

Licensing Act Sub-Committee Updates

Date: Thursday, 26th October, 2023
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The information on the following pages was received following publication of the committee agenda.

3. **Application for a premises license Wharf Inn, 121 Canal Road, Congleton, CW12 3AP (Pages 3 - 8)**

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14/09/23 - License Objections – The Wharf Inn Pub**KEY AREAS****The Prevention of crime & disorder**

- An increase in people visiting the pub late at night for music events and other events means the drunk people travelling from Congleton town up Canal Road causing antisocial activities such as noise, swearing, public urination and criminal damage.
- The last football event held by the previous landlord resulted in threatening behaviour towards local homeowners. The bollards were also destroyed by drunks from the pub. Drunks from the pub were also trespassing on private land. More events and more drunk patrons will amplify this happening.

Public safety

- I do not feel safe in my own home when they have loud music and encourage more drunks to attend nightclub-type events. I am fearful for my property, any visitors and the threat of violence. It is also heavily impacting my mental health which I believe is a public safety consideration as indeed others will not want to leave their homes and constantly be on alert.

The prevention of public nuisance

- Food vehicles serving publicans in the carpark
- Recorded music from 4 pm on a Friday
- Outside beer garden bar in a temp shed structure/events
- Recorded and live music from the premises and beer garden until 2 am
- Loud music out in the beer garden including live band music until after 11 pm
- Televised sport advertised in the beer garden outside
- Amplified speakers outside in the beer garden.
- An inability to be able to work from home in my job is impacting on being able to do my job and having to work extreme hours to avoid the pub noise.

All of the above events such as sports, weddings, and birthdays will further compound antisocial behaviour and further increase patron numbers further compounding issues where The Wharf Inn Pub has had numerous development work done including; a new events room inside knocking through to the kitchen area, an outside bar area, advertised live sport on TV's in the beer garden, gazebo outside events, outside speakers and live and recorded amplified music events.

The protection of children from harm

- Noise from patrons, singing, swearing, shouting in the beer garden means my nieces are too scared to visit me and do not ever stay over as cannot sleep with the noise. Drunks also wander onto private land urinating and have caused threats and damage to property in the past. Having events and nightclub-style entertainment will encourage

more footfall from Congleton town late at night amplifying a threat to children staying at my property.

- Increased footfall for events with the impact of increased parking on Canal Road and Daven Road make crossing the road for children more dangerous between parked cars. These cars will often be left all night to be moved the next day. Busses have also started to bring in more people and park over our driveway access causing an issue for any children near the road.

LOG SUMMARIES FROM RECENT LOGS:

DATE	TIME START	End TIME	NOTES
Friday 28 th July 2023	16:00	LATE	Loud amplified recorded music, kids screaming & singing. VERY LOUD. End of school event at the pub. Beer garden open and back doors all open. IMPOSSIBLE to work from home – cancelled business meeting due to noise. Entire coach loads of kids arrived at the pub.
Friday 28 th July 2023	22:00	23:30	Very strange drunk from the pub outside my house. I had to ask him to move on a number of occasions. Called the police but was on hold too long. Did not feel safe. He said he was from the pub.
Sunday 30 th July			Very loud music all evening until late – was awful.
Saturday 5 th August	19:00		Very loud amplified music outside in the beer garden. Loud shouting and raised voices in the open beer garden. Cannot even watch my own TV with all the windows shut! Awful – feel very poorly and agitated – feel sick! Constant noise! Very loud! Can hear the base music through the house walls vibrating.
	20:48		Still ongoing and throwing all the glass bottles outside in the bins smashing and crashing really loudly. I cannot think straight. Can't eat or drink. Feel so low. Feel so depressed from this noise.
	21:20		Still ongoing – VERY LOUD recorded music & raised voices in the open beer garden. AWFUL – So LOUD! Like a nightclub but open-air one!
	21:24		SO LOUD! Amplified DJ shouting on the microphone over the recorded music.
	21:29		LOUD Shouting – Screaming! Constant amplified music.
	21:36		V LOUD SHOUTING/LOUD MUSIC/SINGING/WHOPING – SO LOUD – all out in the open beer garden.
	21:48		Still Ongoing since 7 PM. I have not been able to do my work. I work from home. This is really impacting on me being able to work! When can I find time to catch up on all my work reports and presentations? I am so very upset – I feel so poorly!

