

From: Cllr Richard Dunbar <Richard.Dunbar@bradford.gov.uk>

Sent: 20 March 2022 20:30

To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>; Cllr Sue Duffy <Sue.Duffy@bradford.gov.uk>; Cllr Beverley Mullaney <beverley.mullaney@bradford.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Review The Watchmaker

Hi,

I am writing this in relation to the below mentioned application for a review. This is wrote on behalf of myself, Cllr Sue Duffy and Cllr Bev Mullaney.

We fully support The Watchmaker and more widely South Square in the fantastic work they have done in refurbishing this important cultural centre which has been successful in attracting approximately £1 million in funding in recent years.

It is incorrect and false to refer to the space at the back of the centre as a “beer garden” when in fact it is a community space that is used for a variety of events.

The team at South Square have been completely mindful of residents, businesses and the wider community’s thoughts on the changes to the building and have held numerous meetings to get the views of residents and inform them of any changes.

The staff at the Watchmaker are completely mindful of the local community and have a zero tolerance approach on people who may cause issues and as such there have been no issues to our knowledge.

This is a great community space and as local Councillors we have been involved in consultations and attended events here and staff at the watchmaker and South Square have been mindful of everyone and at no point have we have had any concerns about noise.

We full support the Watchmaker and South Square and how they mindfully and compassionately operate their business.

Thanks

Cllr Dunbar, Cllr Duffy & Cllr Mullaney

From: [REDACTED]@icloud.com>

Sent: 29 March 2022 22:20

To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]@icloud.com>

Subject: South Square Centre - Watchmakers License

Good Morning

I am so surprised and disappointed that such a request has been made. It saddens me that we find ourselves in this awkward position. The Watch Makers is a wonderful place that fits into our community so well. It lends its hand to the vibrant culture of Thornton (and it fits extremely well with the City of Culture Bid).

Given the noise levels - I do think it would be reasonable to state that the New Inn, the Conservative Club and the Black Horse who are very near close neighbours with a footfall of 3 to 4 times that of the Watch Makers, contribute to noise pollution.

I am a resident of Thornton (22yrs) and would say that the current tenant is 'Community Considerate', are very 'professional' and open at very reasonable hours.

I am fully supportive of this excellent facility/Bar (even though I don't drink alcohol), it would be a tragedy to see yet another Great British tradition go.

I hope the committee look at the bigger picture. Consider all angles and come to an informed decision..

It's like saying ALL Public Houses in Thornton should be closed.

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████ Commercial Street  
Thornton  
Bradford  
BD13 3LW

From: ██████████@emmausbradford.org.uk>  
Sent: 29 March 2022 19:07  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: South Square Centre - Watchmakers License

Hello

I am writing with respect to the request to withdraw the license for The Watchmakers bar at South Square. I strongly oppose this request. South Square Centre has made an amazing contribution to Thornton and The Watchmakers itself is the sought after location for people who are looking for more genteel and quiet surroundings for a drink, compared to other licensed properties in the village. It is well managed and has an early evening closing time. The availability of the small garden adds to its attraction not just for Thornton residents, but for visitors who bring trade to Bradford. To be frank, I also live close to South Square and have never heard any noise from there - the loudest noise in fact comes from another neighbour's private garden!

I have organised Open Gardens for two years, and this year in addition I am organising Thornton in Bloom. The beautiful renovation of South Square and its garden and the amenities of The Watchmakers and Plenty at the Square are significant attractions and are also locations for our ticket sales to Open Gardens. I do hope that my voice, as a close neighbour, will be considered in this matter.

Best Regards

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■ Lower Kipping Lane

From: ██████████@gmail.com>

Sent: 29 March 2022 17:08

To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>

Subject: The Watchmaker - Review of Licence

To whom it may concern,

I recently saw a local notice stating that there was to be a review of the licence to The Watchmaker bar in South Square, Thornton. As a local resident and occasional patron of the Watchmaker bar I'd like to comment.

