

ELSON, Steve

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 10-Aug-2018 11:39
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Complaint/ Rejection of variation to a Premises Licence including Annex 3 Wilbraham Arms, 58 Welsh Row, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5EJ

Importance: High



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N.B. PLEASE KEEP MY NAME AND ADDRESS CONFIDENTIAL

Dear sirs

I am writing with respect to the recent application made by the licensees of the Wilbraham Arms pub on Welsh Row, Nantwich to extend live and recorded music/entertainment until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Equally I write with respect to their application to remove the existing restriction on outdoors drinking past the existing restriction put in place by Environmental health.

I am not happy to support either of these proposed changes to the licence/applications (and annex 3 section) and wish to strongly reject and complain against them for several reasons including a) increased and excessive noise pollution b)anti-social behaviour, drunkenness, disorder and as a result c) public nuisance from light and litter and again noise pollution and potential crime.

This is a largely residential section of the protected 'conservation area' of Welsh Row, with the entertainment section (nightclubs, late night bars and eateries being at the Waterlode area of the street closest to town). Apart from a fish and chip shop and a very quiet local pub.

By changing the licence, the dynamic of this very neighbourly and peaceful residential area of this road will change substantially, undoubtedly meaning many of its residents - predominantly retired/elderly and young families, will not only be distressed and disturbed, but may wish to sell up and leave the area. We believe this will negatively affect the ability to sell property here and attract new residents too and also affect the look and feel and

overall preservation of the historic Welsh Row, one of the oldest streets in the country and in Cheshire itself.

The prevention of public nuisance

1. The pub is flanked all around by all residential properties so the extra and late night 'noise pollution' will be too disruptive and distressing. It will be very significant from both the late night music extension at weekends and the people outdoors at any time of the pub's opening hours. This will cause serious sleep deprivation and disturbance as has been proven by a recent episode referenced anecdotally below.
2. The music level will not be monitored and most likely be turned up past what is acceptable so outside drinkers can hear it. In turn the lights from the karaoke systems in the front of the pub and the live music will create 'light pollution' into the residential properties surrounding it, beyond what is currently in place and what I believe to be reasonably acceptable. Especially seasonally (Christmas, New year, public holidays) and in the summer months and during festival times.
3. Litter pollution will increase too. This is a protected conservation area and people choose to live on this historic street as a result of this, especially this section of the historic road. The pub is within 200 metres of several Grade I and II listed properties which need to be protected and do not need extra cigarette buds and litter/glasses left intentionally or as a by product of outdoor drinking across the streets and on their door steps. I believe the council has a responsibility to protect one of the oldest streets in the county and help to ensure this isn't encouraged.

The prevention of crime and disorder and public safety

1. I am very concerned that outdoor drinking at anytime throughout the week could seriously risk an substantial increase in drunken or disorderly behaviour outside all the local residents houses and lead to the drinkers spreading along the street in front of people's properties, which can naturally occur. with outdoor drinking This is likely to create anti-social behaviour and that may more easily happen outside residential properties (smoking, fights, personal conduct) and challenge to that by residents potentially affect their public safety, especially with longer lengths of time drinking outdoors at any time throughout the week without any set limit.
2. The existing 9pm limitation is reasonable and should not be lifted for these reasons.

Personally, I purchased my property on the street, knowing the whole street was a mixture of commercial and residential properties and supporting them thriving. However, also knowing that the local pub [REDACTED] wasn't a 'nightclub' or late night music venue or even a suitable venue for that.

We want the pub/business to survive and is supported by local residents, but believe that they should be working in harmony with the local residents, and respecting the rights of them to live in safety, peace and quiet, within the existing reasonable boundaries.

The proposed licence changes, especially Annex 3 would threaten and substantially change the environment we live in here.

I have recently personally experienced the affect of the noise and light pollution from the Wilbraham Arms on my family. I have a very young family. I have recently witnessed the distress the loud music from that pub caused my toddler when the level of music exceeded what was acceptable and turned my house into something similar to a nightclub/bar. I could not get my 2 year old to settle until after midnight on the 3 nights this happened and we suffered greatly as a result of the noise disturbing us generally and our sleep. It is very concerning that this could regularly occur with the licence changes. This could affect my family and my young children psychologically.

