

With reference to the letter regarding licence review for Wilbraham Arms, Welsh Row, Nantwich:

I have lived next door but one to the pub for 26 years and there have been many problems regarding anti-social behaviour here during all these years. But for the past few months things have got steadily worse. The music and live entertainment over the weekend nights is always too loud, and goes on too long, and during the summer months it was impossible to have my windows open at night.

Because of the smoking ban, many customers are outside at the rear of the pub, as well as at the front on Welsh Row, and the noise of shouting, singing etc is unacceptable. Now that the weather is so much colder, maybe this will deter people from being outside as much as during the summer. I know that at least 4 of my neighbours have made official complaints to the police and/or council but things have not improved. One neighbour has 4 young children and has had trouble with the excessive noise from the rear of the pub, as the children sleep at the back of their property. Some people live even nearer to the pub than I do, and it must be worse for them. Perhaps they are heavy sleepers!

I have not complained until now, as I am not against people having fun. Many nights during my youth in 70s and 80s we had lock-ins at local pubs (no names mentioned) but we always were inside the pub with the doors and windows shut, and I am sure no noise was heard from outside.

2 nights ago on Saturday I was kept awake again until after 2.30am (some nights it's later than this) with the noise, yelling, singing etc on Welsh Row from customers who had been in the pub. This is the same every weekend. Also there is also the nuisance of people urinating and vomiting under the archway outside my property, which is pretty revolting on your own doorstep, and has to be cleaned up by me or one of the neighbours. The situation has been ongoing since the new landlord arrived.

I am not aware how long the drinks are available after 1am, but some customers seem reluctant to leave the area even if they no longer have drinks to consume.

I feel that things would improve if the closing time was 11pm during the week and midnight on Saturdays. I am not sure if other pubs in the town close at the same time, but surely if problems arise something can be done by the council.

This is the first letter of complaint I have sent for years, and although I feel very strongly about this, something tells me that nothing much will be done, and the majority have to suffer because of a minority who cannot control themselves. Many a night I have got out of bed and looked through my window to see what was going on, and seen drunken people fighting, yelling and weaving their way along the road, having first stopped to relieve themselves of their beer in one way or another outside my front door. I feel sure that if a local

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councillor lived in my property, something would have been done about this long ago, but us ordinary mortals don't have much of a say in these matters.

I hope many of the local residents make a complaint, and soon we shall have relatively peaceful nights again. Welsh Row is a good place to live, and I am lucky to live in such a nice area, but the pub is definitely spoiling things for those of us unlucky enough to be near it. I am posting the form as well as emailing, so a double complaint from me!

Yours in hope

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