The licence holders and managers of The Watchmaker are extremely responsible and experienced landlords and licence holders. They foster an air of friendly engagement and set strong expectations as to the appropriate behaviour expected of patrons. They have very modest opening hours in order to support their work-life balance and ensure the community is not overly burdened. Their approach ensures that bad behaviour is given short shrift and that problem drinkers stay away. Situated within the South Square arts centre means that the bar attracts people who have an affinity with arts and the local community. The clientele therefore are overall far more considerate and pro-social than you will find in nearby pubs such as the New Inn or the Black Horse.

With regards to the complaint of noise I cannot understand how this is considered a valid claim. The bar has limited opening hours at the best of times, and the outside beergarden space to the south of the building has only ever been available to patrons until 7.30pm two or three evenings a week. During the colder months it is hardly used at all. There is far more noise at much more unsocial hours in the local area from the main road and from other local pubs. There is no evidence to suggest this will change or get worse.

I can only conclude that the complaint is false and vexatious. Possibly brought about by the same people who recently actively opposed the granting of planning permission of the beer garden. I advise you to check the names of the complainants/plaintiffs on both cases.

The Watchmaker Bar is an important element to the South Square Arts centre. Providing an extended social space for the community that supports the centre as a beacon of culture and community engagement. If it were to lose or have its alcohol licence restricted in some way it would have a large detrimental impact on the local community and the arts centre. With Bradford2025 city of culture within our grasp this is not what either Thornton or the city needs. Far more people would be negatively impacted if the licence was changed than if it remains in the hands of a responsible business.

I look forward to hearing the result of the licence review.

Kind regards

Mr [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thornton Road, Thornton, BD13 3AB

Dear Madam / Sir

I am writing to support the Watchmakers licensed premises. I understand there has been a complaint of noise nuisance to local residents from the beer garden at the rear of South Square Centre where the Watchmakers is located. This is a quiet bar, with a mainly middle to older aged clientele, it is based in a Centre that serves the cultural and leisure interests of the local community.

I live in Thornton and I am a customer of the Watchmakers. I am in my sixties. I have never experienced any excessive noise or nuisance while in the bar, beer garden or visiting friends nearby. I have found that the licensee always acts in a responsible way as well as working to minimise disruption to local residents by conscientiously adhering to the beer garden's closing time.

The Watchmakers is one of two licensed premises located next door to one another, if there has been excessive noise or anti social behaviour I am not sure how a local resident would be able to discern from which place the supposed disruption was emanating.

I fully support the Watchmakers licensee and the contribution that her business makes to the village.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Sapgate Lane, Thornton BD13 3DY

From: [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>  
Sent: 28 March 2022 15:50  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>

Subject: South square garden

Dear sir or madam, I have heard there is an application or review on the use of the South Square garden by members of the community who have purchased drinks from the Watchmakers bar or food from the Plenty on the square cafe.

I fully support the use of said garden as it is an asset to the village and a pleasant outside area away from the larger licenced premises in the village. We live in Alan Court and have not had any issues with noise from the South square garden. It has neighbour friendly rules re garden closing time and is also not open Monday or Tuesday .I hope the outcome of the review is favourable to the residents of Thornton and the two businesses in the square as it beggers belief if after all the money spent on the square refurbishment there is are restrictions to the public use of the facilities. Regards Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] ,Alan court Thornton.

From: [REDACTED]@southsquarecentre.co.uk>

Sent: 25 March 2022 14:56

To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>

Subject: Email in support of Watchmakers

Hello,

I am just writing to you in support of the Watchmakers in Thornton.

This establishment is a complete asset to Thornton. It is an incredibly well run pub. The proprietors and staff care deeply about it. It is always clean and well managed. Ill behaviour or shouting will not be tolerated and is always called out. As a regular customer, of over two years, I have only witnessed this once but I witnessed the great management of it and I was very impressed.

The owners clean the building, courtyard and garden regularly throughout the day and there are never any empty glasses or bottles at closing time, which is quite early.

The community garden, which is not advertised as a beer garden, attracts visitors from the art galleries, cafe and the watchmakers. It is a space shared by all of the visitors quite harmoniously. Some will drink coffee and some will choose to have a glass of wine or a pint of beer. It is a wonderful diverse mix of people which adds to the charm of the garden. It is not a place where people drink heavily or get out of control. The garden is very discreet, with high fences and I don't believe it is a nuisance at all.

