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Relevant Representations

	Received on	From
	14 January 2025	Objector 1
	<p>I would like to register my representations regarding the application for a new premises licence for the Barbridge Inn Old Chester Road Barbridge CW5 6AY.</p> <p>I live at X XXX XXXXXX XXXXXX, which is opposite the pubs first car park as you enter the village and has line of sight views of the pub garden. I have lived here with my family for around 22 years and we have not had any cause to complain about the pub in that time. This is a quite rural location with several residential properties in close proximity to the pub. The pub is also adjacent to a canal. If the licensing hours applied for are permitted, I consider this will lead to instances of public nuisance, it may also lead to crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and public safety issues.</p> <p>Previous operators of the pub have had music events, including in the pub garden, which I can clearly hear from my property. This is particularly noticeable if the pub doors are open or obviously if the event/music is played outside and our windows are open. I do not consider it is acceptable to keep my windows closed to abate nuisance caused therefore reducing the ventilation in my property.</p> <p>Live music, recorded music and activities similar to live/recorded music should not be permitted outdoors.</p> <p>On any night licensing hours for the sale of alcohol should be limited to 11PM and live music, recorded music and activities similar to live/recorded music should be limited to 10PM. There should be no sale of refreshments after 11PM.</p> <p>Opening hours should be limited to 12AM (0000).</p> <p>Accept for New Years Eve, there should be no extension of hours on the Thursday before Good Friday, Christmas Eve, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, St George's Day and St Andrew's Day or any bank holidays.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>XXXXXXX XXXXXX</p>	

	Received on	From
	12 January 2025	Objector 2
	<p>12th January 2025</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I am contacting you to raise an objection regarding the application for the license application for the Barbridge Inn below. I have highlighted the issues in red.</p> <p>This is our local country pub on a quiet lane amid a residential area.</p>	

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Whilst we are delighted the pub is to re open and look forward to being patrons again, the application for extensive opening hours until 2am/sometimes 3am, extended times on every Bank Holiday, a 5 day Easter Weekend and Christmas, Saints Days and any other public holiday/special event with the addition of live music and 'events' is excessive, intrusive and unneighbourly.

I would like to request that the opening hours are reduced to 11pm on weekdays and midnight at weekends, similar to other local venues.

I would also like to request that any live music licence granted should be INSIDE the premises only, NOT outdoor, nor involving external speakers or amplifiers which would significantly disrupt the quiet rural area, local residents, adjacent fishermen and canal side wildlife.

Noise and live music can have a significant negative effect on neighbours and significantly reduce the enjoyment of their own home, having to close windows, move children who are trying to get to sleep and also reduce the value of their homes.

Surely it is better to prevent this happening in the first place as local knowledge and experience suggests that once these licences are granted councils are disinterested in the local impact and fail to act/respond to letters of complaint when noise is prolonged, excessive or frequent.

Before the pub closed the opening hours were not extensive, nor was there regular outdoor music events, thankfully, as on one occasion, the music carried over half a mile away and every word of every song was clearly heard in our garden as sound carries easily across the local fields.

Naturally pubs need to be able to thrive and be a hub of the community, however most town pubs close at midnight not 2am/sometimes 3am. Therefore I would respectfully suggest you assess the negative impact the proposed extensive opening hours/music licence would have on local residents re noise nuisance and sleep disturbance of local children and residents.

Noise from live music and live events can be very intrusive and distressing to local neighbours who do not necessarily always wish to attend, nor hear every word of every song in their gardens, especially when it occurs frequently and every sunny weekend during the summer months and special bank holiday times, when residents would like to be able to relax in their private gardens without any noise nuisance from loud live or recorded music. Personally this is why we moved to our current house.

As I understand it, domestic noise needs to cease before 10am, so would expect the similar rules to apply to local pub indoor music.

The application for extensive licensing hours with associated live events and live music during not only the general opening hours, but is also for every bank holiday/special occasion throughout the year including a 5 day 'holiday weekend over Easter to include the Thursday and similarly at Christmas, and Saints Days. This seems to me to be highly excessive, and unfair, meaning residents may never have any respite from these events during their personal holiday time.

