licence for the above establishment is under review based on complaints from neighbours. First of all those who choose to live near Public Houses should expect a certain level of noise. It is only to be expected, particularly in a town location. This pub has been completely turned round by the present licensee into a viable business. It contributes to the night time economy of the town and has an offering that is not available elsewhere in Nantwich. The pop up food ensures there is always something different which encourages repeat visits. Live music is also a draw. Neither of the above activities attract the younger wilder noisier punters. This is a pub for discerning thirty, forty and fifty somethings. I have never seen any type of trouble at this establishment and would wholly support the continuation of the licence without alteration.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, ***</p>	

Received on	From
24/01/2022	***
<p>Good evening,</p> <p>I am writing to you in regards to the Oddfellows Arms, Nantwich, CW5 5ET.</p> <p>I am a resident of Nantwich and a regular at the Oddfellows and it has been brought to my attention that issues have been raised in regards to the playing of live music.</p> <p>I am so upset to hear this news as the pub has been turned in to a real gem over the last few years. It has become my favourite place to go in Nantwich, providing one of the only venues for fantastic live music and pop-up food stalls, show casing the amazing varied local talent.</p>	

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<p>Jordan, the landlord, has turned the pub around and made it in to the friendliest, most inviting place in Nantwich, which me, my friends and family love to bits, especially for the incredible live music.</p> <p>The loss of live music at the Oddfellows would be huge to the community of Nantwich and wider.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, ***</p>
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Received on	From
26/01/2022	***
<p>Good Morning</p> <p>I have heard that there have been complaints about live music at The Oddfellows Arms, Nantwich.</p> <p>I would like to register my support for live music at this venue. The Oddfellows is one of the few places where Nantwich people can both enjoy and perform music. The open mic night is particularly valuable to our young people wanting to make a career out of performance arts.</p> <p>Whenever I have been at a music event, the volume has not been excessive. It is still possible to have a conversation and to order a drink. The music always finishes at a reasonable time before the bar closes.</p> <p>The Oddfellows has a long history of live music and has been there for hundreds of years - far longer than any current resident who chose a home next to the pub.</p> <p>I would very much like you to reconsider ***</p>	

Received on	From
26/01/2022	***
<p>Dear Cheshire East</p> <p>Im writing in support of revoking Mr. Oldfields licence of the Oddfellows pub in welsh row, nantwich.</p> <p>I believe he has been served notice on the pub by the brewery, after complaints. I can only support this decision and as a resident of welsh row, feel relieved he is going. His arrogance over the past 3 years , has never failed to surprise me,over the complaints of the loud music. What the neighbours , including myself have had to endure , week after week, has been horrendous to say the least. My house has literally shook at times and iv on hot summer days, have had to have my windows closed and my TV turned on high and its still been billowing all over welsh row. I think at times</p>	

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<p>he has thought this funny, that he has had the god given right to have his rock band in etc, but the stress this has caused has been enormous. I don't believe he has cared a jot. the sleepy pub that once was has been turned into a roudy nightclub, attracting the retribates of society, that found it funny to stand outside on the pavements with their cigarettes and beer glasses shouting and screaming and knocking on peoples doors and windows. I myself have experienced the disruption his punters have caused and its all become too much.</p> <p>Im happy the brewery have served him notice and hoping that whoever comes in to the pub, will have some empathy for the existing neighbours and i also hope that the music licence is revoked permanently, for the sake of all those living in close proximity to the pub, which once provided a nice place to go and have a quite drink in the beer garden.</p> <p>I have also wrote to Mr. Andrea and Mr. Green of Marstons Brewery expressing my concerns and relief of the imminent departure of Mr. Oldfield.</p> <p>Regards ***</p>
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Received on	From
27/01/2022	***
<p>LICENCE REVUE FOR ODDFELLOWS ARMS, 97, WELSH ROW, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE. CW5 5ET.</p> <p>From:- ***</p> <p>My wife and I reside at *** Welsh Row, Nantwich which is the house to the west of the Oddfellows Arms. We moved into *** in 1986. We had enjoyed over three decades of happy and peaceful co-existence next door to these licenced premises run by landlords who catered for the local community and were considerate to the residential environment in this quiet section of Welsh Row which is about a quarter of a mile from the popular night scene area next to the town centre. Unfortunately this stress free life style ended in autumn 2018 when the landlord Jordan Oldfield took over the premises.</p> <p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p>The Oddfellows Arms was in the past a popular pub used mainly by the local community supplemented by visitors to the nearby canal. Most of this period good food was a big attraction enjoyed by both local people and holiday makers. The three previous long term publicans have managed the premises in a considerate manner respecting the character of the environment in which the Oddfellows is situated. That is a quiet residential area. The Oddfellows is surrounded on 3 sides to the rear by homes designed for and occupied by elderly retired people. Notwithstanding the actual licenced hours the pub was always quiet by a reasonable hour and the garden area cleared and silent by 10pm, out of consideration for nearby residents. Thus it has historically been a public house run in a way which complemented the locality and respected the environment enjoyed by nearby residents. All in all the perfect "local".</p>	

