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Sent: 30 January 2017 04:21

To: Enquiries

Subject: Premises licence review of the Walmsley Arms, (WA) 26 Queen Street, Great Harwood.

Please direct this email to the licensing committee, reviewing the premises licence of the Walmsley Arms, (WA) 26 Queen Street, Great Harwood.

To whom it may concern,

I'm a resident of Queen Street, Great Harwood and have been since 1986; I'm emailing as I'm currently out of the country and will be until 1st February 2017, I objected to the WA change of hours/music application, on 2nd March 2014 which I first became aware of, after reading page 15 of Saturday 1st March 2014 Lancashire Telegraph, and subsequently the planning application on the Hyndburn borough Council web site. This objection was rejected under the Licensing Act 2003 regulations because it has been submitted outside the permitted period. The time allowed for submitting representations finished on the 3rd February 2014. My objections then were;

1. Music being played outside; no live or recorded music should be played outside at any time, (when music/karaoke was being played at the WA inside during the summer months it could be heard in our back yard).
2. No music should be played after 22:30hrs Sunday to Thursday and 23:59hrs Friday & Saturday and when music is played it shouldn't be heard within 10m of the Walmsley Arms. Suggest Noise level assessments and independent audits at irregular intervals to determine levels/ensure compliance).

Since the WA and other establishments have been allowed to open and sell alcohol and play music until all hours of the night Queen Street has become a corridor for groups of people who move between hostelrys, with drinks, glasses and bottles most are well behaved, the minority aren't, urinating in shop doorways and up the back alley, littering the street with empty glass receptacles, some of which are broken causing a hazard to pedestrians, pets and tyres of cyclist and motorised vehicles, at least five Queen Street shop windows have been broken since June 2016, constant arguments take place at all hours of the night between drunken people and on occasions fights have broken out, last remembrance Sunday my wife and I returned from the Blackburn parade at circa 12:30hrs, to find two, steaming drunk males supporting each other to stop them falling over, (one had a quarter full, fosters larger pint glass, in hand) in our shop doorway. This cannot all be blamed on the WA, that said the issues I have with the WA are;

1. When music is played, it is played too loud, doors are left open, At least once a week I can hear the noise from the WA in my lounge, which is fitted with double glazing, over the sound of my TV, in the past, I've heard live music being played at the WA on a Sunday afternoon while walking my dogs in the memorial park more than half a mile away. I now sleep with ear plugs, which isn't very comfortable.
2. People (some time large groups) are allowed to drink outside the front of the WA on Queen Street, at times glass and cigarette ends litter the pavement until late morning when I assume the WA house keep the area.
3. Many paving stones on the pavement outside the WA are broken and cracked, caused by vehicles parking on, or delivery vehicles or kegs being dropped from delivery vehicles without using the correct fall arrest equipment.

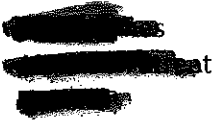
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To summarise, the WA is surrounded by occupied flats and houses, the WA have failed with licencing conditions in more than one area; in as much as;

1. Allowing people to drink outside premises and not policing the people entering or exiting with drink.
2. Not ensuring music is played at levels consistent with time of day, causing noise pollution to surrounding neighbourhood; exaggerated by; -
3. Not closing doors when music is being played or monitoring noise levels effectively.

Thank you for your attention. Please confirm my objection will be registered.

Regards

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