

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2010**FAO : LICENSING COMMITTEE – WILBRHAM ARMS, WELSH ROW, NANTWICH  
REVIEW**

I am writing to request a change to the licence for the Wilbraham Arms, Welsh Row, Nantwich.

I am writing on behalf of my family and in particular for my four children aged only 4-13 whose lives and well being have been adversely affected by the excessive noise, drunken revelry, obscene language, anti-social behaviour and complete disregard the pub has shown for its neighbours for several months now.

My four boys - who up until recently had to regularly sleep downstairs in our living room in an (often vain) attempt to get away from the incredibly loud music, particularly at weekends and especially on Sunday night/Monday morning – when they most needed their sleep before school the next day. For my youngest, just 4 years old, who started school in September, a time which should have been special, but was turned into a stressful and exhausting experience for him due to constant disruptions to his sleep – evidenced by his Reception teacher commenting on “how tired he always was”. For the elder two of my sons who were forced to try to go to sleep with iPods in their ears in an *attempt* to drown out the noise coming from the pub. For all of them, in order not to have to listen to drunken singing, boisterousness, obscene language and extremely graphic sexual conversations. For all of them so they do not have to repeatedly wake up crying about the disturbances and noise coming from the pub.

To not have to resort on more than one occasion to taking them to relatives at weekends in an effort for them to get some rest and peace; such is the level of noise through live entertainment and the masses of drinkers that congregate at the rear (where it has conveniently been out of sight) and front of the pub, peace they have a fundamental entitlement to, peace disturbed by the constant and unrelenting noise until well *after* the pub's official closing time of 1am. Indeed, the record will show that I have been forced to call the police on numerous occasions between 1:30am and often later in an effort to move people on - a duty I thought was the landlords responsibility.

Indeed the evidence from noise logs, sound recordings and my own personal video recordings, (which I am happy to make available for the committee to fully appreciate the level of anti-social behaviour and noise pollution we have reported) will clearly demonstrate how the licensees have in fact shown a continual disregard for their neighbours and the community. Further evidence of this can be cited by the numerous visits both council enforcement officers and police officers have made over the months to try to get the licensees to respect their licence terms and the well being of its neighbours – which I might add have been greeted by a plethora of excuses (such as “they are family and friends” - in response to after hours drinking observed by PC Shaw of Nantwich police station, “It's the air vent, I'll have to do something about it” - Police visit c11pm August Bank Holiday in response by several neighbour complaints about music noise levels), sob stories and pleading for second chances – the last of which in response to a threat to serve a noise abatement notice asked for a fortnight's grace to sort things out but was demonstrated to be nothing more than lip service as proven by the ensuing raucous “beach party” *that very evening* when the licensees true colours and opinions on authority were revealed by some unsavoury remarks about the visiting officers that day – as caught on sound recording equipment.