I would like you to consider limiting the number of events throughout the year eg only on one day of the Easter weekend, not Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday which

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	<p>seems highly unfair to residents.- similarly limiting the number of events throughout the summer months so residents are able to enjoy their gardens in peace.</p> <p>I would hope that the council can strike a fair balance between the needs of the business and the lives of the local residents and reduce the opening hours, prohibit external music, and reduce the number of sequential days of 'events ' and frequency of events during the summer, bank holidays and weekends throughout the year.</p> <p>Please could you confirm receipt of this email by return and before the closing date for objections on 15th January 2025.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>XXXXX XXXX</p>
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	Received on	From
	07 January 2025	Objector 3
	<p>I write in connection with the license application by Punch Taverns for Barbridge Inn, Barbridge.</p> <p>I am a resident in the village of Barbridge directly overlooking the pub garden and overspill car park. I work full time, mainly from home.</p> <p>I object to the opening hours proposed and the playing of live or recorded music both inside or outside until 3am.</p> <p>Primarily Barbridge is a residential village for families with school age children, and the retired with no other amenities. The village overlooks the canal and open countryside and I moved here for the peace and quiet that one is entitled to expect in such a location. The license application is completely at odds with what I would expect for a public house in a village like Barbridge.</p> <p>The previous owners used to have live bands occasionally at weekends but it's not only the disruption and noise of the event itself that is inappropriate for a small rural community such as Barbridge, it's the noise made as the attendees exit the event, usually worse for too much alcohol, but also the band loading up their vans and cars across the pub garden into the overspill car park that causes disturbance for about a further hour after the event has finished. At such times when the license is extended by another hour until 3am are we to then expect disturbance until 4am whilst they load their equipment into vehicles ? What consideration, if any, has been given by Punch to the local residents of Barbridge and when will they be able to get a peaceful nights sleep?</p> <p>The proposal to play music outside in the pub garden means that I will be able to hear music in what should be the privacy of my own house. Such an intrusion is completely unacceptable and for the last two years, for the previous tenants outdoor bridge 100 festival at the August bank holiday weekend, I have had to vacate my own house to alternative accomodation, at my own expense, to get the peace and quiet I am entitled to.</p>	

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If Punch want to operate a venue of the nature they describe please direct them to a large town or city where such a venue would be expected, instead of a quiet peaceful canal side village such as Barbridge.

Vehicular access to the Barbridge Inn is via a narrow residential road often with residents cars routinely parked on both sides. The road is particularly narrow on the approach to the main car park. Given the majority of customers arrive by car, at busy times it can get very chaotic and dangerous with badly parked cars on the narrow road particularly when both car parks are full making it difficult for residents to drive in and out of their own properties safely.

I am happy for the Barbridge Inn to be run as a typical rural canal side pub where the quality of the interior and furnishing is good and the food and drink offering is of a good quality too. At least if that was the case it will be an improvement on the offering of the previous tenants and would be more widely popular with a greater majority of people that live in the village instead of a small clique and visitors from outside the village who have previously shown little regard for the residents of Barbridge.

Please advise what can be done to reduce the scope of the license application so that it is in-keeping with the village of Barbridge and there is no music, live or otherwise, played inside or outside after 11pm.

Regards
XXXXX XXXXXXXXX
Barbridge

Please take the below emails, exchanged in August 2023 with your team, into account as part of my objection, sent using my Hotmail email address this afternoon, to the latest Barbridge Inn license application.

Begin forwarded message:

From: XX
Date: 23 August 2023 at 15:20:52 BST
To: XX
Subject: Re: Urgent- Re:Bridge 100 Festival, Barbridge

Dear XXXX

Many thanks for doing everything you can within the powers available to you and providing me with supporting guidance.

I also appreciate how promptly you have dealt with this today.

I hope the licensee heeds your advice and I will provide you with an update with regards to this. However at this point I may have no other choice but to leave my home to avoid this

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intrusive event from Friday until Sunday at significant cost to myself on a bank holiday weekend.