Should this licence be revoked, it would be a huge shame for the whole community.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Arts and Heritage Coordinator  
My working days are Tues - Fri  
South Square Centre  
Thornton  
Bradford  
BD13 3LD  
01274834747

southsquarecentre.co.uk

My working days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning.

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Support South Square by becoming a friend of south square or making a donation.  
South Square Centre is a local Co-op cause.

From: [REDACTED]@southsquarecentre.co.uk>  
Sent: 22 March 2022 13:36  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>; Florence Hoy  
<f.hoy@southsquarecentre.co.uk>  
Subject: Supporting information / The Watchmakers Licence review

Hi There,

Tim visited South Square to put up the blue notice in our notice board for the application to review the Watchmakers premises licence.

I am currently the Centre Director for Charity Thornton and Allerton Community Association (TACA) who manage the South Square site. Amy and Gareth from Watchmaker are one South Square's our tenants. TACA hold the premises licence for the bar and Amy and Gareth are named as DPS's on this licence.

I have attached a pdf which I thought might be useful to details of our management and maintenance plan relating to outdoors spaces, documentation of the space and activities, as well as a summary of consultation we have undertaken with neighbouring residents and measures we have introduced to respond to their concerns.

Hopefully this provides helpful contextual information. Please let us know if you have any questions or queries,

Best Wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

South Square Centre  
Thornton

Bradford  
BD13 3LD  
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From: [REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk>  
Sent: 18 March 2022 17:08  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Review of licence for Watchmakers bar

Apologies I sent this yesterday , and since realise that comments should be sent from today onwards ..As I feel very strongly about this issue ,( the people of Thornton do not want to lose this lovely little bar space ) , I thought I'd better send it on the correct day ...Thanks for reading . [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern .

I live at [REDACTED] Priestley Street Thornton BD13 3LB , Which is next door to the garden used by customers of the Watchmakers, which I have to add is NOT known as a beer garden as it is used by customers from Plenty at The Square cafe and other users / groups from South Square Centre . Groups of people using the garden whether it's for consuming alcohol or participating in activities from the centre does certainly not give rise to any noise issues . There is no more noise generated than if my neighbours at the other side had a few friends round in their garden . Any kind of use of the garden space is always finished by 7.30pm promptly , so there is no noise whatsoever to disturb anyone's evening . The space in the garden is a great benefit to local people across on Thornton Road who have no garden space to sit out on of their own . The whole of South Square / Watchmakers is a credit to the village of Thornton , the Watchmakers being a lovely small bar , with great clientele , and a landlord who respects the locals and has zero tolerance for any loud or antisocial behaviour .

Yours [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@mukltd.com <[REDACTED]@mukltd.com>  
Sent: 17 March 2022 20:42  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: continued licence of the watchmakers thornton

To whom it may concern

We are in favour of the continued licence of the watchmakers pub it is an asset to the community and is much needed in the village.

Regards

Mr and Mrs [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thornton Road, Thornton, BD13 3PS

From: [REDACTED]@btinternet.com>  
Sent: 30 March 2022 10:26  
To: Melanie McGurk <melanie.mcgurk@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: FW: Watchmaker, Thornto

[REDACTED] Cliffe Lane, Thornton, BD13 3DX.  
Best wishes  
Sue Gaffney

From: [REDACTED]@btinternet.com>  
Sent: 28 March 2022 11:55  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Watchmaker, Thornton

Please register my support for The Watchmaker, South Square, Thornton, continuing to have a license.

The place is well managed, and there is never any bad or rowdy behaviour inside the premises or in the garden.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Thornton resident and customer.

From: [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>  
Sent: 30 March 2022 10:34  
To: Melanie McGurk <melanie.mcgurk@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: The Watchmaker, Thornton

Hi Melanie

Yes certainly, it is [REDACTED] Sapgate Lane, Thornton, BD13 3HB

With regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>  
Sent: 28 March 2022 12:17  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Fwd: The Watchmaker, Thornton

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>

Date: 26 March 2022 at 14:52:47 GMT

To: licensing@bradford.co.uk

Subject: The Watchmaker, Thornton

I would like to offer my support for The Watchmaker which offers a welcoming and calm space for Thornton people. It is a perfect stop for those who attend South Square for talks and classes and exhibitions.