Although I have no direct proof of the circumstances behind it, I anecdotally understand many residents confronted the pub during those days and asked for the music to be turned down, not off (I myself tried to get in touch, but nobody answered my calls). They refused and the pub was hardly occupied. We understand (again anecdotally) since that the licensees had been away on holiday and the pub management was covered by others who didn't realise and thus not common practice. This has caused a lot of resentment and distress to local residents and an atmosphere of ill feeling and has proven the impact of the affects of some of the proposed changes above.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Licensing Committee,

I am writing to object to the change of hours that has been proposed by the Wilbraham Arms on Welsh Row in Nantwich. There has been an increased level of loud music, and large gatherings of drinkers on the street, steadily increasing over the past 5 or 6 months and regularly extending past the current licensed hour of 11 pm. I understand that the licensing and noise officers have been to visit the pub on at least two occasions, in response to complaints about the level of noise. The landlords have responded with promises of keeping the level of noise down and a willingness to work with neighbours. Two weeks following their promise (on the 14th of July), the noise level was louder than ever and at 11:15 pm, a 'conga dance' of pub patrons wound out of the pub, down the street, and then back up and into the pub again. At least 50 people were gathered in the street, holding glass glasses, children racing through the crowds and a little girl lying in Red Lion Lane – all seemingly ignored by adults. I am objecting to this variance on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance and public safety.

Additionally, I do not believe that the variation posting was clear to passing neighbours and interested parties that the landlord has asked for a variation to hours. The notice was a different shade of blue than the normal pale blue notices and encased in a cloudy menu display cabinet that made it difficult to read.

The Wilbraham Arms is surrounded on all sides by residents – young, and more established families, older people and a block of flats of sheltered housing – all at close quarters. The pub's location in the midst of residential housing means that its entertainment creates a public nuisance to a large number of residents. I wonder if, when new landlords come to view the premises with a view towards managing it, they think that because of the proximity of the Wilbraham Arms to other clubs in Nantwich, that they too will be able to offer loud entertainment. The difference is, that the town centre late-night pubs and clubs are surrounded by shops, and therefore do not provide a disturbance to neighbours in the evening and on Sunday afternoons.

In the past, noise ordinance officers have suggested that the loud music could be mitigated by closing the windows in the pub – but how realistic is this? It has not worked in practice. The date of construction of the pub and the surrounding houses means that windows are single glazed and walls are not insulated against sound.

The landlords have not established a level of trust in the neighbourhood because they have been playing music beyond the licensed hour of 11 pm and the volume of music is played at unacceptable levels (at all hours), even after being repeatedly warned by license/noise ordinance officers. The pub features a live singing act on Sunday afternoons that plays at deafening levels and during school exams week in June, loud music containing vulgar language was being played at 10:30 pm on a Tuesday night. The landlords do not indicate that they have good control over the pub as there is no attempt to minimise loud gatherings in the street (smoking and drinking outside the pub until closing time), nor asking patrons to please recognise that neighbours are attempting to enjoy the quiet of their own homes.

The level of music that is currently being played in the pub is so loud that I am not able to sleep, read, talk on the telephone, or relax in my own home. I am not able to invite my family to visit because they would not be able to sleep in my guest room.

Over the years, landlords at the Wilbraham Arms have attempted to extend the hours, and repeatedly, it has been found that the later hours simply do not work for this residential section of Welsh Row.

The license committee has previously accepted that there are good reasons to restrict the permitted activity and opening hours of a pub surrounded by houses. I see no compelling arguments for a variance at this time and consequently I ask the committee to maintain the current restrictions.

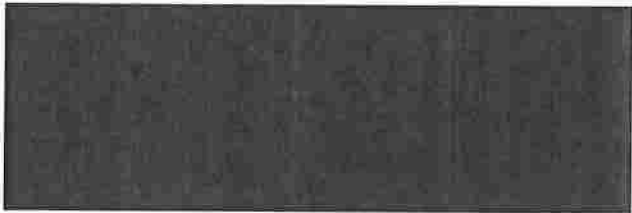
I respectfully ask you to please respect my privacy and not share my identity.



ELSON, Steve

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 08-Aug-2018 08:50
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: Wilbrahams Arms, Nantwich


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Dear Sirs

Wilbrahams Arms, Welsh Row, Nantwich.

We write in objection to an application to vary existing conditions on the license for the above premises.

 the premises in question, in what is otherwise an exclusively residential area. While it is good that a thriving business should be operating at the Wilbrahams, so that the building (which is listed) is maintained in good order, however, the licensees have failed to operate within their existing permissions and caused considerable nuisance with noise emanating from the premises. The existing curfew for music is not respected, running on for up to 30 minutes beyond the permitted time, and noise levels can make sleeping difficult. Despite complaints these matters have got worse latterly with doors and windows thrown open, so that high intensity bass sound reverberates down Welsh Row.

