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Subject: Making a representation - Craft Ale Bar, Castle Street, Nantwich, CW5 5BA

Dear Sirs

Whilst this is correspondence relating to making formal representation against yet another premises licence, I have also copied this email to the following, in the hope that some of the issues can also be address as they all relate:

- Cllr Groves
- Nantwich Town Council - [REDACTED]
- Laura Smith MP
- Nantwich Police Station - [REDACTED]

I hereby write to make formal Representation against the Application for a Premises Licence for the above named premises which is applying for the following licensable activities:

- provision of live music, recorded music and supply of alcohol Monday to Sunday 10:00-22:00
- opening hours Monday-Sunday 10:00-22:30

My reasons for making a Representation is as follows:

Currently the premises known as 'The Studio' already has a licence to operate and I live at the back of this property, I have attached photographs (Ref: images 1,2 and 3) which are taken from my living room windows, which show how close The Studio is to my home.

Also is a photograph taken from the back steps towards my home (Ref: image 3), this is where the new application - Craft Ale Bar, wishes to serve/ access and/or operate from, for reference in this correspondence I shall refer to this area as the 'red steps'.

There are weekly occasions when youths hang around on the red steps and generally cause a nuisance and disturbance, the area itself is very poorly kept and quite frankly is a disgrace to the Town appearance, ideally the Town Council and CEC should invest some of it's sanitation and highway cleaning to this area, I attach 2 photos (Ref: image 4 and 5) which shows this littering issue.

I cannot understand why anyone would want to use Castle Street for any reason as this area is a complete disgrace, and looks like a dirty, unsafe down-town back alley which is why it attracts such undesirables - in any case the Police should be more proactively patrolling this area, despite what is written on their website 'you said, we did'.

In terms of the Craft Ale Bar licence application, I and numerous other residents have been subjected to abuse from the youths who hang around on the red steps, only Thursday of last week, there were a gang who kicked a football over the wall and then climbed onto the flat roof, which you can see on the photographs and then promptly hurled profanity and abuse towards my neighbour who was in her garden, this is completely unacceptable. There was also an instance where a golf ball was thrown over, can you imagine what would have happened if this had hit anyone on the head - heaven help them if it had hit one of my children!!!

I have also had youths climb onto the flat roof and have had eggs thrown at my living room windows, this was reported to the Police, and to date I have had no contact with anyone, and still the youths hang around there!

I am aware that Nigel (the licensee of The Studio) knows about a drug issue on the red steps, even by his own admission he and staff have to clean up the steps most mornings as they find little empty packets of what looks like white powder that have been left and litter the area, again, how long will it be before someone accidentally picks one of these up and something serious happens - again Nantwich Town Council and CEC have a responsibility here, and nothing appears to be being done - Nantwich clearly has a drug issue and a youth drinking issue, therefore my objection will hopefully reach both the local police (although I believe they already know about these, but as yet we as residents do not see any action), I also hope that my objection will be seen by Councillors for Nantwich Town Council as I think that we all have a responsibility to keep Nantwich safe and clean and we should all take more pride in our Town, instead of just granting more and more alcohol licences.

My representation objection to Craft Ale is furthermore compounded with my query as to where patrons of Craft Ale (and indeed The Studio in its current form) will go to smoke - again I refer to the attached photographs (Ref: image 4 and 5), I fear that cigarette butts will be tossed over the wall, or even just dumped on the red steps.

My additional concern is that whilst the application for licence says that the doors and windows will remain closed during Craft Ale operating times, there is absolutely no way that this will be upheld, and we as the residents who will only be a brick wall behind this in our gardens, will be subjected to patrons standing outside, drinking, smoking and generally hanging around, despite the licencing officer saying that most people will only be going to Craft Ale to buy and then moving on, I refute this by saying that people will buy a drink and some will want to stay to drink it. Therefore chairs and tables will suddenly appear on the red steps and again we the local residents will be disturbed by the noise, music, drinking, swearing etc etc ...

We are already being closed in, the Studio is behind us, AND we have the Wickstead at the front of us. Between these 2 establishments, there are already unreasonable disturbances on Tuesday nights (until 3am) from the Studio (and yes there is sound leakage from the DJ, and yes there is noise, shouting etc as people are coming in and out and after closing time - some of us are up for work early and have to put up with this noise EVERY Tuesday/ Wednesday morning, then on Friday and Saturday nights for both the Wickstead and the Studio, and if this licence goes ahead this will increase to 7 nights a week until 22:00/ 22:30 ... how many more drinking places need to be opened, until Nantwich is just left as a drinking town ... Eventually the Town Council,

and Cheshire East Council will open their eyes and find that they have created a ghost town only used by drinkers and drug users, for which I hope you will all be proud. Instead of appeasing these groups, why not make a stand now and start to take responsibility for the community, and society as a whole.

In short, my objections against the Craft Ale Bar licence are related to:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
 - the prevention of public nuisance.
- and,
- the protection of children from harm (not only the youths who may be involved in the drinking and drug taking, but I also have 2 children (aged 8 and 14) and quite frankly, by living where I do I now greatly fear for their safety being surrounded by such premises.

Finally in summary, having copied this email to Nantwich Town Council, I wish to add that the website states:

'A beautiful town, adorned with boutiques, antiques, cafes, pubs and restaurants and steeped in history' If these alcohol licences continue to be granted, and the existing licences are not managed, as some currently are not, then this statement becomes null and void - the Council must step in and see what is happening around them. You only have to look around outside Swine Market/ Oat Market on a Wednesday morning to see how our 'beautiful town' has been left after a night of drink fuelled revellers. It is a disgrace.

I wish to have a receipt correspondence that my Representation has been received and I also wish for a regular update in these matters. At this stage, I do not want my contact details to be passed onto ANYONE else unless I am contacted prior.

Yours sincerely

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