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LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

1ST OCTOBER 2024

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (2) – AGENDA ITEM 6, GARDENERS ARMS, 383
LEEDS ROAD, LOFTHOUSE, WAKEFIELD WF3 3QE

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Agenda Item 6

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Entertainment Licensing](#)
Subject: Re: PREM/00515/015 FW: Licensing Act 2003 -Gardeners Arms, 383 Leeds Road Lofthouse Wakefield WF3 3QE
Date: 25 September 2024 13:49:31
Attachments: [September 2024 FOI 2202999-24 Incidents at Gardeners Arms .pdf](#)

Charlotte, thanks for sending through the extra info. I do in fact, have some additional material I'd like to submit but the link doesn't go to anywhere that will accept files?

In case you can't resolve it, here's the additional notes and attachments and links to support my objections. I have also sent these to Councillor Case-Holroyd but received an out of office reply stating that he's on holiday until AFTER the hearing?

Regarding your email - Entertainment Licensing dept. inviting me to add any addition info, now that the hearing agenda has been set. The link doesn't seem to have an option to add info. So, below is the additional information I'd like the hearing to consider.

I also include it here, for your attention.

From your link: [Supplement details on public web site](#)

Environmental Health dept. 04 Appendix D – it registers concerns about previous noise and incidents but goes on to suggest that they will support the application if some measures are 'promised'.

These are:

1. Bottles won't be put into the recycling bins between 7am and 11pm. We CAN hear this but in relation to the other noise, this is most certainly not a problem.
2. The pubs will ensure patrons use the area in a manner which does not cause disturbance to nearby residents...
3. The pub shall supervise activity and remind people leaving the premises to be quiet.

It's a summary, please read it for yourself.

Quite frankly, it's laughable. They already acknowledge previous disturbances under the current opening hours and simply suggest 'asking people to be respectful' has not worked so far. Why do they think that patrons who have been drinking for an extra 1-2 hours will behave any better?

Also, please look at **06 Appendix F Surrounding Premises**. This is supposed to be a list of other businesses to consider that an extension might impact upon. Namely, other places to drink or buy alcohol.

This too, is a joke. The nearest pub is the Halfway House only a quarter mile away and it already has late opening. The businesses that are listed are miles away and one is a farmer's market, only open during the day and not at weekends!!

Is this because nearby pubs would most certainly object to having trade poached? And why isn't it on the list?

Look at **TEN's Evidence, item 6** on the link. This is a list of previous late licenses the pub has (supposedly) applied for. Again, a total work of fiction. They have private parties regularly with live music and I have witnessed at least 10 of these this year alone. And bear in mind that I work away a lot!

Also linked:

A video of a VERY recent live music, that was a disturbance to everyone. This took place on the weekend of the 21st Sept and included late drinkers causing noise in the estate and loud music. Should they have a license application for live music? If so, it's not on the list for this and many, many others.

[REDACTED]

Also attached:

A police incident report requested under the Freedom of Information act which documents the most recent incidents where the police have attended. It doesn't include any neighbour's personal visits to the pub to ask for quiet. I am astounded that your documents don't include this. Surely the police wouldn't support extended hours and even more incidents.

Also attached:

Images of the drugs bags that are littered along the Rothwell Greenaway, [REDACTED] and alongside the pub car park. There are several places in the car park where the land had been trodden down to make a short cut onto the Greenaway and into our estate (as previously mentioned). These photos have been taken by a neighbour who is too afraid to attend the hearing because of recriminations, having been threatened when approaching drug dealers and buyers.

I wish I was attending myself as this seems like a 'done deal' and I'm not hopeful of a refusal on our behalf.

[REDACTED]

From: Entertainment Licensing <Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk>

Date: Tuesday, 24 September 2024 at 12:22

To:

Subject: PREM/00515/015 FW: Licensing Act 2003 -Gardeners Arms, 383 Leeds Road Lofthouse Wakefield WF3 3QE

Good Afternoon

Please find below the link to view the agenda for the upcoming hearing with regards to the above mentioned premises.

[Agenda details on public web site](#)

Kind regards

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Freedom Of Information

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Our ref: [REDACTED]
Date: 25 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information received by West Yorkshire Police on 2 September 2024.

You requested the following information:

[Freedom of Information Request Regarding Incidents at Gardeners Arms, 383 Leeds Road. Lofthouse, WF3 3QE](#)

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to request the following information:

- Details of all incidents, complaints, and police call-outs related to The Gardeners Arms, address as above, from January 2022 to present.

Please see the below table which shows the total reports received between 01/01/2022 – 09/09/2024 for the above stated location, broken down by incident type:

Incident Type	Total Reports Received
Abusive/threatening behaviour	5
Theft from vehicle	1
Driving whilst over the prescribed limit	8
Burglary	2
Drugs	3
Make off without payment	1
Suspicious package/object	1
Found weapon	1
Sexual offence	1
Violence	4

Notes

Information represents the incidents recorded during the period which:

- occurred at the Gardeners Arms, Lofthouse WF3 3QE

Incidents are recorded in accordance with the National Standard for Incident Recording (NSIR) Counting Rules: [National standard for incident recording counting rules - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

There has been a submittance for a variation of the premises to include opening hour extensions to 01.30 am some days and I would also be interested in knowing if the police would have any concerns with this.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, when an authority is considering whether a request is valid under Section 8(1) a request must be (a) in writing; (b) state the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and (c) describe the information requested.

In this case your request complies with Section 1(a) and (b) as the request is in writing and a name and contact details have been provided, however, the body of the narrative is not valid and does not comply with Section 8(1)(c). Your request is asking for the Force's comments on a situation, which does not consist of recorded information.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter.

If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,


Data and Information Sharing Officer.



