

LICENSING

Mrs Julie Ledger
349 Northenden Road
Sale
M33 2PG
AND
Ms Christine McCleave
347 Northenden Road
Sale
M33 2PG

19th February 2019

Re: Variation in Licence for The Carters Arms 367 Northenden Road
Sale M33 2PG

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of myself and my neighbour Christine McCleave to raise an objection to the proposed variation in the licence for the Carters Arms pub.

I have lived at 349 Northenden Road for five years and Christine has lived in her home for almost two years.

I have for the past five years and Christine for the past two years been blighted by the antisocial behaviour both from the front of the pub (on Northenden Road) and at the back of the pub (car park) and we are concerned that if you allow a variation in the licence this will increase.

I will list our points below, all of which have been observed on many occasions.

- People drinking, taking and selling drugs outside at the back of the pub. This behaviour happens daily from late afternoon/early evening and has on many, many occasions continued until well after midnight.
- As the drinking continues so does the accompanying foul and disgusting language, shouting and arguing during the Spring and Summer evenings.
- Music is often been played loudly from cars whilst the owners sit and have drinks at the back of the pub, again this can happen until after midnight/into the early hours
- Cars using the car park as a racing circuit with cars screeching up and down the car park until very late
- Cocaine being 'dealt' in the car park and then openly snorted at the front, side and back of the pub by many individuals who drink in there (even during the day)
- Cannabis dealing in the car park
- Nitrous Oxide cannisters being used in the car park by people drinking in the pub – many canisters have been thrown over my wall/left outside my back gate/behind the garages and along the gable end of my house.

As we both live alone this kind of behaviour has caused us great stress and anxiety even when we are in our own homes. There is also an increased feeling of vulnerability when returning home from work in the evening, when individuals have been drinking excessively and using drugs

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that the pub now stays open until 01.30am on Fridays and Saturdays, previously the pub always shut at 11pm (with the last Landlord)
Why have we not been notified of this?

We are sick and tired of being woken up by people shouting or arguing outside the front and back of our houses when they are leaving the Carters and waiting for taxis, this can be anytime between 01.15 and 02.00, indeed when a car crashed into the Carters during the early hours of 19th January 2019, I saw approximately forty people come out of the front door of the pub at 01.45.

Both Christine and I work some weekends and are experiencing disturbed sleep due to this – this really is not acceptable.

I am a Nurse and may have to recalculate drugs when dealing with patients the next day, as I'm sure you can appreciate a proper nights sleep is essential to my role.

I understand that the Carters has a new Landlord since mid November 2018.

It is very, very early days for a new pub Landlord to get to grips with the drug and antisocial issues that the Carters is notoriously known for. He has yet to experience a Spring/Summer there, with this in mind we would like you to postpone this variation for now, see how this year goes and then perhaps review it again next year?

We would also ask you to reconsider the current Friday/Saturday nights opening hours due to the Carters being located in a residential area and surrounded by houses. It is not in the centre of Sale where one can expect pubs to stay open longer.

Can we please request that our identities are kept confidential with regard to this matter?

Many thanks

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Pauline G Tracey
& Mr Philip King
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M33 2LF

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22 FEB 2019

21st February 2019

Dear Sir / Madam

Variation of Licence PL000012 / Personal Licence No:143170
Carter's Arms, 367 Northenden Road, Sale, Cheshire. M33 2PG

refer to the above application for Variation of Licence to allow customers to consume alcohol in the external areas of the pub, ie. Proposal to amend the current external Conditions in Annex 2 to state:-

"Customers shall not be permitted to consume alcohol in external areas after 22:00"

The existing Licence Condition presently states customers are permitted to consume alcohol until 11:00 hours or dusk, whichever comes first, which we strongly feel should remain in place for the following reasons:-

1. Unsociable behaviour occurring in the external areas of the pub. This is a residential area.
2. Nitrous oxide canisters found in our garden, close to our boundary fence. Thrown from the external area of the pub, as well as people smoking near to our fence.
3. The existing Licence was abused by the previous Landlord for several hours after 9pm or dusk Condition, especially at weekends, people still outside drinking in the early hours.
4. There have been incidences of vehicles entering the pub car park at excessive speed and skidding to a halt, which is unnerving as there is only a wooden fence that divides the boundary between ourselves and the pub. Our concerns have been heightened recently following a crash at the pub when a car attempted to enter the car park and smashed into the side of the pub at 1:45 in the morning.

We have also just learnt and find it shocking that on a Friday and Saturday the Licence for the pub indoors is until 1:30 am, particularly as the pub is surrounded by residential property and not in a town or city. How was this agreed as we never received any notification regarding this change?

We feel the current Licence should stay in place and see how things go over the Spring/Summer as the past has shown there's more activity and unsociable behaviour during this period.

This is a new Landlord with no knowledge, as far as we know, of the past problems.