### PRESENT

In the latter part of 2018 Mr Oldfield took over and this tiny pub in an ancient mainly terraced street and it was soon transformed into an amplified entertainment venue with a late night drinking culture. The premises unsuitability for this type of use is quite obvious.

1. When amplified music is played within the building the sound is unbearable in the attached house and can be heard above the sound of the TV in other nearby houses. The sound level and the physical vibration from large amplifiers and the drums cannot be beneficial to the listed building.
2. When music is played in the garden even if acoustic guitars are used they are over-amplified to the extent that conversation is impossible and it is also impossible to hear a radio or TV programme. When we complained about the invasive noise Mr. Oldfield told us we should go inside and close all doors and windows even though it was an 80 plus degrees fahrenheit summer afternoon. He also stated that his music licence entitled his business to make the noise. In the breaks between the loud live musical nuisance there is no respite as almost as loud recorded music is played between sets.
3. The general antisocial behaviour at the Oddfellows extends far beyond the loud music. The garden area has been used as a late night drinking area, regularly until after midnight and often until 2 or 3 in the morning. This has been worse since the erection of the outside smoking area which appears to amplify the noise and causes the sound to happen even during rainy weather. During warm nights it is difficult to sleep as it is desirable to have the windows open.
4. The type of clients this pub attracts and the attitude of the management encourages the type of people who use recreational drugs particularly cannabis. Although this drug is almost legal in these permissive days the premises is licensed for the consumption of alcohol not the use of narcotics. We as neighbours should not be subjected to the secondary smoking of cannabis when the fumes drift in through our windows as we try to sleep. This is not a noise problem but is caused by the kind of customer encouraged by the loud music and the late drinking culture.

### CONCLUSION

There is no shortage of noisy late night venues in Nantwich, indeed the town is well known in the East Cheshire area and popular with those who seek to enjoy this lifestyle. I ask the question that when this need is very well satisfied by a fairly small area enjoying CTV and door security staff is it wise to extend this kind of "nightlife" area by almost a quarter of a mile into a residential area mainly occupied by the elderly.

### FUTURE

It may still be possible to save the Oddfellows Arms and the area in which it is situated. This public house should abolish the music so that drinkers can enjoy chatting without having to raise the voice. A landlord should be engaged who is capable of providing excellent food cooked fresh on the premises. This would encourage the people of Nantwich in general and of the immediate area in particular to return to the pub. It is the closest pub to the busy canal and in the past attracted the boating community who now walk

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<p>past to dine in the town. It has had success in the past as a pub with dining and under capable management it could be again.</p> <p><b>LICENSED HOURS</b>          In order to protect local residents from future disturbance:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The premises should stop serving drinks at 11pm.</li> <li>2. The garden including the smoking area should be closed at 10pm.</li> <li>3. Music if allowed should be strictly acoustic.</li> <li>4. The use of cannabis to be prohibited.</li> </ol> <p>If the demand for this kind of food orientated public house has dwindled in the present declining market then the premises could be de-licensed and offered for residential use. Demand for up- market houses is very strong. In this particular case it would be most desirable as off street parking is available on site.</p>
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Received on	From
29/01/2022	***
<p>Dear Sir/ Madam,</p> <p>I have enjoyed the broad range of musical acts and events supported by The Oddfellows for many years.            For many musicians this venue has provided the opportunity to showcase their talent and support their careers as well as encourage and foster new talent.</p> <p>I am at a loss to understand how an established public house like The Oddfellows could be considered a “ public nuisance”.</p> <p>I understand that at particular times of the year such as the Jazz and Blues Festival held over the Easter Weekend that the concentration of people in the town may cause concern for some residents . However, most are willing to accept this temporary inconvenience and offset it against the revenue and status this gives to the town .</p> <p>I think it is unreasonable that The Oddfellows Arms should be singled out in this way.</p> <p>Please take the views expressed in this email as my support for the renewal of the licence/club premises certificate at The Oddfellows Arms, Nantwich.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,            ***</p>	

