

Appendix B

Objection 1

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the pavement licence application submitted on 3rd September 2021 by Mr Mark Grey.

The application is for there to be 4 tables with chairs on the pavement outside the front of the pub 7 days a week from 10am to 11pm.

Please confirm receipt and acknowledgement of this email and whether it will be published on the Public Access site.

My concerns are as follows:

1. Safety of both patrons of the pub, pedestrians and drivers in vehicles passing.

Pedestrians choose to walk around the patrons of the pub who do not stay within the designated roped off area, many pedestrians have been seen walking in to the road to get around patrons of the pub who fill the pavement and often one or two of them are standing on the roadside chatting to others who are within the roped areas. Trying to navigate a path through a group of young drinking men filling the pavement is awkward and it is easier to walk past them by walking on the road.

This is a main thoroughfare through Cheltenham, the A40. It is a very busy road with fast lorries, trucks, cars and ambulances heading to and from Cheltenham General Hospital nearby. In August this year I saw a collision happen outside the pub with one vehicle rear ending the other. The juxtaposition of a fast 'A' road with inebriated youngsters on the pavement is an accident waiting to happen which could be avoided. Some drivers may be distracted by seeing groups on the pavement. I have several photos and videos of the patrons of the pub not staying within the roped off areas. This is commonplace. When observing vehicles driving past the Suffolk Arms they commonly move in to the middle of the road when they see people drinking and standing on the pavement, presumably in case someone steps out or falls. I believe it is a matter of time before something nasty happens here. I believe it is dangerous to have chairs and tables sited here at all.

2. Public Disorder

There have been numerous incidences of groups of patrons of the pub loitering, arguing or waiting for taxis in front of my house. I have photos and videos of these incidences which I can share with you.

One of my videos shows nine young pub patrons hanging around in front of my house with pints of beer in their hands, they talk and shout and walk to and from the pub seating on the pavement. This is noisy and disrespectful to the residents of Suffolk Road. There are cigarette butts left on the pavement outside my house, discarded masks thrown in my garden and the occasional pint glass thrown over my railings as well. This did not happen when there was no seating/hospitality area on the pavement outside the Suffolk Arms.

There have also been numerous occasions where patrons of the pub choose to urinate in to private property rather than use the pub facilities. I have seen men urinating in the doorway of Daniel Keenan Interiors opposite the pub, as well as over the railings of the adjacent property in Montpellier Villas. This is during the course of the evening and not just when leaving the pub, they go back to the chairs and tables situated outside after relieving themselves. This is disgusting behaviour and I believe that if they were inside the pub they would use the pub facilities.

Currently the licence is for the tables to be removed from outside the pub at 10pm. If the licence is extended to 11pm it is highly likely that the patrons will be more inebriated, noisy and likely to continue to commit public disorder offences or step in front of traffic.

I strongly object to the pavement licence for tables and chairs on the side of the A40.

Objection 2

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:05/09/2021 1:45 AM There are a couple of strong reasons that this pavement licence should not be granted.

Customers and delivery drivers park their vehicles on the double yellow lines outside the front of the pub which leaves a very small gap to get past with the table and chairs there (I have sent in photographic evidence of this)

More worryingly is the road traffic accident which happened there last week ... two cars collided as one pulled out of Montpellier Villa's road which is the junction opposite the pub, this could easily have caused fatalities had the car mounted the pavement in front of the pub and into the tables and chairs.

The road is always busy as it is a main route through town and I feel with tables and chairs there it is an accident waiting to happen.

Sent: 06 September 2021 20:33

To: 'Licensing@cheltenham.gov.uk' <Licensing@cheltenham.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Suffolk Arms pub 21/01353/TCAC

Hello,

I would like to add to my objection to the Suffolk Arms pavement licence with a run down of Sunday 5th October, this has to be seen with the attached photos and short movie clips.

19.04 - patrons are drinking outside of the designated drinking area (see suff1a and suff1b)

19.06 - pedestrians cannot get past drinkers outside the pub (see suff mov 2)

19.24 - getting even noisier now and they are even standing in the road whilst drinking (see suff 3)

20.05 - still there and noisy (see suff 4)

20.55 - one of the Suffolk Arms patrons urinating into railings across the road and returning to the pub (see suff 5 mov)

21.28 – patrons of the Suffolk arms clearly drinking outside of designated area (see suff 6a,suff 6 b, (suff6cmov)

Suff 6c mov and suff 2 mov sent on separate email due to size.

The situation was made worse as it was very warm and we needed to have the windows open, not once did the landlord or any of his staff come out of the pub to police the situation. I saw some cars veer to the middle of the road so as to avoid any patrons teetering on the edge of the kerb.

There was a very good reason that the application Ref No 17/01238/TCA for tables and chairs was rejected in 2017.



Suff1b



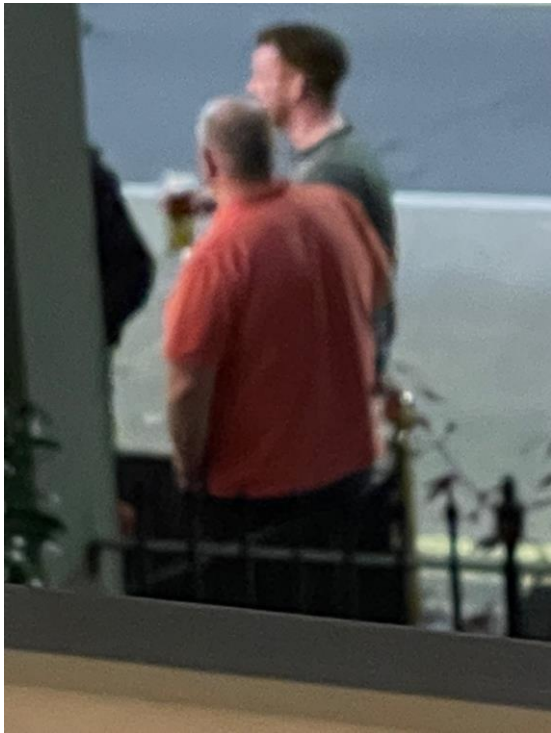
Suff 3



Suff 4



Suff 6a



Suff 6b

