

Licensing Act 2003 - Notice of review of premise licence under section 51(3) of this act for

THE WARWICK ARMS, 185 HIGHT STREET, MALDON, ESSEX CM9 5BU

Dear resident,

Maldon District Council is required to gather representations by the **12th October 2017** from interested parties on the following criteria: prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, prevention of children from harm and public safety licensing. Your submission alongside those by **Essex Police** will be used to inform changes which need to be made to the premise license, to ensure noise and other nuisance which reduces the quality of life for some residents is addressed.

Important information

Under the Licensing Act 2003 the prevention of 'public nuisance' is one of the four licensing objectives that have to be achieved by all licensed premises. Public nuisance includes **noise, general disturbance, litter and antisocial behaviour**. Therefore, residents who have experienced 'nuisance' generated by The Warwick Arms must write to:

The Licensing Section, Maldon District Council, Princes Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 5DL

What nuisance have you experienced - what needs to change?

Noise nuisance: A noise abatement order has been in place since 2013 but does the music, (*amplified and non-amplified, karaoke singing*) frequently played with doors and windows open, create a booming noise from the strong bass beat in your property? Have there been occasions when you have found the music level invasive in your garden area? Loud music can be particularly problematic at night, as low frequency noise (bass) can often be heard some distance from the noise source – has this noise impacted on your ability to settle late at night/to sleep/been audible in a room over the sound of a TV?

General disturbance by use of car-park and access road: Have you found it difficult to park in resident parking bays due to the vehicles of patrons of the Warwick Arms doing so? Have you been disturbed by the noise of car stereos, slamming doors, revving engines, the horn or screeching tyres for example? Has anti-social behaviour/noise nuisance from the congregation of patrons in the car-park and access road affected you late at night or in the early hours?

General disturbance by use of other outside areas: The level of noise which is acceptable will vary depending on the time of the day and the prevailing background noise in the area, so, the use of the smoking shelter could be acceptable at lunchtime and early evening but may not be acceptable late at night when background noise levels tend to be lower and local residents are likely to be asleep – has your sleep or ability to settle in the evening been affected by rowdy, anti-social behaviour and foul language from patrons congregating in the vicinity of the car park, smoking shelter area and pavements outside the premises? Have you felt intimidated by patrons congregating on the pavements outside the premises? Have you encountered or been disturbed by problem or rowdy behaviour when accessing your property? Do you feel safe walking past these premises late at night? Has your property been damaged, littered or used as a urinal by patrons? Shouting or loud voices, are likely to be especially noticeable at night, when noise levels outside are relatively low - how and when does excessive noise of patrons leaving these premises impact on your quality of life? Since smoking has been banned in public spaces, patrons tend to congregate in the car park or on the pavements – do you find littering (dog-ends), taking of drinks to outside areas (broken glass and bottles) and associated rowdy behaviour unacceptable?

Action by 12th October 2017

These nuisances reduce the quality of life for residents and in the spirit of being a **good neighbour**, it is important that you use this opportunity to **share your experiences by writing** to the Licensing Section, Maldon District Council, Princes Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 5DL

Anonymity will, of course, be granted but your name and address must be supplied with your representation, but on a separate piece of paper.