Received on	From
01/02/2022	***
<p>I am writing to ask for you to consider keeping The Oddfellows Pub as a licenced music venue. The pub provides a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere for musicians and guests to get together and enjoy music. I live at *** Welsh</p>	

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<p>Row, not too far from the pub, and I can say that there has never been music played there loud enough for us to hear it at all. (On the other hand, Dorford Hall is a little bit further away from our house, and we often hear music and tannoys coming from that venue, particularly during Spooktacular, but also the Nantwich Show and other large gatherings.)</p> <p>I'm sure the residents in the area were well aware of the pub being a music venue, and I'm also sure that the sound rules are always adhered to.</p> <p>Please keep music at The Oddfellows!</p> <p>I would very much appreciate a reply regarding your decision.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
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Received on	From
01/02/2022	***
<p>Hi, my name is *** a resident of Nantwich and a customer of the above premises for over 20 years.</p> <p>I frequented the Pub during the 10 years that a former Landlord was there until his retirement about 5 years ago. Peter (Landlord) was a singer and a good one at that and always has an open mike night on a Saturday night with himself being the main participant. A Quiz night was held on a Thursday as well. I make this point to point out how long music has been played at The Oddfellows from my knowledge.</p> <p>Three and a half years ago the present Landlord took over. Over time, Friday or Saturday music was introduced and a Tuesday Open Mike. The standard of local musicians, singers, pianist etc has been exceptional. Sadly all curtailed for nearly two years because of Covid restrictions.</p> <p>At a time when Pub gardens or outside space has to be used for smokers and has by Law been used for socially distanced drinking, as we get back to something closer to normal we find that there are objections and therefore a Review.</p> <p>I am 71 years of age and with my partner take her 83 year old mother to Open Mike on a Tuesday. It is the highlight of her week. The Pub is well run and offers good beer, good food and some music. The welcome that an 83 year old has had and her enjoyment of a Tuesday night has been wonderful.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that this Pub which is a credit to Nantwich can continue to carry on with its music offering.</p>	

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Regards ***
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Received on	From
03/02/2022	***
<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I am sorry to have to write such a negative email, but I feel it's really important to voice my concerns about one of your landlords, Jordan Oldfield (who currently runs the Oddfellows Arms, in Nantwich).</p> <p>I have recently come to find out that he has been served 3 months' notice to leave the pub. He has been particularly vocal on social media, creating petitions, posts and video's about his 'unfair departure'. Although I am relieved (to say the least) about him being served, it is his actions in the last week that has come to cause me a lot of distress and concern.</p> <p>My sister ***, is a singer and songwriter and is the daughter *** - one of the people who have filed late night noise complaints against Jordan. Originally Jordan sent a barrage of tweets and posts regarding my father's business, ***. However, he has now initiated a targeted campaign, harassing *** (23-year-old and living in Manchester), contacting gig venues and her contacts, attempting to boycott her concerts. It has become so aggressive that the police and solicitors are now involved, along with the venues such as 'Yes' in Manchester, 'Brudenell Social Club' in Leeds an 'Saint Luke's' in Glasgow (Evidence can be provided if required).</p> <p>I am extremely worried about my sister; it has made her terribly anxious and upset. I am a ***, and as a safeguarding lead I feel that Jordan Oldfield is constantly trolling *** online, harassing her with an intent to harm.</p> <p>The local Pub watch in Nantwich have also been notified, who are disappointed that a local landlord (who supports live music) is trying to boycott and ruin the career of a local musician.</p> <p>I feel it is important I therefore contact you and would like to request a telephone conversation; as it is also damaging local pub houses and the Council- Jordan is being perceived as an safeworth public figure, that is unfortunately representing our local community.</p> <p>I thank you in advance for taking the time to read this email of complaint and concern, I look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Kind regards, ***</p>	

Received on	From
07/02/2022	***
<p>I am a manufacturing business leader employing over 280 people and Chambers of Commerce Council Member in Staffordshire, but live in Hough, just outside Nantwich. I write in a personal capacity and in support of Jordan Oldfield who is an excellent landlord at The Oddfellows Arms, Nantwich. He is also my step-brother.</p>	

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I have visited the Oddfellows on a great many occasions, especially when there is live music. I understand that you are to review his Music License and perhaps his License more broadly due to complaints of late-night noise from a small number of neighbours. Further, I know that there are more neighbours who, like me and hundreds of customers, enjoy the turnaround in the pub's fortunes led by Jordan. It is a beautiful, listed building which was closed and unoccupied before he successfully took charge in mid-2018. It also has one of the largest and nicest outdoor gardens which should be cherished and supported as we continue to navigate the current pandemic.

