

The Licensing Authority  
Leeds City Council Entertainment  
Licensing Section  
Civic Hall  
LS11UR

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Ref The Woodman Public House 281 / 282 Selby Road LS157JS  
and The Craft Union Pub Company Ltd and License Alteration/ Extension

**My Complaint**

My name is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and for about 36 years it has been relatively quiet and pleasant, but over the last 3-4 years since this new management has taken over, it has gone from a quiet local pub to a bad night in Benidorm syndrome to put it mildly with loud music being played with a constant 'boom boom repetition most nights. The car park is now used as an extension to the pub, and is often full of people while the whole character of the pub has changed dramatically, I would have complained earlier but this latest License Extension has prompted me to complain. To put this into perspective I would like to point out when I first moved in there was 3 pubs in Halton.

**The Irwin**

Which was situated at the top of the hill on Selby Road where Liddle supermarket stands and was mainly a traditional 'boozers' pub where lots of idiots and trouble causers hung out, it had regular disturbances and fights and poor reputation, but as it was situated away from any local housing, it didn't cause much distress to locals, it eventually closed down for the above problems mentioned

**The Travellers (situated where Tesco's is now)**

Much the same as the Irwin, again this was away from local housing and mainly catered for younger people, and had the same basic problems as the Irwin with regular disturbance and upsets. Closed down again due to much the same problems

**Finally**

**The Woodman (a good old English Pub)**

This has always been quiet pub, built around 1620, with lots of history, and distinctively different from the other 2 and now its such a shame to see it going the way they went. It was more like an old country pub, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and rarely if ever did we have any trouble

Since Craft Union Pub Company Ltd have taken over, (3-4 years ago) its now an entirely different story, they have brought back all previous bad problems created by the other two Pubs

I was never under any false illusions to what [REDACTED] meant, but in the last few years has been sheer hell, especially after building this so called Beer Garden.

**The Beer Garden**

This consists of building a wood structure built on the car park and up [REDACTED]

I can no longer go to bed early as I did when the pub was quiet, as the pub Car Park is an extension to the pub itself, and often full of people. It is not possible to sleep before 12pm due to loud music, screaming voices and abusive language and behaviour coming from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] regardless of time of day. (it was never like this) Its like the scene from 'The life of Brian' - [REDACTED]

#### Drug Dealers

Over the last 2-3 years, Ive noticed a growing drug delivery service who arrive on motorbikes, park in the side street for a few minutes, deal, then fly off.

#### Car Park

By taking up half the Car Park space with tables, (the Beer Garden) promotes cars and vans to use side street (Woodman Street) [REDACTED] and often park on residents property.

As The Woodman is jammed between residential housing it makes a vital impact and nuisance value to anyone living either side or in close proximity.

I was under no illusions [REDACTED] but for 36 of the 40 years its been acceptable. Now the whole character of the Woodman has dramatically changed from quiet to unruly loud and often violent atmosphere after this new management took over

#### Chairs and Bottles

Over and above the usual loud abusive obscene, language from [REDACTED] (thankfully I don't have children), music played at such a volume that it resonates [REDACTED] till well after 12 at times, often leaves a car park full screaming revellers till late (1am) [REDACTED] shouting and screaming. [REDACTED]

#### Licensing Extension

This is absurd, I learn that The Craft Union Pub Company Ltd Management are now applying for an extension of licence ?, Both The Woodman and [REDACTED] are probably the oldest buildings around and maybe in Leeds, were never built for this type of treatment or behaviour as its so small, so the only way to expand usable space, is to use the Car Park as an overflow- then leave the pub doors wide open and have music blasting away to feed the car park. This Company has no regard for anything what so ever other than profit and are not fit to have a license at all let alone an extension, I feel The 'old' Woodman sadly is going to end up like the previous 2 Pubs by being closed down as its now getting overrun by trouble makers, drug dealers and a management company that can't manage.

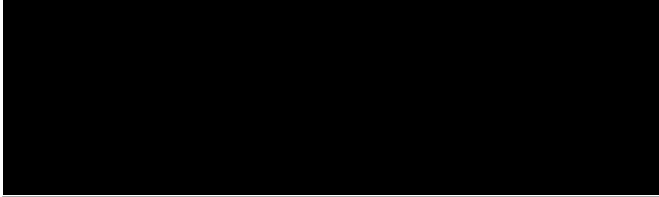
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My final point

The two girls now running the pub, seem to be ok, but don't really seem to be aware of what's happening, or if so, they're unable to handle it.

The Character of a Pub, is defined by the people running it.

I enclose a couple of photos of what its like



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*I have quite a number of photo's in PDF form  
but can't find a way to reduce them and put them in  
WORD FORM.*

*They include quite a few showing the fence  
being knocked down,  
and one of their clients setting fire to the road  
outside - I will try and put these on CD or MEM Stick  
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