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From:
Sent: 19 October 2020 19:51
To: Licensing
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Subject: Middle Bell 33 Main Street Barton DE13 8AA - LICENCE REVIEW: breach of license condition and public nuisance
Attachments: Rear courtyard and car park.JPG

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Hello,

I wish to submit the following complaint in relation to the Licence Review for The Middle Bell, 33 Main Street, Barton under Needwood, DE13 8AA.

YI, I have previously submitted a complaint to licensing@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk on 18 Aug 2020 and again on 27 Aug 2020.

Our property () overlooks the rear of the Middle Bell. The pub is regularly breaching their licensing condition i.e. 'No open vessels containing any alcohol or other drinks to be taken outside after 23:00hrs'.

The licensee has been totally ignoring this important licensing condition which was put in place to protect neighbouring residents from the detrimental effects of noise nuisance

This is leading to public nuisance with people shouting to each other across the rear courtyard and car park area. Some nights, this noise has lasted until well after 1:00am.

The rear courtyard and car park is surrounded by brick built residential properties. Sound reverberates within this area adding to the noise nuisance - please see attached image

The noise nuisance is often at its worst as groups of (drunken) customers exit the building and gather for a prolonged period in the rear courtyard and car park area (i.e. still on the premises) and eventually disperse onto either Main Street or Bell Lane. There have also been numerous instances of people driving their cars out of the Middle Bell car park with excessive acceleration, tyres spinning on the road surface, sounding their car horn and generally causing as much noise as possible.

The noise nuisance is unacceptable. It disturbs our sleep and has a detrimental effect on our health and wellbeing.

Even with pubs now closing at 22:00hrs we are still experiencing similar noise nuisance - Saturday 17th Oct was a case in point.

Consistent breach of licence condition

I have taken a series short videos to provide evidence of customers frequently drinking outside after 23:00hrs.

Pub staff make no attempt to prevent it.

Please click on the links below

7th August 23:40hrs

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19h2ZaS0N2dLk-G7g5DcJIb-tSvVh4W5h/view?usp=sharing>

13th Aug 23:33hrs

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15th Aug 23:30hrs

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22nd Aug 23:49hrs

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30th Aug 23:20hrs

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Given that the licensee is consistently failing to fulfil the licensing objective - prevention of disorder and public nuisance, I hereby request that:

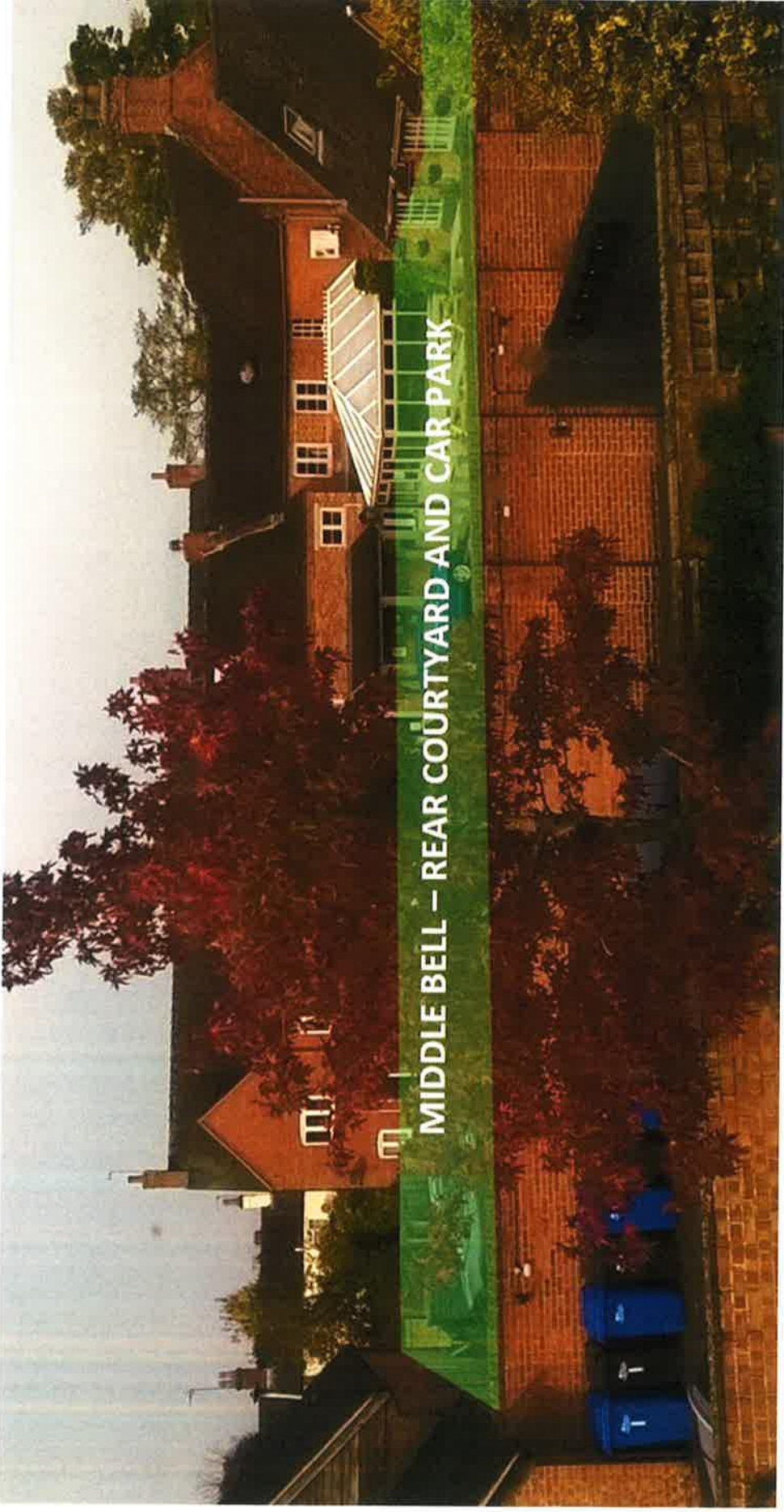
- 1: The licence for the Middle Bell be restricted to opening no later than 12:00midnight which I believe would bring it in line with other pubs in the village.
- 2: ESBC robustly enforce the existing licensing condition 'No open vessels containing any alcohol or other drinks to be taken outside after 23:00hrs'.
- 3: The licensee updates their noise management plan.to proactively ensure that customers respect nearby residents and not cause noise nuisance.

(this should equally apply to customers smoking outside). Signage should be prominently displayed to help staff enforce the policy.

I would welcome the opportunity to attend the Licence Review Meeting.

Can you please acknowledge receipt of this email

kind regards



MIDDLE BELL - REAR COURTYARD AND CAR PARK