

FAO;

The Licensing Team

Cheshire East Council

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I am writing to you on behalf of multiple residents to object to an application for a new premises license for **'Bollington Brewing Co. LTD' at the address; Brook Mill, Parker Street, Macclesfield, SK11 7BQ.**

This objection is on behalf of myself and also multiple other residents listed at the end, please treat this as separate multiple objections on behalf of the others.

I would like to preface this letter by saying that I personally nor do any of the residents have any personal issues with the Bollington Brewing Co. In fact I think it's a welcome addition to the town and it's great to see a disused mill being occupied. However, the nature of the business does create concerns for local residents and these will be highlighted below.

The reason for my (and other local residents) objection is because we feel that granting a license at this property will contradict some or all of your four key 'Licensing Objectives'

I have outlined below the licensing objectives and why each of them is not being met or fall foul of what the immediate surrounding area deserves.

- The prevention of crime and disorder (for example drug-related problems, disorder, drunkenness and anti-social behaviour)

By granting the above address with a license to serve alcohol up the hours of 11pm you will be greatly increasing the risk of drunken disorder and anti-social behaviour, this is obvious when pertaining to the sale of alcohol, however, this will be largely a factor when the proposed 'Tap House' closes which means large amounts of people will be on the street outside peoples homes and around parked cars and other property. By having people loitering around whilst intoxicated it greatly increased the chance of litter/vomit on the streets outside residents' homes whilst also increasing the chance of property damage.

The area and streets surrounding the mill have also seen an increase in anti-social behaviour in recent years with vandalism, drug use and littering. The addition of venue selling alcohol could exasperate the issue whilst also adding opportunities for intoxicated patrons getting involved with residents resulting in verbal or physical altercations.

Additional CCTV should be considered, however this should not be directly facing any of the residential properties adjacent to the new premises for privacy reasons.

- **Public safety (the physical safety of people using the venue)**

Turnock Street which sits adjacent to Brook Mill is a main thoroughfare for traffic passing through to Jodrell Street and the surrounding housing estate. In recent months we have had multiple serious issues where emergency vehicles including Ambulances and Fire Engines cannot gain access as increased car parking has occurred since the opening of 'Carla Gilder Fitness' & 'The One Project' in the mill opposite.

People visiting these premises routinely block access with poor parking with no regard for other road users or residents. By adding a premises with an intent to sell alcohol the traffic on Turnock Street and Parker Street will be completely impassable made worse by people leaving vehicles overnight for reasons surrounding drunk driving plus staff journeying to and from work.

It is clear to me that any more parking/traffic around those two streets will inevitably lead to a situation where emergency assistance cannot be administered and as such lives will be severely affected and even lost directly because of a bottle neck caused by the granting of this premises license.

- **The prevention of public nuisance (for example noise from music, litter and light pollution)**

Music and noise from the premises are of obvious concern to nearby residents, this is because houses on Turnock Street are desirable as they sit between two local pubs without being within earshot of them (The Wharf & The Silk Trader). By opening one on the doorstep of residents it would have severe adverse effect on property prices. To compound this the noise associated with large groups leaving the premises at closing time would disturb residents late into the night some of whom work weekends or shift work.

The proposed premises location also shares a direct wall with a residents' property (27 Turnock Street) meaning that the noise caused by large groups of people and music within a bar/pub setting would be unbearable for a family to live with. The age of the properties surrounding Brook Mill were not designed with large volumes of noise in mind and would require significant building work and adjustments to accommodate this.

Numbers 27, 25 and 23 Turnock street will also share its rear garden wall with the proposed 'outdoor seating area' which is understood to accommodate 30+ people. This will cause significant noise disturbance to all the residents on that side of the street rendering their personal gardens and outdoor space unusable due to excessive noise in the summer months, it will also greatly affect their house prices. What was a quiet private courtyard parking area will now be a noisy beer garden.

As previously mentioned, car parking on Turnock Street and Parker Street can be almost impossible due to inconsiderate users and other businesses, this means that almost daily the local residents of Turnock street have to park 2 or 3 streets away from their own homes (this was not the case even 3 years ago) If this license was to be granted the residents of Turnock street would need assurances made that 'Residents only' parking will be made available as to not be further affected by additional businesses.

Although I am strongly against having a new premises license being granted to an address directly opposite my home, I am also reasonable in supporting local and smaller businesses, I have no personal issues with Bollington Brewing Co. and as such would be happy to propose some changes are made to the license and in turn the council would grant certain permissions to the residents of Turnock Street.

Firstly, if the license hours were reduced meaning that noise and disturbance would not affect residents.

Secondly If Turnock Street implemented a section of 'Residents Only' parking allowing for people to park outside of their property without issue. I have contacted our local ward councillor to put this in place.

As mentioned before the issues I've raised in this letter are held by me but also multiple residents who are listed below.

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Other businesses in the area are also conscious about the parking situation and possibility of the road being blocked.

I have attached images to make clear my points regarding the proximity of Brook Mill to Turnock Street.

Kind regards

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