

I have lived at XXXXXX since 1999, which is only XX doors away from the Bramley Apple pub. This pub has been a constant source of noise and disruption since that time and was the principal reason I installed secondary glazing at the front of my house, due to rowdy late night noise travelling down the street.

If I remember correctly, as a result of numerous residents' representations the Bramley was only granted a 11.00 pm license after the 2005 reform of pub licensing. However, shortly after without the residents knowledge the license was extended to 1.00 am at weekends. Had we been aware, the residents would have certainly strongly objected.

As you aware the Bramley is situated enclosed on 3 sides by residential properties. The noise from the front of the pub resonates down the street and the swearing and rowdy behaviour is clearly audible from my front door. Only a few weeks ago, when I was briefly outside my house painting the front door, I witnessed two incidents. At around 9.00 pm on a Tuesday, I heard someone shouting to another person to "F-off and clear-off and not to say such things in front of his child", and on the following Friday I heard another heating argument lasting around 5 mins involving a lot of shouting and swearing. These incidents occurred in the space of less than an hour it took me to paint my door.

It is a ridiculous situation that a pub in such a location should have been ever granted such a late license. The pub attracts already drunk people for other pubs in town with earlier closing times. The people congregate outside the pub swearing and talking very loudly, disturbing the sleep and rights of local residents to enjoy peace and quiet in their own homes. This noise continues at weekends until after 1.00 am. We hear the people leaving the pub noisily, revving their cars and driving off often at high speed down the road. Taxis pull up outside late at night, leaving their engines and radios running. There is frequent shouting, swearing and fights outside the pub. The front door is left open in warm weather, despite licensing conditions requiring the doors to be always kept closed.

Customer frequently park on the pavement outside the pub and on double yellow lines, often completely blocking the pavement, as below in the photos, causing obstructions to pedestrians and road users.



I enclose below previous correspondence with the council regarding the Bramley.

1.

Sent: 17 September 2018 19:02

To: request@nsdc.info

Subject: Please forward to licensing authority re- complaint Bramley Apple

People are being allowed to congregating on the hard-standing outside the pub after 11.00pm, drinking and making excessive noise. Furthermore, the pub door is being left open.

It is my understanding all customers must be inside by 11.00 pm and the door kept shut at all times. The noise for the residents adjacent to the pub must be intolerable.

For example, we returned home at 11.30 pm last Friday and we could hear the noise carried down the street halfway down Easthorpe. We walked up to the pub and there was a group of young people loudly talking on the hardstanding and the door was open. We have a short video if you want to see this.

Furthermore, the local opinion is the pub is attracting underage drinkers.

I trust you will deal with this and insist the publican brings people in and shuts the door. I will monitor the situation and come back to you if there is no improvement.

Best regards,

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From:

Sent: 07 October 2018 20:38

To: Tony Dennis

Subject: Re: The Bramley Apple Pub

Dear Mr Dennis,

Last night there was a terrible disturbance at 2.30 pm outside the Bramley, with people shouting and swearing, and what sounded like banging, for around 10 mins. This morning we note a window of a Bramley Apple is smashed. As we were awake at this time, we heard cars still leaving the Hearty Goodfellow car park at this time in the early morning.

Please log this as yet another complaint and provide me feedback.

Thanks,

3.

31/01/2020 09:39

Hi Tony,

Further to my previous mail, I took these photos last night at 11.30 pm outside the Bramley Apple. Not only is a car outside on the double yellows, the white car is parked completely across the pavement causing an obstruction for pedestrians.

Best regards,

4. Letter 06/08/2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to make an official complaint regarding the Bramley Apple Public House in Church Street, Southwell. I spoke to your enforcement officer around 4 weeks ago and brought to his attention a number of issues of non-compliance with the conditions attached to the license for this public house. These were principally:

*Failure to prevent noise from live entertainment from being audible from the nearest façade. The reason for this failure being due to the licensee wedging his front doors wide open.
Failure to ensure that drinkers on the front hard standing outside are brought inside by 11:30 pm.*

When I spoke to the enforcement officer he mentioned a number of similar complaints by other residents had also been made along these lines, and he said he would look into the matter. Since our conversation the situation has not improved. For example, on Saturday 4th August, I saw drinkers were sitting outside the public house at midnight, making such much noise that it sounded in the street like a party. They were still there at 1.00 am and as I could hear the disturbance through my double glazing 5 doors away. Speaking to my neighbours, the noise levels on the previous Saturday (I was away) amounted to a "riot". The police were even called at few weeks prior to this, as it sounded like a fight was going on. As you can see this is an ongoing problem for residents that needs urgent addressing. I raised this issue during the original licensing hearing for this public house, and as a consequence a condition was imposed that drinkers should not be allowed on the hard standing after 11.30. This condition is being systemically being flouted. It also seems that the condition that the premises closes at 12.00 is also being violated.

It is my understanding that is your legal responsibility to enforce these licensing conditions and prevent licensed premises causing a public nuisance, as per your licensing policy 7.2c. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could tell me what action was taken following my previous complaint and those of my neighbours, and what actions you intend to make now to ensure that in future this licensee abides to his licensing conditions. My neighbours and I will continue to monitor the situation and trust that action on your part will lead to a reduction in the disturbance caused by this licensed premises.

Finally, Terry Lee, Environmental Services, mentioned we might also request a re-evaluation of the terms of the license for this premises. Therefore, I would be most grateful if you explain the procedure for doing this."

I therefore support reducing the licensing hours to 11.00 pm.