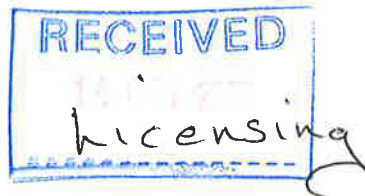


# Barton-under-Needwood Parish Council

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9 October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Middle Bell, Main Street, Barton under Needwood**

My Councillors have asked me to contact you.

Barton Parish Council were delighted when the Middle Bell acquired new landlords, the Comfy Pub Co., as it is a popular and well known location in the heart of our community and had been empty for many months. So we are disappointed to now be writing to you to express our concern about the impact that some of its customers are having on our residents since it reopened, particularly after Lockdown.

The Middle Bell is in a predominantly residential area and we are aware of at least seven late night incidents involving noise and unruly behaviour (both by males and females of various ages) that have happened since early July including one as recently as 3<sup>rd</sup> October despite the 10pm curfew currently in place. We have also had complaints about noise in Collinson Park (a nearby Parish Council recreation area) where young people have been gathering after leaving the Middle Bell, usually after midnight, and making a lot of noise. We are aware that a number of these incidents have been reported to the police by local residents and they have attended.

The Middle Bell is one of eight restaurants/public houses in the Parish and is the only one that we receive regular complaints about. This may be because it is run by people who do not live within the community so have no feeling of social responsibility, that the type of offerings it has such as the bottomless lunches are not suitable for its location and that the

licensing hours it typically is allowed to keep are not appropriate in an area where a taxi will not be easily found.

We understand you will be reviewing the licence on 26<sup>th</sup> October and would ask that you consider very carefully the hours of opening and is the offering appropriate in a village - indeed are the owners and operators of the Middle Bell acting in a socially responsible way.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to Barton under Needwood Parish Council