To add insult to injury the present application seeks to extend the permitted hours for music. In addition restrictions on outside drinking are sought to be overturned, drinkers already congregate to smoke in front of the pub, leering and making unpleasant innuendo laden comments to passers by, if drinking were to be permitted in front of the pub instead of in the back yard this situation would undoubtedly worsen. Older people and children should be protected from being abused by drinkers outside the premises. Drinking should largely be contained within the premises.

We ask that no relaxation of existing licensing conditions is allowed and that strict enforcement of the existing time limits are monitored. Our objections are on the grounds of public nuisance and the prevention of disorder arising from drunkenness and antisocial behaviour in the light of the failure of the licensees to respect or adhere to existing conditions.

Please maintain our confidentiality in objecting to the application and redact our address from this email if it were to be shared with the applicant.

Yours faithfully



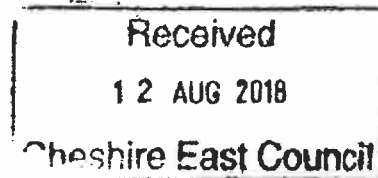
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Licensing Department

We would like to bring to your attention our concerns about the Wilbraham Arms pub on Welsh Row. Since the new landlord(s) have taken over, noise levels in the street after 9 o'clock outside and midnight inside have increased enormously. Outside our house and towards the pub the levels of litter, broken glass, destroyed rubbish bags and bins plus plants by our front door pulled out of pots are now of great concern. We have heard an application to the Licensing Department is in existence for an extension to the times originally agreed when the pub was taken over. We will strongly protest offering our support to all the Welsh Row residents affected by what is happening to make their lives miserable.

I would appreciate confidentiality at this stage.

PTD



12th August, 2018

Re : Application to vary the licence of the WILBRAHAM ARMS 58 Welsh Row,
Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5EJ

I would be obliged if my name and address could be withheld.

I wish to object to the above variation on the grounds of public nuisance from the excessive noise created by the premises both from within and without by patrons frequenting the back yard and the prevention of crime and disorder from the often disorderly hordes spilling into the street at all hours at the front.

Contrary to the belief of the current licensee, neighbours are not inclined to complain at the drop of a hat. Evidence of this comes from the fact that I have lived at my property for over 20 years during which time (and through the tenancy of several landlords) I have only sought to complain about noise levels *twice*; including that of the current licensee. The pub is just *that* - a public house but the current noise levels emanating from the premises both from patrons and the loud music, make it more into a nightclub - which indeed the new variation application would effectively turn it into.

The licensing committee I believe, has recognised on three separate occasions that late hours and loud music for this pub are not conducive to its locale, being as it is, in the centre of a residential community. Nothing has changed since the interim of these judgements. It should also be recognised that there is plenty of choice regarding late night music and late-night hours available in the centre Nantwich, rightly away from concentrated residential properties and in a contained area which is easier to police.

There are late night establishments towards the top of Welsh Row but these do not adjoin properties and are well supervised and contained with, to the best of my knowledge, no outside drinking allowed. Similarly, these have door personnel to ensure orderly conduct at all times. Crucially, I suspect (but the licensing committee will obviously know better), there are no complaints that I am aware of towards these establishments. Again, this is due to their conduct but also the fact that they are not in the midst of a residential area. For the avoidance of doubt, these establishments do not adjoin any residential properties. The Wilbraham Arms on the other hand, is not even a detached building but is literally adjoined to a private resident's home.

Allowing even later music will attract late night revellers further down from the centre of town into the residential community with all the associated and undeniable noise pollution in addition to the detritus and policing problems this will pose to the already stretched authorities.

The current licensees have stated in written communication that the clientele are in the age group of 40-60. Not only is this incorrect but demonstrates naivety that older people, especially when intoxicated, are somehow quiet as a result.

The current licence holders have again claimed in written communication that they comply to the current licence terms "to the letter". This is simply untrue. As a result of persistent breaches e.g. constant drinking outdoors at the rear of the property after 9pm, they have been visited by the licensing authority and environmental health. To ensure verification and avoid any counter claims, a copious amount of photographic and video evidence has been taken by myself of these breaches and also of the noise levels which unequivocally prove (timings from independent sources taken) that they have constantly been in breach of their terms. This has been submitted to licensing for examination under separate cover.

Further breaches include later than allowed music being played, open vessels out of the front of the property, the rear door (Annex 2 point 4) regularly being propped open and windows constantly open (Annex 1 point 1).

