

William Harris Way

This is ludicrous!!!!

The new licensee is associated to the previous one. This is a well known drug house and it has taken a long time to get this pub to close. They OPENLY sell drugs.

To allow this pub to have a music licence is beyond belief it is in a residential area.

This will actually cause more of a problem with noise nuisance,

It will be a nightmare for local residents.

Please can it be allowed for Toby Carvery or Vintage Inn to purchase this, as a family pub is more what is needed.

If this goes ahead I shall have to contact higher authorities within government.

Sutton Park

This area is primarily residential and because of the geographical location many of these residents are very close to the building. In the past before the pub was closed down we experienced terrible noise pollution from loud music and general people mixing together, both during opening times and leaving the venue after closing. This could be groups on foot and cars both of which show no consideration to local residents.

Sutton Park

This is a residential area and music to mid-night up to 4 nights a week and 3 nights till 1am seems unreasonable on residents.

I understand that the owner is unchanged from when the licence was cancelled; this seems to suggest that granting a licence may mean no lessons have been learned with regard to drugs.

Have the Police got the man power to follow up all the items that have been put in place if the licence is granted? Can the Borough Council guarantee that all the safeguards put in place can be checked for compliance? I strongly object to this licence being granted

Straight Road

I feel this application is very unsuitable for this residential area because of noise levels also rowdy behaviour and concern of damage to properties owing to the fact there are no street lights after 12.00pm

Straight Road

We would like to object to this application for the following reasons:

1. Our ability to peaceful enjoyment of our own property was regularly disrupted by the actions resulting from the previous licence at this venue. We regularly witnessed heavily intoxicated

people leave the pub and cause a public nuisance to local residents by:

- a. Intimidating local residents
- b. Staggering onto our property or the road
- c. Urinating on walls/in gardens
- d. Waking us up by shouting loudly, often using foul and offensive language
- e. Discarding/throwing glasses onto our property

We regularly witnessed cars dangerously entering and exiting the car park at high speed

These experiences stopped as soon as the previous licence was suspended

2. We felt unable to report previous experiences due to concern for our safety based on the intimidating actions of the previous licence holder and staff

3. There is no need to have a late-night venue within a residential area as there are many existing late-night venues within the town centre which benefit from the multi-agency Town Centre Action Plan

4. In December 2021 the previous licence was suspended due to criminal behaviour and granting a licence with the venue opening until 1.00 am is likely to attract the same or similar criminal activity as the area is not regularly policed and does not benefit from the multi-agency Town Centre Action Plan. In turn, this will prevent us from peaceful enjoyment of our own property

5. Those travelling from outside the area may be tempted to drive under the influence of drink/drugs as there is limited public transport available and no public transport after 11.30 pm

6. If a licence was granted for The Leather Bottle to return to a family friendly eating/drinking establishment closing at 11.00 pm (rather than 1.00 am) local residents will be much more likely to use it and support the local economy

Ash Way

I have lived here for several years and this is my home. For the last few years we have had to put up with a lot of anti-social behaviour from The Leather Bottle. Due to the fact

some people park their cars in our Car Park, which is 'Private', we got a lot of late night disturbance. I have confronted a couple of people, making them aware this is 'Private Land' (as per the signage) but they took no notice and continued to park here. Car head lights shone into my bedroom windows and disturbed me during the early hours of the mornings. They threw all their rubbish from their cars out and on two occasions I rang the Council to come and remove items left here as they could not be placed in the rubbish bins. What are we suppose to do when we have to put up with the anti-social behaviour during the early hours of the morning? It is no good ringing the Police. There is no way the 'List of conditions' for the Licence Application will be adhered to! We have had 3 months of 'normal' living. It would be an 'injustice' if this was granted

Straight Road

we will unfortunately be extremely affected if a late-night licence is awarded.

We believe the granting of this licence would be profoundly detrimental to our lives as well as to the other surrounding residents.

As you know this pub has been subject to many issues over the last few years and unfortunately, as one of the nearest neighbours, we have suffered greatly as a result. E.g. extreme noise levels, fighting and violence, drug using, drug dealing, rat infestations, unlicensed use of the chalet area for patrons to drink alcohol, large parties during Covid, people living long term in the chalets, people jumping the fence and running through our back gardens to escape police and many other types of generally antisocial behaviour.

For years we have suffered as a result of the pub and its patrons and allowing a late-night licence would be devastating for all surrounding residents. Whilst we understand that music will be kept within the pub itself, we will still suffer the loud noise levels from the patrons in the smoking area, beer garden and car park which has always been a major issue. To allow this to continue until 12pm in the week and 1am during the weekend would be absolutely unbearable.

The area surrounding this pub is a highly built-up residential area which includes many young children as well as vulnerable persons. Incidentally our son is autistic and can become very upset and agitated by loud noises in the street. Allowing high noise levels to continue until such a late time when many residents are trying to sleep would be very troublesome.

