

# **Representation made by a responsible Authority in support of an application for the review of an existing Premises Licence**

## **Responsible Authority making representation**

Lancashire Police

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## **Name of Applicant who requested a review of this licence**

Christine Roberts

## **Premises Details**

The Walmesley Arms,

Queen Street,

Great Harwood.

## **Details of your representation in support of the review application**

This supporting representation is brought on behalf of the Chief Constable of Lancashire Constabulary.

The issues are operational practises that would appear to undermine the Prevention of Crime & Disorder licensing objective and as a result the Walmesley Arms is causing us some concerns.

The information provided by the applicant in the application is accepted by the Police even though we are aware that a number of the incidents highlighted were not brought to the attention of the Police at the time but instead brought to the attention of the local Environmental Health.

The main issue for the Police relates to the control and management of the front of the premises particularly at the busy times late at night with examples of this from the past 6 months detailed below.

**09/07/2016 @ 01:30** – Police visit and it was noticed a number of patrons leaving the premises with glasses of what appeared to be alcohol and walking up Queen Street towards other licensed premises.

**13/08/2016 @ 00:57** – LC-20160813-0063 relates to reports of a fight inside and outside the pub.

**11/09/2016 @ 00:55** – Police licensing visit with the premises extremely busy with patrons outside and inside.

**01/10/2016 @ 00:50** – People outside the front of the premises including one male with a glass in his hand.

**02/10/2016 @ 00:35** – Police licensing visit and 15-20 people were outside the premises with 5 of those drinking from glasses.

**02/10/2016 @ 01:35** – LC-20161002-0134 relates to disorder involving bottles being used as weapons with the incident starting in the beer garden and then escalating and ending up continuing outside on Queen Street.

**22/10/2016 @ 01:30** – Police licensing visit with about 10 people out on the front pavement including one drinking out of a glass.

**15/01/2017 @ 02:30** – Police licensing visit with 30 + people drinking outside on the street due to DPS closing beer garden for no apparent reason.

**\*\* UPDATED INCIDENTS OF CONCERN UP TILL 01/03/2017 \*\***

**05/02/2017 @ 03:02** – Reports of 20/30 fighting outside the premises on the main road. CCTV reports something going on. No fighting on police arrival but groups still present. Premises closed early.

**19/02/2017 @ 01:29** - Premises call police to assist in the removal of a male who was refusing to leave. Refusing to go and states he will smash the pub up if they try and remove him.

More details of the above can be provided if required.

The main Police concern is that there appears to be no control or management of patrons at the front of the premises particularly at the weekend after midnight which is resulting in alcohol related anti-social behaviour, on-street drinking and also noise issues all of which undermine the licensing objectives. It's the Police view that this lack of control may be a link to the issues that have been highlighted by applicant in her application and therefore this representation is relevant and should be considered at any hearing.

Submitted for your consideration.

Jason Middleton

Licensing Sergeant

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