This latter point might be understandable given the recent hot weather but one must also consider the fact that during this time, the music has been so loud that I have not been able to enjoy the same luxury in my *own* property nor more importantly have my children been able to sleep. Indeed, they have often had to be relocated downstairs in order to try and get some respite from the late night noise.

The rear of the property is particularly noisy, even during the day. For the committee's benefit, it is important to note that the rear drinking area is referred to as a "garden" by the licence holders. Whilst this may be acceptable for marketing, the reality is it is in fact a concrete yard originally designed as (and still used!) as a car park rather than a drinking area. The yard has recently seen a considerable influx of beer tables with the addition of some hanging plant pots. Replacing the 9pm restriction would be to reverse a long established determination by the licensing committee that its location is not suitable for outside drinking any later than this due to its immediate proximity to neighbourhood properties. This latter point and the noise pollution this area produces is further evidenced by the licensing authority themselves since in Annex 2 point 2 of the licence it says "Refuse such as bottles shall be disposed of from the premises at a time when it is not likely to cause a disturbance to residents in the vicinity of the premise"

The disposal of bottles not being permitted due to the noise pollution it can cause for neighbours proves the close proximity of the pub. Needless to say, patrons drinking at the back causes even worse noise pollution. Moreover, the nature of conversations, clearly audible, is often of a very unsavoury nature with coarse language. Two such conversations have been recorded on video - a discussion of a crude sexual nature and one regarding the use of violence. None of these is suitable to be heard in public but especially not by children, including for that matter, my own.

Such is the reason that the pub has been served two abatement notices by environmental health in the past (to previous licensees) and demonstrates again that the rear yard is loud and should not be open later than 9pm.

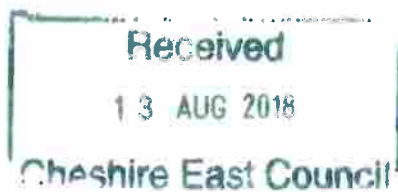
Regardless of the noise levels, current evidence shows that the licensees do not observe the current licence terms and it is hardly likely therefore that this flagrant disregard will change if the variation were awarded.

As stated at the start of this objection, no-one is saying the pub should not operate, just that it should do so within the already generous terms it enjoys and in the capacity of a public house not what in effect would be a night-club. The licensing committee has already established this fact in the past and nothing has changed in the interim years, the pub's location still sits in the middle of a residential area and there is plenty of choice for patrons to enjoy late night drinking and music in a more appropriate locale - the centre of town.

I recognise that the committee's job is a difficult one in trying to balance the well-being, needs and rights of members of the public to live in peace with that of a commercial concern. Extended entertainment hours and the replacement of the 9pm restriction would only serve to favour one party and respectfully, for the reasons stated in this communique, would be detrimental to the already blighted neighbours including my children.

I hope and entrust that the committee will reject this variation therefore and continue with what it has already established as a very generous.





11 August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my objection to the application by the Wibraham Arms for a variation of the premises licence to have live music and recorded music in the pub on Fridays and Saturdays from 10am until midnight.

I also object to the additional variation request to allow drinking outside at any time on any day of the week. In fact I know that the present restriction that drinking should not take place outside after 9.00pm is regularly breached by the landlord. I live in one of 4 three storey houses overlooking the outside space of the Wilbraham and I have therefore been able to witness personally customers sitting on the outside chairs drinking after 9.00pm, often well after that time.

The outside lights are on 24 hours a day and the security at the back is on and off all night. The noise from the outside 'bar' is amplified and I can hear loud talking, laughing and music all evening. Particularly in the recent warm weather, the outside Windows and back doors are opened up and the noise inevitably is disturbing to the nearby residents

Unlike other pubs along Welsh Row, the Wilbraham is sited adjacent to residential properties and our privacy should be respected. It is not appropriate for the neighbouring houses, where both the elderly and very young children live, to be subjected day and night to constant noise and light pollution. There are times when customers are obviously drunk, disorderly and rowdy with shouting and loud music. As residents we have come to dread the warm evenings as it means we can't open our bedroom windows without being subjected to the noise from the pub.

I hope that you will take on board my comments and ensure that the proposed variance is not approved. Also the current restriction is adhered to so that the residents can start to enjoy more peaceful nights. I appreciate your time in reading this letter and trust that you will take my comments seriously.