We are also concerned that as the pub is still owned by the same person that the issues will continue, although we do understand the landlady has now left. However, the owner was made aware by one of the neighbours regarding the above issues with the pub but unfortunately, he seemed to turn a blind eye to it.

In addition, we note that a number of the Licence Conditions appear to be completely unenforceable and even relatively small periods of non-compliance such as leaving doors open for even short periods with loud music playing can cause a significant nuisance and disturbance.

We also object to the application on the grounds that the 'Premises' are not clearly defined. To the rear of the Public House there is chalet accommodation which we understand was intended to be used as overnight accommodation in association with the Leather Bottle Public House. The chalet accommodation is therefore ancillary to the Public House but the Licence Conditions make no reference to this accommodation which has been used for various purposes not conducive to a residential area including the consumption of alcohol presumably purchased at the Public House, loud music, parties with a general cacophony of disruptive sound and nuisance at all hours. It is not clear as to whether the owner of the Public House or the Licence Holder will take responsibility for ensuring that the chalet accommodation will be used solely as overnight accommodation and for no other purpose. Historically the accommodation would appear to have been used for social gatherings and for the consumption of alcohol on unlicensed premises as well as allegedly the use and dealing in other substances and other nefarious activities.

Should the Council be minded to grant a licence (which we strongly contest), such licence should not extend beyond 11pm for the reasons stated in this objection

Ash Way

As a local resident I am concerned about noise levels, the continued anti social behavior, patrons of the Leather Bottle pub regularly park in our carpark, even occurred during the period December -January, feeling unsafe in my own private area. Could the pub install cctv in our carpark for monitoring? The internal space of the pub does not support the idea of live events, what is the number of internal persons permitted? I cannot see on application. Music from this pub has been so loud on occasions, both day and night, you can hear in your own home. Is there a control in place for the letting accommodation? I believe the pub remains under the same ownership, what guarantee is given that changes will be made? Ideally a family restaurant and pub is what is needed.

I have previously submitted an objection, but, after reading an article in the Daily Gazette on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 regarding the Leather Bottle licence application I would like to add. If a safe is being installed to store confiscated drugs are the owners/licencee not encouraging and not discouraging the same clientel as previous !!!!

Ash Way

I have lived in my home for over 25 years and the last few years have been horrendous! On a Friday/Saturday night when music was played inside The Leather Bottle I had to turn my TV up due to what I can only describe as a constant deep, dull, thumping sound. With all that has gone on there, we have to put up with so much antisocial behaviour! Shouting, cars screeching, people urinating in our car park, drug dealing and our car park is used as a meeting place where people run across the road and 'deal' in our car park as not to be seen. Cars are left here overnight and they throw all their rubbish (Take-aways, bottles, cans, glasses, cigarette ends, plastic cutlery, sandwiches) all in our car park despite the signs saying 'Private - For Residents Only'! This was stripped of its Alcohol Licence for a reason! It was the 'Heart of a LARGE scale cocaine business'!! Has everyone forgot? How this could even be given the time and consideration is beyond us all.

To want a late night Licence to allow music to be played on the premises until 1.00am (Thurs to Sat) and midnight (Sunday to Wed) is outrageous in this highly residential area. We are the ones having to endure this whilst you sleep! We are the ones that are having to put up with the constant antisocial behaviour once again! Weapons and cocaine, I cannot believe this Application would even be given consideration as it is the same people involved in running it. It is 'outrageous'! The whole community are saying 'surely it won't be granted'! It can't! The comments added to the Gazette article 23rd March:- And pigs might fly. They could have done this before. Odds on it ever being implemented? and will they be banning those who were dealing there? some were regulars. Be interesting to see if the same old faces are back there. If it is implemented I'd say the chances of it remaining after a few weeks are extremely low. Same faces/dealers will be there and it will back to trading as usual in no time. EVERYONE can see it, why can't Colchester Borough Council. If the 'List of Conditions' issued were adhered to then 'yes', but we all know this will not happen. It would be a disservice to the local community if this was granted. Surely it wont!?

Greystones Close

Whilst the leather bottle is historically a pub/restaurant, the applied for use of live music in and out is new and out of keeping with a residential area Also the operating hours applied for are likely to cause a noise problem for the area. car parking is limited and cars are likely to park in the adjacent residential streets which will add to the noise problems specifically at closing times in the early hours of the morning. If the application is approved i would like to see the operating hours to be restricted every day to 2300hrs, and specific music/ entertainment events requiring a one off special licence each time.

