

To the Licensing Manager, NSDC

Please note the following re. the review of the Bramley Apple Licensing hours.

We have lived at XXXXXX Southwell since 2002 and in that time have experienced continuing issues relating to nuisance, noise and anti-social behaviour associated with the Bramley. In recent years this has increased largely due to the late operating of the current hours.

There is no doubt that the current manager is an improvement and is making genuine efforts to improve relations with neighbours.

However, most of the issues on Friday and Saturday nights in particular, are unlikely to be solved, despite his best efforts, whilst drinking is allowed to 1.00 am. This means that drinkers do not need to disperse until 1.30 am. We believe this to be unreasonable in a residential area.

The following problems routinely exist:

- The Bramley operates the latest hours of neighbouring pubs, so is a magnet for late drinkers, many of whom are already noisy and boisterous when they arrive.
- Drinkers esp smokers settle at the tables on the forecourt, so the noise is not contained in the pub.
- Noise can often include offensive language, screaming and shouting
- Cars, including taxis, frequently arrive late at night often sounding horns and idling and revving engines, sometimes up to 2.am.
- It is not unusual for cars to be parked on double yellow lines
- When drinkers eventually leave the pub, they are often slow to disperse, seemingly unaware that it is a residential area and they continue to make excessive noise on Church Street.
- Fights have spilled into our front garden; cars have been interfered with, vomit, drinks and glasses are left in the street and we have also witnessed men urinating in the street and gardens opposite our house.
- On Fridays and Saturdays we sometimes delay going to bed in the certain knowledge that we will be woken up and our nights disturbed.

All of the above take place generally at the later end of the evening.

Interestingly in the past week with the 10.0 curfew, there has been no disturbance at all.

We accept that the pub exists and needs to be a viable business and we know the current landlord is striving to improve the situation.

We firmly believe that a review and subsequent change to the current licensing hours will make it easier for him to improve the reputation of the pub and will certainly be of benefit to all residents.