Yours faithfully



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Cheshire East Council
Licensing Section
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

Wilbraham Arms Welsh Row Nantwich CW5 5EJ

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object most strongly to Wilbraham Arms seeking **Variation To A Premises License : Act2003 to provide** to remove condition 1 at Annex 3 of the license And replace with a new condition. Namely;

The provision of Live Music Friday and Saturday 10;-00 – 00;00

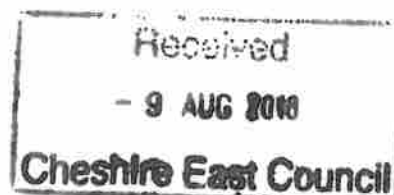
The provision of Recorded Music Friday and Saturday 10;00 – 00;00

As I and my wife live in a [REDACTED] Wilbraham Arms our objection is we will be subjected to loud music live or recorded up to midnight on Friday and Saturday nights especially in Summer when the Wilbraham Arms will no doubt have their windows fully open as that has already happened a number of times recently. Beatty Court where we live have retirees living here whose ages range from 60 to over 90 years of age should not be subjected to loud music as late as midnight.

It will also mean more noise as some of their customers make their way home after midnight on Friday and Saturday nights home along Red Lion Lane to Kingsley Village

My Wife and I strongly urge to refuse this application on the grounds of unacceptable noise and nuisance.

Yours faithfully,





7th August 2018.

Objection to:

Variation to Premises License Provision of Live Music
Fri/Sat 10pm - 2.00am

Wilbraham Arms, 58 Welsh Row, CW5 5ET

Reason for objection: Public Nuisance.

We live on the [redacted], [redacted]
[redacted] the car park at the rear of the
Wilbraham Arms. The distance involved is 5mtrs appx.
There are no large buildings or trees between our flat
and their car park which they have recently converted
into an external bar with picnic tables & umbrellas. This
facility is very popular with smokers & families with
children so the noise level is high.

We are an elderly couple and find the existing permission
disturbing, we have to close our windows which in this
hot weather makes the flat unbearable. To extend the
current license would make our weekends intolerable.



KNIGHT, Jennifer

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 07-Aug-2018 10:57
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Objection to Variation to Premises License

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Sent: 07-Aug-2018 10:56
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Objection to Variation to Premises License

WILFRANHAM ARMS

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

We are writing to object to the provision of Live Music at the above establishment, on the grounds that the noise is a Public nuisance.

We live in [REDACTED] There are no buildings or large trees between us to absorb the noise. When the Live Music, or any music, is being played we have to shut our windows.

[REDACTED] In retire ment we should not have to put up with Invasive noise. We already have to put up with the noise from the Outside bar that has been erected in the car park. This constitutes Picnic Tables and Umbrellas. This is open all afternoon and evening and the noise , Singing ,shouting laughing etc is a real nuisance. Again we have no protection.

The current provision allows live music until 11pm, on Fridays and Saturdays This already constitutes a Nuisance and to extend the License to 0.0 will make the situation almost intolerable.

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30 July 2018

Cheshire East Council

Licensing Section

Municipal Buildings

Earle Street

CREWE CW1 2BJ

Dear Sirs

Re: VARIATION TO LICENSING ACT 2003

With reference to the above applied for by Wilbraham Arms, Welsh Row, Nantwich I would like to make an objection to this on the grounds of excessive noise late at night. There are already several premises on Welsh Row providing live music and whilst it is commendable that the Wilbraham Arms want to have a stake in this type of entertainment I feel they should also consider the residents in the area. Additionally the Wilbraham Arms have a large open air patio at the rear of the premises and with doors and windows open this area could also accommodate customers for these events.

There would presumably be additional traffic using Red Lion Lane causing not only noise but as on most weekends at the moment, litter and vomit making this pathway very unpleasant for residents in the surrounding area to use. However I appreciate that this problem is not only confined to Wilbraham Arms.

Therefore on these grounds I object to the extension of the License.

Yours faithfully



LCPCEMCO
Received
- 5 AUG 2018
Council



To Whom it May Concern

Application For Variation to a
Licence at Wilbrahams Arms
58, Welsh Row, Nantwich, Cheshire

I am writing to object to
the above Application.

The Wilbrahams is totally
surrounded by residential
houses including ours which
runs parallel to Red Lion Lane
We have been disturbed by

noise from their extended
beer drinking area (the car park)
which is next to Red Lion Lane
all summer.

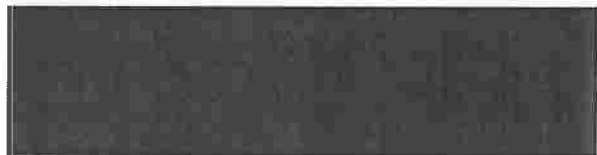
Also we have complained
along with other neighbours
about the very loud music
which can be heard word filtered
in our house. This is at its
worst at the weekend going
on all afternoon / evening until
23.00 or later.