	22:00		Loud music still and shouting and raised voices in the beer garden. Loud DJ shouting on the microphone!
	22:08		Constant shouting – thudding base music – all outside in the beer garden – awful and abuse! Then the music EVEN LOUDER!
	22:30		Still ongoing!
	22:42		Loud Music still! Raised voices and VERY LOUD MUSIC!
	22:54		Still ongoing!
	23:00		Still Loud Music and Noise!
	23:01		Loud shouting and amplified recorded music!
	23:04		The music sounds like it has been turned down but still playing.
Sunday 6 th August	00:45		Still playing recorded music but the beer garden seems closed. Still raised voices outside though. Can still hear the base beat in my house with all windows closed shut! Can't go to sleep. Still, the DJ is loud on an amplified microphone also.
	00:58	Very Late?	Music seems to be switched off or now on quiet enough that I cannot hear inside my house with the windows closed. A lot of people can be seen and heard leaving the pub now. I tried to relax after this but was anxious all evening.
Saturday 12 th August	20:30		Loud music in the pub and outside open in the beer garden.
	22:50		Still ongoing. Loud out in the beer garden and amplified music. Loud base music outside in the beer garden.
		23:10	The beer garden finally seems shut. Seems quieter now. Can watch TV in my own house in peace with all windows shut.
Saturday 19 th August	20:16		Loud amplified live band music and shouting out in the beer garden. Loud amplified music and amplified singing.
	21:10		Still ongoing amplified singing and band in outside beer garden with loud shouting outside. Cannot watch TV inside my own house – awful! Feel sick – can't eat!
	21:22		Loud amplified live band in the pub beer garden!
	21:40		Continuous – ongoing!
	21:43		Very Loud now – amplified live guitars – sound loud with the open beer garden.
	21:49		VERY LOUD shouting in the beer garden. Amplified live music. VERY LOUD Shouting!
	22:00		Seemed quieter from 22:00 – perhaps a band break between sets?
	22:19		Loud Shouting in the outside beer garden!

	22:30		Amplified band music outside in beer garden all open doors. Loud shouting outside. Noise outside like a NIGHTCLUB – an open air one!
	22:38		Still ongoing!
	22:48		Still ongoing! – loud shouting/singing/amplified live band music – VERY LOUD! All open at the back and open into beer garden. Awful – cannot even relax. It's like an open air band event!
	23:02		Loud band music!
	23:08		Seems quieter now (another set break possibly?)
	23:25		Loud amplified band music – outside into beer garden – all open.
	23:30		Whilst the beer garden seems closed now the music is so loud I can still hear it inside my house over the volume of my TV with all my windows shut!
	23:50		Seems quiet enough that I can watch TV in my own home
Sunday 20 th August	01:00	Late?	Still loud music at the pub but much quieter now as the pub beer garden must finally be shut?!
Saturday 2 nd Sept	17:48		Taxi blocks driveway access for a number of people to get in from the pub.
	18:07		Raised voices in the outside beer garden.
	20:00		Raised drone of voices out in the beer garden – can hear over the TV in my house.
	20:30		Seems quiet now.
	21:19		Amplified recorded music on and open out into the beer garden.
	21:26		Amplified music, shouting and raised voices in the outside beer garden.
	21:37		Shouting very loudly outside in the beer garden and in the pub. Out into the beer garden – can hear amplified recorded music and loud shouting.
		21:40	Seems quiet again. No amplified music heard from inside my house and windows shut.
Sunday 3 rd Sept	16:55		Loud shouting and cheering out in the beer garden or loud in the beer garden as all the doors are open to the beer garden. Football is being watched. Was intermittent for a few hours only.
Saturday 9 th Sept	20:30		Loud amplified live music and a live amplified singer. All pub back doors to the beer garden open with very loud noise open to outside.
	21:00		Can hear loud over the TV volume and having to close all my windows on the hottest day of the year – awful! No escape!

	21:46		Still ongoing loud amplified singer and music – all open with doors to the beer garden open. Loud shouting outside in the beer garden – awful!
	21:56		Very LOUD now!
	22:06		Really loud singing – amplified and noise open air to beer garden! Really loud shouting!
	22:20		Still ongoing!
		22:30	Seems to have gone quiet enough that I can watch my TV but dare not open any windows as I don't want to hear it but my house is so very hot! Hottest day of the year!
Sunday 10 th Sept	16:00		Playing recorded music and open doors at the back into the beer garden & raised voices outside.
	17:12		Music amplified out into the beer garden. Raised voices in outside beer garden.
	18:20		Still ongoing. Beer garden all open and raised voices and recorded music still ongoing.
	18:47		Still ongoing. Very unwell – anxious and feel sick. Head pain. Shaking all over. Can't work – can't eat – can't drink
	19:10		Loud shouting and cheering from the beer garden.
	19:20		Even louder music & people shouting in the beer garden.
	19:40		Even louder now.
	19:45		Sounded like music was switched off – everyone still out in the beer garden and back doors wide open.
	19:56		Recorded music back on now – loud and loud people outside in the beer garden.
	20:15		Loud shouting in the beer garden.
	21:00		Still recorded music playing out into the beer garden – people loud in the beer garden.
	21:09		Very loud shouting out in the beer garden. Loud amplified music – AWFUL! Feel sick!
	21:22		Can hear the base music sound through my house walls vibrating. Logged with Police 101.
	21:25		Music even louder now!
	21:56		Still raised voices in the beer garden.
	22:15		Seems quiet at last!

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