

Late licence application by Mrs E Davey-Smith of Amalfi White, 50 Derby Rd, Melbourne, Derbyshire, DE73 8FE

Please accept this letter as my formal objection to the above mentioned licence application on the grounds of Public Nuisance, Protection of Children and Crime and Disorder.

I reside at 44 Derby Road with my Husband and two children and was very concerned to hear of the licence application that has been submitted by Mrs E Davey-Smith of Amalfi White. I was informed of the application by a neighbour.

Living in a conservation area I had to apply to the council when I wanted to change my front door. My neighbours were informed by letter and signs were located on all nearby lampposts. I was disappointed to see that this notice is not clearly advertised and none of the local residents have been informed.

I have had many issues under the current licence which I fear will get considerably worse if the application was to go ahead.

Weddings/Parties etc - There have been many occasions when live music/ discos have caused a severe disturbance to us. The music omitted from the ballroom is extremely loud, loud enough to hear all the words with our windows and doors closed. As reported in the Burton Mail, in August 2013 it was a condition of their licence to have a sound limiter fitted. I believe that if this is the case it is being bypassed somehow as it clearly isn't working. I feel that if music is allowed to carry on until 1am 26 times a year as requested then this will cause an even bigger impact on our quality of sleep especially with children in the house (one being only 20 months). It is bad enough now until 12. Guests leaving these events can be extremely noisy and inconsiderate when they're intoxicated, waiting directly outside for taxi's etc, shouting, laughing and using inappropriate language and on one occasion fighting. On many occasions this has woken myself and my children.

On a couple of occasions we have had to remove vomit from directly outside of our front gate, left by said inconsiderate guests.

The report in the Burton Mail from August 2013 also states "These plans have been welcomed by our conservation officer and over 100 local residents who stop us in the street, email us and actively encourage our project – including residents on Derby Road. I would like to ask which residents were informed of said plans as our row (the closest in proximity to Amalfi White) certainly weren't.

Due to our drafty single glazed windows (unable to replace with double glazing due to the conservation area) I am also concerned about diesel fumes from taxi's minibuses and even coaches collecting guests outside, and cigarette smoke entering our property where my children sleep in the front bedroom.

On several occasions we have noted that staff members are gathering in the alleyway late at night, being very inconsiderate, smoking, laughing and using inappropriate language, so even when parties aren't on in the ballroom I am unable to have the bedroom window to the rear of my property open.

The beer garden supposedly has a curfew of 10pm at present. I know for a fact that this isn't adhered to, on numerous occasions people have still been located outside drinking and shouting after this time, what will happen if the licence is extended to include drinking outside until 11? That I have to listen to this inappropriate level of noise coming from the beer garden until after this time?

Refuse is still being collected at unsociable hours. As early as 5am on occasions waking the whole household, also the burglar alarm has tripped on many occasions, one time it was going off for nearly 30mins at 3am in the morning.

I have personally contacted the Environmental Health Department regarding a lot of these issues but it seems my concerns and those of my neighbours aren't having any affect. I know my neighbour has also contacted 111 on numerous occasions to be told 'there's nothing they can do' and another neighbour has just moved out because of the noise and parking situation.

At present the only break we have from the noise and disruption is on Sunday Evening when no party is being held and a Monday but if the application goes ahead we will never get a break.

The application would appear to sit alongside those of inner-city nightclubs. Not a family establishment located in a residential area.

I don't like to complain unless it is utterly necessary, however I need to make you aware of the impact this establishment is having on mine and my family's health and well being. I work full time alongside being a parent and as I'm sure you could imagine how the current disturbances are affecting my health.

I would like to add that I have total respect for anybody that builds a business, but I would like to ask should their profit margins have such a detrimental effect on all local residents' wellbeing?

Kind Regards

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