I am aware that the
licen~~se~~nce has posted
comments on social media

regarding their "complaining
neighbours". This does not
endear them to people who
have their private homes there.

Please consider our objections.

Yours Faithfully.

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Received
- 7 AUG 2018
Chester East Co

To Whom It May Concern

We the above wish to object to the application for the Wilbraham Arms to extend the hours of live or recorded music on Fridays & Saturdays.

Our apartment is in a block of 63 solely for people over 60 yrs of age and is less than 10 yards from the Wilbraham Arms. The extension in time would coincide with most of the residents retiring for the night.

We hope you will put peoples wellbeing before the quest for yet another penny profit.

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The Licensing Section,
Municipal Buildings,
Garle Street,
Chesw CW1 2BT

Copy to Councillor

JS 2756 6574 7GB

SD 1pm

Ref. Wilbraham Arms, 58 Welbourn, Nantwich: Application
for a Variation to Premises License.

I strongly object to the application from
Wayne Jones of Wilbraham Arms for the provision of live
and Recorded Music 1000 - 0000 on Friday and Saturday.
I moved to [redacted] about five years ago
in the
search of a quiet life. I am in 'poor' health and
81 years of age so need all the rest, sleep and
quiet that I can get.

I am fearful that the application,
if granted, with its noise and disturbance throughout
a Friday and Saturday until midnight will
be so disruptive to my life that my health
will be rapidly worsened and my death hastened.
[redacted] Jones
onto Red Lion Lane, so is within a very short
distance of Wilbraham Arms.

- 2 AUG 2018

Cheshire East Council

LC FORM 10

Received

30 JUL 2018

Shropshire East Council

26 July '18

Dear Sir or Madam,

I note in the local press, that an application by the Wilbraham Arms in Wilah Road, Nantwich to remove condition 1 at annex 3 of the licence and replace it with a new condition i.e. provision of live music from 10:00pm to midnight on Friday and Saturday evenings.

I am a resident living in close proximity to the premises. I object to the proposed increase in the hours requested by the public house. I would consider the present hours adequate for live and recorded music. Allowing the licensing hours to be increased to midnight would be noisy and disruptive at this time of night to local residents, many of whom are elderly.

Yours faithfully



KNIGHT, Jennifer

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 27-Jul-2018 10:42
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: FW: PREM336

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Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Sent: 27-Jul-2018 10:39
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: PREM336

Sir/Ma'am,

I am trying to find an application for Wilbraham Arms, Welsh Row, Nantwich. I believe that residents may make comment on the application, but while I can find the reference, I cannot find link to the actual document, nor can I find an area where comments can be made.

As a resident, I strongly oppose any changes to the current licence agreement, as this public house has a long history of being the cause of late night disturbances (prior to current licensee) and the music currently played in the public house is audible for quite a distance. I live quite remote on [REDACTED] but I can hear music in my house (with windows closed), and this often disturbs my sleep and the sleep of my young children. I see no good reason why residents should be further disturbed by noise, and likely further drunken behaviour due to additional time to consume alcohol, merely for the profit on the licensees. If changes are accepted by yourselves, it will be further encroachment of a plethora of late night drinking establishments into a residential area- accompanied by the regular anti-social behaviour (shouting, fighting, urinating, vomiting etc.).

When the establishment in question was closed some years ago, there was a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour and associated disturbed nights for residents. Recently, with the addition of music to the establishment (which was not allowed originally) the noise element has increased, and on two occasions I have been confronted (in the morning) by vomit- once on my doorstep and once a metre or two from my door- which I had to clean up! While I cannot apportion direct blame to one establishment, the fact remains that increasing drinking time, will clearly increase the likelihood of over-inebriation and the consequences of this state! I hope that the council will see good sense and recognise the increasing intrusion of 'entertainment' provided on this road, which has a significant resident population. I fail to see why establishments that effectively promote inebriation and are then not held to account for damage and disturbances caused by their 'clients' should be allowed to continue and extend licenses, at the clear inconvenience of tax paying residents. I am eager to know the rationale made by the current license for any change to the licence. Please do send someone to look at the state of Welsh Row after weekend frivolities – as one resident now calls the street, not Welsh Row, but Vomit Alley! I am also eager to see how the licensee intends to protect residents from these changes, as to date, he/she has made no effort to engage with local residents. This is not even an establishment aim at local people- it is one that is seeking to attract clients from already established late night inns, closer to town at the bottom of the street, which is mainly commercial area, with fewer houses. The public house in question is right in the middle of a residential area, and we do not require further intrusion; there are more than sufficient establishments already on Welsh Row to cater for those who wish to drink into the late night and early morning hours. Some of us prefer, and should be afforded the opportunity, to SLEEP through the night without disturbance.