Shrub End Road

Previously the late music has provoked rowdy behaviour into the early hours. The back door being propped open or constantly used to access the smoking hut, creates on/off music virtually in our garden. This is unacceptable when I have to get up for work at 5,30am Monday to Friday. The overnight block is also used as a gathering point, this will result in an increase in the noise levels. I will have no hesitation in recording this and reporting to environmental health, even when this occurs just once because the door has been left open. The music set up is in the wrong part of the pub where neighbours are trying to enjoy peace in their homes or in their gardens

Gosbecks Road

Objecting this application due to repeated problems with excessive noise and anti-social behaviour on the property, which has spilled into the residential areas surrounding the property. Current application includes late license on nights during the week which will impact on local residents, especially those with children. Late night opening hours will increase an atmosphere of fear and intimidation for local residents.

Straight Road

The opening hours appear to be extended patrons of the pub previously leaving are very noisy and you can often hear people that are in the car park/beer garden. I believe it would be disruptive to the residents of straight road and shrub end road if the pub is allowed open until 1am, particularly on week nights. I feel this is unreasonable in a residential area. Live music until 1am would also be very disruptive when the football is on at the pub you can hear it from my house and there are many houses in a closer proximity than mine who would experience greater disruption.

Shrub End Road

I and others are anxious that the proposed activities at The Leather Bottle will bring about a repetition of the unacceptable behaviour under the operation of the previous licence. Namely:

- 1) bottles and glasses deliberately smashed and strewn on driveways, pavement and road.
- 2) plastic bottles, with or without liquid remnants and food wrappings, with or without uneaten contents
- 3) damage or interference to property (damaged brick wall, gates lifted out from hinges)

In spite of there being a refuse bin near the bus stop, the above involved residents at least weekly out of concern for both themselves and pedestrians having to clear up to prevent injury or illness.

The pavements are particularly busy with school children

Straight Road

I am writing to object to the Leather Bottle's latest application for the licence.

1. I do not agree that allowing this pub to operate beyond 11pm at night is suitable so close to a residential area with families and elderly people.

2. I note in December 2021 we were subject to criminal behaviour on the premises which resulted in the suspension of the licence by the council as reported here; <https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/19773960.leather-bottle-handed-alcohol-ban-amid-police-investigation/>

I have read the terms of the licence in progress and am puzzled to understand why the council would even consider extending these hours, therefore creating further the notion that it could return to a late(r) night venue and attract criminal activity.

3. Being an out of town venue, it will encourage drivers who may then risk drinking and driving and put members of the public at risk.

4. I have lived on Straight Road for 22 years and have been witness to the revellers leaving the pub at 11pm, walking past houses, urinating on walls, shouting loudly down the street, discarded glasses thrown in our gardens - (ok I accept the pub was here long before me and people like a good time). But to close at 1am some nights, just when the street lights are going out (<https://www.essexhighways.org/roads-and-pavements/street-lighting>) is only going to increase the disorientation and behaviour of these people in absolute darkness.

5. I do not want to live in a world where I fear that going out at 1am to ask people to be quiet, might result in some drug and alcohol fuelled person threatening me or my family.

6. There are plenty of venues in the heart of Colchester town which can serve perfectly well as a late night venue, in keeping with the surrounding areas, where people can disperse without upsetting local residents.

7. If the council were to support the Leather Bottle to return to a family eating/drinking establishment for all people, which closed at 11pm, then the local residents would support and actually use it, rather than feel intimidated by the recent years of unsavoury characters which have frequented the venue.

Please CBC, do the right thing here.

Shrub End Road

I have objection to the late Night Licence being to 1pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and midnight for the rest of the week. Given this is in a large residential area. I think midnight would be acceptable at the weekend (Friday and Saturday) and Sunday + Weekdays should be 11 to 11.30. Also concerned given the previous drugs issues that this is again going to be a bar. I think the local population would be more accepting to a restaurant / coffee bar establishment. There is a lot of concerns given what transpired previously and we would some sort of reassurance that this wouldn't happen again.

Sutton Park Avenue

We have had problems with loud music from this site in the past and can see no reason for it to be allowed beyond normal pub opening hours and for the entire week, we know that in summer windows and doors are opened so the indoor aspect is not going to make any difference. we also feel that the application to sell alcohol outside, although in sealed containers will attract antisocial problems. we cannot see the need for the premises to be open beyond normal pub hours and any permission granted beyond that is bowing to nightclub culture which already stretches our services to the limit. we therefore strongly object to this proposal..

Shrub End Road

I have been made aware the Leather Bottle Public House has applied for a late night licence to allow music to be played on the premises 7 days a week which is totally unacceptable in this primarily residential area.

We have experienced unacceptable and uncontrolled noise disturbances over a number of years and despite making complaints to the authorities no action has ever been taken. The building is totally unsuitable for this type of event and unless substantial improvements are made to the building structure the break-out of noise will continue at unacceptable levels. I personally do not believe adequate controls can be placed on either the licence or the property to alleviate the noise levels I have previously experienced.