Whilst in principle I'm not opposed to pubs putting on events to increase their revenue, whilst guests can make a choice of whether to attend or not, I am not afforded that choice and will hear it in the privacy of my own home whether I wish to or not.

Regards

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On 23 Aug 2023, at 15:08, LICENSING (Cheshire East)

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX wrote:

Thank you for your further email.

We have informed EH of the event and the chair of the Event Safety Advisory Group.

If you are experiencing issues with noise from a premises you should log those complaints with EH. They can then take that information and history into consideration when deciding how to act. All enforcement teams will have a policy that steers towards advice and guidance in the first instance. A record of issues or complaints will mean that enforcement action is taken rather than advice given.

Having spoken to the organiser and explained the requirements of the Live Music Act, they are aware that any music must cease at 23:00. And we have made the suggestion that the last band should play inside the building of the pub.

I appreciate your comments about the nature of the event in this location, but the powers we have at our disposal do not allow us to achieve a different outcome in respect of this event.

Regards

XXXXX XXXXX

Licensing Team

OFFICIAL

From: XX

Sent: 23 August 2023 14:56

To: XX

Subject: Re: Urgent- Re:Bridge 100 Festival, Barbridge

Thanks for your update.

Have you notified EH ?

Please can they be asked to monitor the noise levels themselves ?

When the pub have previously had live music inside the pub I have been able to hear it in my lounge and bedroom however I have never made a complaint about this. It is inevitable therefore with the music being staged in the Marquee outside, that this will undoubtedly cause disturbance inside my property. The details of the event states that the disturbance will continue until late. Usually at the point when these events close and people leave at the end of the night they are very noisy and rowdy and show no respect for the local residents. Often the band is packing up their equipment until the early hours without making any effort to keep their noise and conversation down.

As I have said this is a wholly inappropriate and disproportionate event for a quiet rural canal side location.

I have also notified the none emergency police number and they have advised they will keep an eye on the event with regards to parking of attendees who will inevitably overspill on the narrow road causing difficulties for residents to exit their properties.

Regards

XXXXX XXXXXXXX

On 23 Aug 2023, at 13:50, LICENSING (Cheshire East)

<XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX> wrote:

Thank you for your further email.

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We've spoken to the person in charge of the event and we've confirmed that what they are intending does not need a licence. This is because the Live Music Act 2012 removed various types of entertainment from the licensing process.

We've confirmed that there are potential noise nuisance concerns and that while we cannot licence or refuse a licence for the event, Environmental Health may take a different view. We've also suggested that they monitor the noise from the event and take the entertainment inside the building earlier in the evening.

If the event does cause you a noise nuisance (and you don't get a response from EH), please record examples of the noise so that you can provide them to EH to consider.

Regards

Licensing Team

From: XXXXX XXXXX <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX >

Sent: 23 August 2023 12:14

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX >

Subject: Re: Urgent- Re:Bridge 100 Festival, Barbridge

Thank you for your prompt response to this matter.

Please let me know the outcome of your discussions with the premises license holder.

Regards

XXXXX XXXXXX

On 23 Aug 2023, at 11:57, LICENSING (Cheshire East)

<XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX > wrote:

Thank you for your email and making us aware of the event.

As the Licensing Authority we cannot prevent an event taking place because it may cause a noise nuisance. Our powers, only extend to ensuring premises operate within the terms of their licence. We will contact the premises licence holder to ensure their plans do conform with their licence and raise concerns over nuisance caused. There have been many changes to what type of entertainment needs a licence and depending on their plans they may not need a licence for the event.

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You may also want to raise your concerns with the Council's Environmental Health Team, who have different powers to deal with noise nuisance - [Noise Nuisance \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk) – under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Regards

XXXXXX XXXXXX
Licensing Team

From: XXXXX XXXXX <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX >
Sent: 23 August 2023 10:48
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX >
Subject: Urgent- Re:Bridge 100 Festival, Barbridge

Dear sir/madam

I write enquiring regarding the Bridge 100 Festival to be hosted by The Olde Barbridge Inn, Barbridge, detailed in the following link:

[Bridge 100 Festival](https://www.thebarbridgeinn.co.uk) [<default-favicon.ico>](https://www.thebarbridgeinn.co.uk)
[thebarbridgeinn.co.uk](https://www.thebarbridgeinn.co.uk)

Please advise if this event is permitted either within their current premises license or by a temporary event notice ?