Please can you direct me to the relevant link to make more detail comments and review the application.

KNIGHT, Jennifer

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 30-Jul-2018 08:07
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: Wilbraham Arms, 58 Welsh Row, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5EJ

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Sent: 29-Jul-2018 14:30
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Wilbraham Arms, 58 Welsh Row, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5EJ

Dear Sirs

We wish to request in the strongest possible terms that the licence application be denied.

We have been in dialogue with Margaret Hopley from the Environment Agency for some time now with regards to rude , intimidating , loud and disturbing behaviour.

Please let me know any further information you may require.

Sincerely



VARIATION TO A PREMISES LICENCE: LICENSING ACT 2003


Notice is hereby given that I, Wayne Jones have applied on 16 July 2018 to Cheshire East Council in respect of the premises known as Wilbraham Arms, 58 Welsh Row, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5EJ for a Variation to a Premises Licence to provide the following licensable activities:

- The provision of Live Music Friday and Saturday 10:00 – 00:00
- The provision of Recorded Music Friday and Saturday 10:00 – 00:00
- To remove condition 1 at Annex 3 of the licence and replace with a new condition.

KNIGHT, Jennifer

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 30-Jul-2018 08:09
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: Objection to change of licence

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Sent: 29-Jul-2018 20:25
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Objection to change of licence

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to raise a strong objection to the proposal by the licensee of the Wilbraham Arms, 58 Welsh Row, Nantwich, to have live and recorded music at the pub all day till midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. I fear we have been here before, and I know that the tenants at the pub have been visited by the licensing people more than once.

I'm sure that most of the nearby residents would agree with me.

This pub is completely surrounded, front, rear, and both sides, by residential properties, many of whom are lived in by older people, some in their eighties and nineties, as well as families with young children.

I feel that 11pm is late enough for the kind of loud music that will be played, and there are plenty of pubs and clubs in the non-residential centre of Nantwich, for those who wish to party till 3am. (I know this, because I used to be one of them in the 70s.) There is also the sheltered accommodation for older people at the rear of the pub, who would obviously be disturbed by loud music till midnight.

As we get older, some of us like to be in bed by 11pm, and our peace and quiet to help us sleep is going to be ruined again.

This pub has always been trouble, one way or another, for all the 32 years that I have lived in close proximity to it. We all breathed a sigh of relief when it closed down last year, but the whole sorry saga is starting again.

We shall be very angry, disillusioned and disappointed if their requests are granted. It will be obvious that none of the licensing committee lives in Welsh Row.

Also, I think the curfew of 9pm for drinking outside at the back of the pub was put in place a while ago to protect the residents from unnecessary noise, and they have requested this be changed too.

While the weather has been so hot, it has been necessary to have all the windows open, even at night, and noise from the pub carries in the night air.


I'm not against people enjoying themselves, but if it's at the expense of people who have enjoyed living in Welsh Row for many years, it doesn't seem fair.

I, for one, don't want to imagine I would have to move house to get away from the noise.

It would be great if it was a normal pub, with good food and wine, where people could gather with friends to have a lovely meal, with good conversation, not a place which attracts only the people who want to drink too much, vomit outside our doors on the way out, and generally make a nuisance of themselves.

I beg you not to allow the proposed changes to the licence.

Yours sincerely



KNIGHT, Jennifer

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 03-Aug-2018 08:31
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: [OFFICIAL] FW: Wibraham Arms - Welsh Row

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Sent: 03-Aug-2018 07:33
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Wibraham Arms - Welsh Row

It has come to our intention that the above premises are applying for live music and recorded music extension.

We wish to object to any extension as when music is played the windows are open in the pub and the noise is bad enough as it is. Any extension to the hours would only provide additional nuisance.

Furthermore there are several other music venues within 300 yards so struggling to see why it is necessary for an additional one particularly as the area around the Wilbraham is totally residential.