Jordan's license permits him to open from 11:00 – 00:30 Sunday to Thursdays and to 01:30 on Fridays and Saturdays.

The opening hours of the premises			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:30</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:30</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:30</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:30</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>01:30</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>01:30</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>00:30</b>

Further, his license also allows him to play recorded music and host musicians inside until half an hour before closing time, ie until 24:00 five nights a week and until 01:00 on both Friday's and Saturday's.

Live music may be played outside until 22:30, but is currently limited to only eight occasions per year. There are extensions for key bank holidays allowing for 01:00 Sunday opening and a 02:00 alcohol extension on the Friday and Saturday of the Battle of Nantwich – an event which the pandemic has seen cancelled both in 2021 and 2022.

E				Live Music	
			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both.	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	<b>x</b>
Day	Start	Finish	Details		
Mon	11:00	24:00	Live music and amplified voice.		
Tue	11:00	24:00	<b>Any entertainment that takes place outside the premises shall cease at 22:30 and be limited to 8 occasions per year.</b>		
Wed	11:00	24:00	Seasonal variations		
Thur	11:00	24:00			
Fri	11:00	01:00	Non standard timings		
Sat	11:00	01:00	Extended to 01:00 on each Sunday and Monday of Bank Holiday weekends and on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.		
Sun	11:00	24:00	New Year's Eve: 10:00 to normal start time on New Year's Day.		



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F		Recorded music	
		Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both.	Indoors
			Outdoors
			Both
			x
Day	Start	Finish	Details
Mon	11:00	24:00	Recorded music, including juke box, with or without a DJ, during normal business hours or as part of functions and including audience participation.
Tue	11:00	24:00	
Wed	11:00	24:00	<b>Any entertainment that takes place outside the premises shall cease at 22:30 and be limited to 8 occasions per year.</b>
Thur	11:00	24:00	
Fri	11:00	01:00	
			Non standard timings
Sat	11:00	01:00	Extended to 01:00 on each Sunday and Monday of Bank Holiday weekends and on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day. New Year's Eve: 10:00 to normal start time on New Year's Day.
Sun	11:00	24:00	

I can attest that in all my experience, the Oddfellows has remained firmly within these limits. Indoor live music is nearly always finished well before 23:00. Bands usually start at around 21:00 and play 2 x 45 minute sets. They usually play at weekends – but not every weekend - or sometimes on bank holiday afternoons and/or evenings. Tuesday evenings usually see an “Open Mic” night which is advertised with a 23:00 finish. Very occasionally it may go to between 23:15 and 23:30. Jordan assures me that it has never played later than that, with my own experience confirming this to be true.

The above means that weekend live music stops two hours inside his license conditions and always well inside the week-day restrictions. Most of the time, rather than live music, the Oddfellows staff play lightly piped music from their many playlists. Indeed, the music has become a popular talking point for customers as well as being an important part of the pub’s ambience. Again, Jordan and his team operate well within the limits of his license with even this music stopping by 24:00 when they could play it for a further hour on Friday’s and Saturdays. During the week, this music stops at least 30 minutes before the last orders and up to 90 minutes before this at weekends.

I will go further. To the rear of the Oddfellows is a small smoking area. Jordan and his team constantly check that this is not a source of loud noise, especially at night. As with music, the team often ask customers to come inside at night rather than congregate outside. Rather, stepping outside only to smoke a cigarette later on in the evenings.