I live opposite the Olde Barbridge Inn and there is already enough parking chaos on a very small narrow road with people going there for Sunday Lunch. Goodness knows what it will be like when they are hosting this festival from this Friday?

On Friday 25 Aug it's 'open mike' night from 6pm until late where all musicians are welcome.

Live Music is also advertised from 1pm in the Marquee and another band at 8pm until late on Saturday 26 August.

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	<p>I literally won't be able to hear myself think in my own lounge with all this going on and I feel the festival is completely inappropriate and out of proportion for this small quiet canal side residential location.</p> <p>See picture attached of Marquee in beer garden, virtually leaving no space for any attendees.</p> <p>I request an urgent response to my email given this event is due to go ahead in just over 48 hours time.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>XXXXX XXXXXXXX</p>
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	14 January 2025	Objector 4
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Kind Regards
XXXXXX XXXXXXXX

Received on	From
14 January 2025	Objector 5
<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>With regards to the current Premises Licence application for the BarBridge Inn Old Chester Road CW5 6AY, please except this email as our objection to the licencing hours.</p> <p>The objection is for the sale of Alcohol Sunday to Wednesday 1000 until 0000 and Thursday to Saturday from 1000 until 0100 the following morning.</p> <p>I further object to the following live music Sunday to Wednesday 1000 to 2300 including Thursday to Saturday 1000 until 0000.</p> <p>We further object to the granting of Late-night refreshment Sunday to Wednesday 2300 until 0100 and Thursday to Saturday 0900 until 0200 the following morning.</p> <p>The BarBridge Inn is situated in a small village. There are elderly residents, including children of school age that reside in very close proximity to the premises. The carpark facility is only small, and when fully occupied cars are parked either side of the road, that causes access issues not only for residents, it would be a major concern for any emergency vehicles. the worries is that noise from the carparking could cause harm to residents residing close to the premises.</p> <p>Furthermore, consideration should also be assessed for residents having work shift or early morning.</p> <p>We would request for the licencing panel to consider the following,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/ Prevention of crime and disorder 2/ Public Safety 3/ The prevention of Public nuisance 4/ The protection of Children from Harm <p>We believe that the hours requested to be granted should be reviewed to take consideration of all the above points.</p> <p>If the licence is granted to allow all hours being permitted, what provisions are proposed by the applicant to reduce noise from the premises, example; secondary glazing throughout, fitted Noise monitor, type of entertainment, i.e. bands etc.</p>	

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Please note, we are not apposed to the granting of the premises license itself but feel that with the current application for the hours requested in not in line with a small village. I believe that granting these hours will cause harm to the village and more so the residents residing in and around the premises.

Yours sincerely

X & X XXXXXX

Local residents CW5 6AY

- For the sale of alcohol (on and off sales) Sunday to Wednesday from 1000 until 0000 and Thursday to Saturday from 1000 until 0100 the following morning. For live music, recorded music and activities similar to live/recorded music Sunday to Wednesday from 1000 until 2300 and Thursday to Saturday from 1000 until 0000. For late night refreshment Sunday to Wednesday from 2300 until 0100 the following morning and Thursday to Saturday from 2300 until 0200 the following morning. Opening hours of the premises to be Sunday to Wednesday from 0900 until 0100 the following morning and Thursday to Saturday from 0900 until 0200 the following morning. For all the above, on statutory bank holiday weekend periods (Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday) and for the Thursday before Good Friday and for Christmas Eve, the time will be extended by one hour beyond times. On St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, St George's Day and St Andrew's Day, the finish time will be extended by one hour, with seven days notice and agreement with the police. On occasions of local, national or international significance or for charitable events, the finish time will be extended by one hour, with seven days notice and agreement with the police.