KNIGHT, Jennifer

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 08-Aug-2018 13:08
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Planning application - Wilbraham Arms, Nantwich

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Sent: 08-Aug-2018 13:06
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Fwd: Planning application - Wilbraham Arms, Nantwich

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> The Licensing Office,
> Cheshire East.
> Earle St.
> Crewe.
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> To whom it may concern,
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> I wish to voice my concern at the application by the Wilbraham Arms to extend their live and recorded music entertainment licence until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights, along with removing the restriction on outdoor drinking time.
> Allowing outdoor drinking until midnight every night will cause considerable nuisance from noise and drunkenness increasing the risk of antisocial behaviour especially as most local residents work and need a reasonable amount of sleep.
> Welsh Row is not only a conservation area, but mainly residential from St. Annes Lane junction to the Malbank school. The loud music , litter, noise, and disturbance from drunken revellers and taxis etc. from the bridge up to that point already has a detrimental impact on those living nearby and it surely cannot be reasonable to extend this problem.
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> Yours faithfully,
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KNIGHT, Jennifer

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 09-Aug-2018 14:07
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Wilbraham Arms, Welsh Row, Nantwich

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Sent: 09-Aug-2018 13:59
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Wilbraham Arms, Welsh Row, Nantwich

We write in relation to the application by the licensees of the Wilbraham Arms:

1. to extend until midnight on Friday and Saturday their permission for live and recorded entertainment
2. to remove the restriction on outdoor drinking, at present limited to 9pm, so that outdoor drinking would be permitted until midnight every day of the week.

We object to both proposals, which are likely to result in a public nuisance from noise of music.

We live at [REDACTED] and can clearly hear the music from the Wilbraham Arms. We do not object to the noise during the present permitted hours, but any extension of the hours would be objectionable.

[REDACTED]

KNIGHT, Jennifer

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 13-Aug-2018 08:09
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Wilbraham Arms Pub: Ojection

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Sent: 12-Aug-2018 16:07
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Wilbraham Arms Pub: Ojection

As a resident of a listed property in Welsh Row I would like to register my objection to the development plans submitted by Wilbraham Arms pub that will result in an increase in late night antisocial behaviour to this highly respected residential conservation area.

Over the past few years we have witnessed a significant increase in anti-social behaviour from the entertainment venues located along Welsh Row, late night noise, drunkenness, lewd behaviour, urinating in public, litter, parking in restricted areas, and criminal vandalism have become the weekend norm.

If the development is permitted to go ahead it will also provide a precedent to other entertainment venues and fast food establishments to extend operating hours and encroach on the restrictions put in place for the very reason of protecting the heritage, conservation and the residents of Welsh Row.

The residents of Welsh Row abide by the rules and restrictions of residing in a conservation area and the responsibilities of being the custodians preserving the heritage for future generations.

Regards



KNIGHT, Jennifer

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 13-Aug-2018 08:12
To: KNIGHT, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Application for variance of license for Wilbraham Arms, Welsh Row, Nantwich

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-----Original Message-----

Sent: 10-Aug-2018 21:02
 To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
 Subject: Application for variance of license for Wilbraham Arms, Welsh Row, Nantwich

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to register my objections to the application by the Wilbraham Arms for a variation of the premises license to have live music and recorded music in the pub on Fridays and Saturdays from 10.00am to midnight.

My objections are as follows:

- the area around the pub is almost exclusively a residential area made up of 3 or more storey houses and flats inhabited by often elderly residents or young families. It is totally inappropriate for the residents to have to put with the current noise and light pollution from the pub. The back outside lights are on 24 hours a day and the back security light goes on and off at all times of the night throwing bright light into the front bedrooms of the 4 town houses in Townwell Court, of which I am a resident.
- the pub already allows drinking outside in the back after 9.00pm which is totally in breach of the current restrictions placed on the landlord.
- at the weekends, in particular, there is often shouting, loud laughter and loud music playing sometimes up to 12 midnight and beyond. This disturbs the local residents especially during warm weather when the back doors and windows are open making it impossible for residents to sleep with their windows open.
- there are many other pubs in the centre of town, away from residential areas, where people can enjoy a drink until the small hours of the morning without disturbing neighbours
- since the new landlords have taken over, the pub is no longer the family orientated pub that it was. It used to welcome young families and their children and the atmosphere was pleasant. Now it is essentially what the landlord has himself advertised as 'a proper pub', meaning for drinkers only as only a very limited food menu is available. Otherwise there is a real danger that the pub will revert to the bad days of constant drunkenness, rowdiness and unsocial behaviour of the past.

In summary I believe that the application should be turned down to prevent further public nuisance and public disorder and the landlord not allowed to resubmit a similar application for at least a number of years. The current restrictions on the license should also be enforced immediately so that the residents can get some peace at night. I trust that you will take into account my comments and that commonsense can prevail.

Thank you for your time

Yours faithfully