

Subject: Wilbraham Arms, Welsh Row licensing review

For the attention of the Licensing Committee, Cheshire East Council

I am writing to ask that the comments I make below are considered during the review of the license for the above named establishment.

During the past few months the situation with anti-social behaviour has reach totally unacceptable levels on Welsh Row. During this time I have been awoken on many occasions (2-3 time a week) in the early hour of the morning by exceptionally noisy and rowdy behaviour. This includes running on the roofs of cars, shouting aggressively, disturbing bins and on one occasion attempting to break into a car. The behaviour of certain individuals is quite clearly due to their state on inebriation. On more than one occasion I have challenge these people only to be verbally abused and my car spat on. I have also had to report incidences to the police (Nantwich Station) on more than one occasion and also had to telephone call the police again in the early hours when a group of drunken men/boys were causing disturbance and destruction. In addition to this I have had half-eaten kebabs pushed through my letter box and have woken to urine on my door step and on another occasion had obscene words daubed all over the pavements. This is not what I expect to have to put up with, in what is ostensibly a residential area. It does appear that the police are either powerless to act or do not bother- either way, it is time that the residents of Welsh Row being listened to.

My further concern is with the loud music which appears to be uncontrolled. Even though I live more than 50m away from the Wilbraham Arms I can often hear music playing when I am in bed. Again, this is unacceptable, especially when the music continues into the late evening and early hours.

One further issue I would wish to bring to your attention is the practice of customers of this establishment drinking in the street. There are one or two tables outside where many customers congregate to drink (often excessively) and smoke. The end results is that the area is littered with cigarette ends and pedestrians are forced to walk through plumes of smelly tobacco smoke. I also have to say that my wife finds this quite intimidating and uncomfortable. Is it not an offence to drink on the street? Even if it is legal, one would have thought that a more appropriate place to congregate outside would be in the area at the rear on the public house, not on the public highway!

In closing I have to say that I am strongly opposed to the current licensing conditions and would respectfully ask that the licence be changed to what would once be considered 'normal licensing hours'- that is closure at 11 pm rather than gone midnight. I would also seek that the landlord is instructed to remove tables from the pavement and discourage his patrons from loitering at the front entrance.

As I have been subject to verbal abuse/intimidation during the past months I would ask that my name and address are kept confidential, as I am concerned about the welfare/safety of both my family and my property.

Kindest regards,

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