

I would therefore suggest that the licensing committee return the pub's licence to that used on a voluntary basis by previous landlords viz. a closure time of 11pm every weekday night, music to be confined to Saturdays, and to ensure no-one suffers sleep deprivation for their forthcoming working or school week, a ban on music on Sunday evenings/Monday mornings coupled with a closing time of 11pm. I would further recommend, as the landlord clearly cannot or does not seem the need to control his customers (I understand for example there is no record kept of anyone who has been barred or not allowed to drink there which I further understand is common and good practice in other pubs), there be some kind of door control instigated. If possible, I would also recommend, to assist the police and neighbours, there be a 20 minute time limit for customers to leave the premises. Again I believe this is nothing less than reasonable and whilst no longer a remit of the current Licensing Act, it is nevertheless seen as good practice and used throughout all other pubs in the area. Indeed, one would beg the question, *why* would you want your customers to be on the premises any longer than that? Unless of course there was some kind of incentive for them to stay?

The “al fresco” licensing laws introduced by the last government have been widely criticised. The new Home Secretary Theresa May on 5th October 2010 announced “We have just completed a consultation on the Licensing Act, and I can today confirm that we will give local people more control over pubs, clubs and other licensed venues”

This being the case I hope that irrespective of the political persuasions of the committee members, the principles behind this will be recognised and a positive change to the licence terms for the pub will be made. I would also like to add that whilst no-one wishes to see anyone's livelihood affected, it must be remembered that it is the licence holders, through their flagrant defiance of authority and the law over *several months* of being offered chances to change, would be the sole architects of any such detriment a change in licence terms would result in. To this end, and most importantly of all, I hope the committee considers the welfare of the children and youth in the community when it reaches its conclusions and given the evidence, makes this its top priority.

Yours faithfully,