Previously doors and windows have been opened during summer months and both the music and alcohol spill out onto the forecourt disturbing sleep patterns with noise levels exceeding WHO levels.

As the Licensing Authority are well aware The Leather Bottle PH do not observe rules and regulations at all and this late night licence should be rejected as being wholly unacceptable in a residential area

Straight Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

My husband and I have just bought the property at Straight Road (we received the keys on yesterday) and as soon as we arrived a neighbour informed us about the possibility of such a licence being granted to the pub near us.

We would just like to mention that we have two small children and we are very concerned about the possibility of having loud music until midnight/1am at the respective pub.

I would like to ask to please consider the worries of the residents nearby so that the area becomes quiet and nice, rather than more noisy than it already is.

Straight Road

I am writing in regards to the license application made by The Leather Bottle, Shrub End Road, Colchester - WK000067834

I would like to note my strong objections to their late night alcohol application.

We live in a neighbouring house to the pub, we share a fence with them which is at the bottom of their beer garden.

We moved into our house last year and it quickly became apparent that the pub is not somewhere we would want to take our young children and would not feel comfortable there ourselves.

At nearly any time of opening hours there would be young (possibly under age) people out the front of the pub in the car park visibly very drunk and the overall perception from our immediate neighbours was that it was common knowledge in the community that the pub was a hub for drug taking and dealing.

Therefore my only interaction with the pub has been on one occasion only, during the summer we had an incident where a man jumped our six foot fence from their garden into ours and let himself out of the back gate, whilst we were at home. I went round to the pub to let the bar staff know what had happened but quite frankly they couldn't have cared less. They didn't even stop serving customers while I spoke to them and they certainly were not interested in finding out why a person in their beer garden would need to jump a fence to get away. I was told "it is not our responsibility what people get up to while they are at the pub".

The pub owners and management have been completely negligent in the way they run the pub and the consequences have been the incident at my home as well as more

serious assaults with weapons and cars driving at people in the car park. They have failed on every aspect of;

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm
- public safety

As they have been shut since they lost their license they have not proved that there has been any changes to their clientele or to their attitude towards the local community.

For some time now the pub has not been a place the community can be proud of and I hope they have to prove that they can run the pub responsibly and effectively before being given permission to run later into the night.

Straight Road

I object because this is a residential area and DO NOT under any circumstances want loud noise going on until midnight or 1 in the morning. The noise will be terrific and this is tantamount to going back to when the army were allowed to drive in convoy down Straight Road at night. This plus the additional people visiting the pub and leaving in their cars in the early hours is totally unacceptable

Shrub End Road

A late night license that involves loud music player will, once again, have a huge impact on my life. As previously, the pub will prop open the doors to let people get to the smoking area and the accommodation area constantly. This results in the loud, late music that may as well be in my lounge and bedroom, which is a stones throw away. These areas promote gatherings (even though accommodation area should be locked, a condition of the access/planning permission) that are huge, noisy, abusive, disruptive and vandalise my wall and garden. The amount of footfall past the properties along shrub end road, very late at night will be of the same - drunken people. I doubt if the area will be free of drugs, given that drug selling is taking place behind the garage – there will be far more, drunken people to sell to, leaving drug packages etc on our drives along with the smashed bottles - causing endless punctures for cars and cycles. I have huge concerns that my grandchildren will not be able to sleep, be subjected to hear abuse behaviour whilst trying to sleep then in the morning being at risk of harm from

broken glass, drug wastage and even condoms that have been thrown over my garden wall.

I did request this before - if the band/DJ were situated at the other side of the pub, next to straight road, then the propping of doors cannot occur. The close neighbours would not be subjected to the large, noisy gathering and booming music into the early hours. I urge you to consider the objections of us local residents who have endured the antics of this nuisance pub for years. The pub has an attraction for rowdy youngsters and will encourage disruptive behaviour by the pure nature of its reputation. My final point is this - the pub is situated in a residential area, not a town centre. It should not be hosting late night music, events that directly affects the lives of its neighbours.

Environmental Protection

The following conditions forwarded by the applicant shall apply:

No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.

Loudspeakers shall not be located in the entrance lobby or outside the premises building.

Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly.

The following additional conditions have been agreed with the applicant on 040322 and shall also apply:

Live and amplified music shall only be played between the hours of 10.00 to 23.00 Monday-Wednesday, 10.00 to 00.00 Thursday-Saturday, 10.00 to 23.00 Sunday.

The garden must not be used by customers after the hours of 23.30.

All windows and external doors must be kept closed other than for access and egress whilst events involving amplified sound are taking place.

Staff shall check prior to entertainment, and periodically during the entertainment, that all windows and external doors are shut.

No live or amplified music to be played in the open air (including temporary structures such as marquees and tents)