I’d like to emphasise the “lightly piped” recorded music point above. I have never been able to hear it outside the pub whether at the front or in the rear garden. Never. Even when there is live music inside it is only slightly audible outside and some neighbours have told us that they never, or hardly ever, hear it. This is deliberately the case as Jordan and his team control the volume out of respect for his neighbours, and also as it reflects his customer base. There is I presume an implication in the complaints that the pub is somehow rowdy and unruly. This is totally untrue. Indeed, the opposite is the case. All the other pubs on Welsh Row require door security guards which are also the norm

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throughout Nantwich town centre especially at weekends. The Oddfellows does not require such control as Jordan does not tolerate drunken or rowdy behaviour. I have personally seen his team refuse to serve potential customers who arrive drunk, or are unruly or abusive in any way. You may have seen on social media the many testimonials from his customers, especially women, who cannot understand the complaints that have been sent to the Licensing Authority as they run entirely counter to the safe and respectful experience at The Oddfellows.

To my knowledge, and that of Jordan himself, neither the Police nor the Council's Environmental Health Team have ever had cause to complain about or investigate reports of loud music or any breaches of the license. My understanding is that you are legally obliged to review upon receipt of complaints. In this instance they appear to be unfounded and without supporting data. It is unfortunate that these complaints have been made to you directly and that they have also been made to Marston's who own the Oddfellows. Jordan offered to host a meeting with his neighbours at the Oddfellows, only one of whom has an adjacent wall, an invitation via text that they declined to accept. The pub has been there since 1767, more than a century before the foundation of Canada in 1867. Pubs and landlords of course need to be respectful of their neighbours, but this should also be quid-quo-pro. This does not appear to be the case here based on the above. Additionally, former staff have told us that complaints were raised against the previous landlord who ran weekly Karaoke nights and, we are told, was similarly respectful of neighbours. This is of course hearsay, but you will know if it is true and if it reflects on the reasonableness of the complaints. I ask that you please advise me of the facts here.

There is one last licensing point that I'd like to raise – a request that the current restriction of 8 outdoor music events be removed entirely. At the very least, doubled please to 16 per year. This would be more reasonable allowing an average of 2 per month between March and October for example. I think I am right in recalling that the Government encouraged a relaxing of outdoor licensing rules due to the pandemic. Jordan has not taken advantage of that. It seems entirely reasonable to me given the above that you please give serious consideration to this request which I am sure will be broadly supported by both his customers as well as the great many local musicians and food entrepreneurs who have run pop-up restaurants at the Oddfellows bringing people into Nantwich from a broad area and so helping our town to thrive.

Additionally, I also wish to ensure that you are fully aware of the stressful health circumstances that Jordan has been facing. He has been unwell since May 2021 and eventually was seen in person by a GP and then immediately by a consultant at Leighton Hospital. He underwent emergency surgery in August to remove a large tumour which proved to be cancerous. The physical scar runs from below his waste to the middle of his chest – I've never seen anything like it. In addition, half of his large intestine was removed and he has had to rely on a stoma since then. He has recovered well from this major surgery and has subsequently undertaken 4 months of chemotherapy. As well as the physical and mental stress of this, it is worth noting that the chemotherapy drugs themselves have side effects: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chemotherapy/side-effects/>. These include memory, concentration, sleep and communication problems as well as the obvious sickness and impact on appetite. As with all

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such patients, Jordan has been affected both physically and mentally. Despite this, he has continued to run his business, respecting his medical advice as far as possible:

[Letter Redacted from Document]

His neighbours are aware of his illness and treatment, but have chosen not to take this into consideration or make allowances. Indeed, the opposite appears to be true. I trust that the Licensing Authority will please take a more charitable view of the situation and encourage all parties to resolve the matter amicably. I will readily volunteer to play a role in such a process if helpful.

I thank you for your consideration and look forward to answering any questions that you may have. I'd like to please understand the process from here and, if I may, both attend and speak at your review meeting. Please advise the date. Please note that I will be sharing this with our local councillors and urging them to support a positive outcome to this review together with the requested increase in outdoor events.

I trust that you, the Licensing Authority and the broader Cheshire East Council will wish to support the effort and investments made by Jordan Oldfield in turning around the fortunes of the once closed Nantwich treasure. As I write, I note that a petition supporting Jordan has already raised 1,236 signatures with many more I am sure to be added by the time of your review meeting. Jordan is an active member of Nantwich's Pub Watch, hosts Sustainable Nantwich at The Oddfellows, and together with his customers support, is a collection point for the Nantwich Food Bank and has recently raised over £1,500 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards,

