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Katherine Parry

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2017 19:24
To: Katherine Parry
Subject: Re: The Walmsley Arms

I object to the operation of the running of the Walmsley in Great Harwood.

As the area councillor I am still in contact with local residents. This pub problem is a bone of contention for many years to residents and people using the main street in Great Harwood. As I was a member of Pub Watch for quite a good few years, till last November due to work commitments. I am well aware of all the issues surrounding the Walmsley Arms.

I have complaints weekly about the noise the bad language the behaviour of the people leaving this public house. There is drugs and sex constantly taking place in the back alley of the adjoining back alley. The drugs and sex seem to be sold within the pub. I objected to this late license when I was on the licensing committee. It would seem that all the things that I said I know happening. So to summarise. I object to the late license and find it very difficult to see this place run correctly with the present management. This is a residential area even though it's on the main st. Do I residential properties to the back and the sides of the back and a lot of apartments and flats. When you're reviewing this license could you please give some thought to the residents of the adjoining properties. There are several properties up for sale this is directly due to the noise and disarray from this pub. I feel it is not safe to walk about anywhere near this pub after midnight. The management do not seem to bother at all about the residents of Great Harwood. My recommendations will be 11 o'clock license. This seems to work well in one or two pubs in the town.

Your [REDACTED]

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Myself as a local resident have had a running battle with John Yeoman (Licencee) regarding the way the pub is operated for the following reasons:-

Anti Social Behaviour

As is well documented by reports in the local news papers the levels of violence have increased since the pub was granted a 2.30am licence and then a 4.00am licence. The pub has been closed by the Police on more than one occasion due to serve violent incidents inside the pub. Each time there is a violent incident Mr Yeoman fails to surrender the CCTV with the excuse its broken or unavailable so many of the violent incidents go un investigated by the Police due to lack of evidence.

The amount of drugs being taken and sold within the premises can clearly be assessed by the number of drug bags left outside the front of the premises on Queen Street on a Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning. Also the number of people buying and selling drugs on the rear back alley then going back into the venue is increasing at a rapid rate.

Customers regularly perform sexual acts on each other outside the rear back alley after coming from the pub and then return later.

The number of underage drinkers aged 18 and under going in to drink alcohol has increased now Mr Yeoman is employing staff aged under 18 to serve alcohol from the bar.

His current partner Mr Daniel Taylor being one of the underage staff who now work behind the bar without adult supervision.

Noise

The noise that comes from the beer garden is ridiculous and can clearly be heard from Glebe Street after his permitted hours of music outside. The Councils Environmental Health team are fully aware of this and have issued notices regarding the level of noise.

Glasses and Rubbish left on the front of the property

Each night the premise closes, Mr Yeoman's staff never sweep the front of the pub of general rubbish or clear bottles and broken glasses from the pavement. Over the Christmas period the amount of rubbish left outside was dangerous to members of the public passing the premises in the morning.

Lighting Show at Night

Mr Yeoman generally projects a large beam of light into the sky that illuminates all properties at the rear of the premises at weekends. This beam of light along with the lazer show which follows is a public nuisance which keeps local residents awake at night.

All the Gt Harwood council are aware of this and do nothing it's a disgrace.

