

Warwick Arms 185 High Street Maldon, CM9 5BU

Andrea Saffill has applied to be the DPS at the above venue. Andrea was the main day to day manager of these premises at a time when the Premises Licence was reviewed in December 2017 following Essex Police application. Essex Police submitted at that hearing that they would recommend a change of DPS from Emily Saffill to Andrea in order that there was a person who had day to day accountability for the control and conduct of the business.

The central issues relating to the review were that there were numerous reports of suspected drug use and supply connected with the premises, supported by the police licensing officer finding children smoking cannabis in an out building contained within the curtilage of 'The Premises' and on a further occasion where he witnessed persons coming out onto the street with pints of lager and snorting cocaine from the back of their hands. At the same time a number of licence breaches were noted. In addition there were numerous complaints of public nuisance by local residents, most of whom who had witnessed incidents of public disorder that were seemingly not being reported to police.

Following the licensing hearing a number of changes and additions were made to the conditions of the Premises Licence as well as amending hours of trading and a suspension of 1 month.

Subsequently an application has been made to the magistrates court appealing those decisions with a hearing set for 2nd July 2018.

Since the review hearing there have been further reports of suspected drug use and supply together with reported incidents of violence and nuisance. The conclusion therefore is that Andrea Suffill – who would have been appointed DPS following the decision of the sub-committee – has been unable to manage the premises and address any concerns that Essex Police had at the time of the review hearing.

Essex Police are therefore of the opinion that the management have failed to address the concerns around failing to prevent crime and disorder, harm to children and public nuisance by the same person who now applies to be DPS at that venue and that this in fact merely an administrative change.

Essex Police therefore formally object to Andrea Saffill being appointed as the DPS of this Premises Licence.