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	Received on	From
	07/02/2022	Mike Aitchison <a href="mailto:mike@mikroeuery.plus.com">mike@mikroeuery.plus.com</a>
	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>In connection with the review of the licence for the above premises, I should just like to input my views.</p> <p>The Oddfellows Arms underscored the tenure of the current licensee, Jordan Oldfield, has become a real community hub at the outer extent of Nantwich town centre. Like many premises during and in the aftermath of the pandemic, it has initially been non-operational for an extended period and is now re-establishing itself within the community.</p> <p>It is one of the very few pubs in town that my partner and myself feel happy at any time to attend, with not only no fear of any unsociable behaviour</p>	

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	<p>occurring, but also with the certainty of a warm welcome from bit the team and fellow customers at all times.</p> <p>I have never personally experienced any disturbances either inside or outside the pub, and my observation is that people tend to leave at the end of the night in couples or small groups, quietly, with the minimum disturbance. Welsh Row, after all, is a main thoroughfare out of town with frequent if light (during the evening) traffic, not a quiet cut-de-sac.</p> <p>Regarding the music, this is played outside only during fine weather during the better months, on an occasional basis, during the daytime. Every event I have attended has been played at perfectly reasonable volume - conversation is always easily made - and is decidedly low-key (perhaps at the most 3 or 4 musicians, with no drums). In the evenings, despite the licence hours the pub enjoys, this has always in my experience finished well before (probably an hour before?) last orders are called. Approaching the pub along Welsh Row on such occasions, my experience is that the music is only audible immediately outside the pub, a far cry from other Nantwich establishments. Again, any music played is by a limited number of musicians, not bands, playing at perfectly acceptable volume.</p> <p>I would urge you to consider that the benefits to the community of the establishment, in terms of being a place where like-minded, well-behaved people congregate with real community spirit, are enjoyed by the vast majority of people in Nantwich and surrounding area.</p> <p>Yours, ***</p>
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	Received on	From
	07/02/2022	***
	<p>I am writing in support of Jordan Oldfield, landlord of The Oddfellows Arms Nantwich. For transparency I do have a personal connection to Jordan in that I am his girlfriend and have been his carer during his recovery from cancer. I do not live or work at the pub. I work full time for a global outsourcing company, I'm currently on an assignment with a large scientific business.</p> <p>I have been a customer of the Oddfellows for 15 months. For almost half of this period, the pub was shut due to national lockdowns. My experience of the pub during trading periods I am basing over 8-9 months from late 2020-present date.</p> <p>In my experience I would describe this pub as a little quieter that the town centre pubs. The current clientele are mainly middle aged or older residents of the town. It is a safe space where I have drunk as a lone female and also with friends. I am aware that some of the neighbours have raised complaints relating to noise. In my experience a combination of live music and recorded music is played. I have not known it to be excessively late or loud. I suffer from tinnitus and struggle with tolerating excessively loud environments; if</p>	

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music was played excessively loud I personally would not be able to stay in the venue.

I would like to reference a time where there may have been more outdoor activity than usual which was when the pub reopened after lockdown in April 2021 with outdoor only rules. The outdoors area was busy being one of the only pubs in Nantwich with a large beer garden. During this time I witnessed Jordan asking people to be quieter during late times. He was also very strict with the covid compliance such as rules of 6 and social distancing in the pub, where I know many other pubs were not. If any of your complaints relate to the outdoor noise at this time, I would reiterate this was at a time that the government mandated outdoor only opening. Every venue in the area would have had outdoor noise more so than usual and this is something I witnessed myself walking through the town and observing other pubs at the time.

I personally have not experienced a time where the pub has breached any of the licence terms around playing live music or excessively loud / rowdy general noise. If this was the case it certainly wouldn't be a pub I would frequent.

Furthermore, you may be aware that Jordan was diagnosed with bowel cancer six months ago and has had an operation and chemotherapy to remove this. Jordan has required a lot of rest to recuperate from his treatment. Jordan has subsequently made changes to his lifestyle and would not be able to tolerate a loud noisy environment in the pub, above which he is trying to rest.

In summary I do not believe Jordan to have breached any terms of his licence in the time I have known him and have been a customer of the pub. I appreciate the licensing review was initially raised in April 2020 and put on hold due to Covid and admittedly I cannot comment on noise or nuisance prior to late 2020. All I can say is that in my experience, I've found it to be one of the safer pubs in Nantwich, with a nice environment and live music events being well managed. Jordan has shown extreme concern for his neighbours in running the pub and particularly at times he has live music playing.

I hope this helps with your assessment. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Kindest Regards

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