It is well run and managed to make sure customers are respectful of neighbours and no rowdiness is tolerated.

The garden offers a welcome quiet and relaxing space for getting together with friends or just contemplating life in a peaceful setting.

With regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@outlook.com>

Sent: 30 March 2022 10:41

To: Melanie McGurk <melanie.mcgurk@bradford.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Review of Licence - The Watchmaker at South Square

Hiya

Yes of course, it's [REDACTED] Minsthorpe Lane, South Elmsall, West Yorkshire, WF9 2NY

All the best

[REDACTED]

> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED]@outlook.com>

> Sent: 21 March 2022 14:17

> To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>

> Subject: Review of Licence - The Watchmaker at South Square

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> Hi there

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> I've been to the Watchmaker on numerous occasions and I'm shocked that anyone could claim it (or specifically the garden) poses a noise nuisance.

> As I understand it, the garden belongs to South Square and it isn't a 'beer garden' at all. It's used for events and live music and people can take their drinks in there if they so choose.

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> For a number of years, I myself, was the licensee of a small village

> pub and the noise issued from us far exceeded that I've ever heard

> come from the Watchmaker, even at the height of summer (and we never

> had any complaints from neighbours)

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> The current proprietors are incredible conscientious of their neighbours, they close the bar at a reasonable hour, they ensure everyone is out of the garden at a specific hour (which ensures there is no disruption to neighbours) and it seems to me like it's the kind of place where you nip for a drink after work, I can't imagine anyone going there for a rowdy night out!  
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> I hope the issue can be resolved as it would be a huge loss to the ecology of South Square if one of the main sources of income had to close.  
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> If you need any further information, don't hesitate to get in touch.  
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>  
> All the best  
> [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Sent: 30 March 2022 11:07  
To: Melanie McGurk <melanie.mcgurk@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: FW: Watchmakers Thornton

[REDACTED] market st  
Thornton  
BD13 3EN

Kind regards Lisa

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Sent: 28 March 2022 17:23  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Watchmakers Thornton

Hi, I wish to advocate for the continued licensing of the micro pub the watchmakers in Thornton village.  
The licensees are extremely competent and capable. They ensure a safe, friendly, well managed establishment. There is never anyone who is drunk, obnoxious or behaving in any anti social way. That kind of behaviour is simply not tolerated.  
The watchmakers is a place that supports local people to socialise in a safe environment, they support community project to bring people together, such as the street market and the festival of light in winter. The licensees are professional, organised, fair and in control at all times. I have never seen any trouble in the pub or outside at any point when I have visited. The watchmakers is an asset for the village. I fully support the continuation of the licensing.  
Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

From: J [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Sent: 30 March 2022 12:11  
To: Melanie McGurk <melanie.mcgurk@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: FW: The Watchmaker, thornton

Good morning

My address is  
[REDACTED] Sapgate Lane  
Thornton  
BD133DY

Thank you

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Sent: 21 March 2022 11:20  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: The Watchmaker, thornton

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: licensing review for the Watchmaker, South Square, Thornton.

I am writing in support of the Watchmaker continuing to use the beer garden, as it is one of the few bars with an outside space in Thornton.

I have been in the garden on numerous occasions, and have never witnessed particularly loud or boisterous behaviour. Indeed, it is often possible to hear a lot more noise from the New Inn next door. Speaking to friends who live very close to South Square there seems to be little support for this application. To my mind it is a malicious application by one local resident who has taken against the square.

Thank you

[REDACTED]  
Thornton Resident

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Sent: 30 March 2022 12:15  
To: Melanie McGurk <melanie.mcgurk@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: FW: Watchmakers thornton

Of course

[REDACTED] James st, Thornton, Bradford BD13 3NS, UK

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Sent: 27 March 2022 18:54  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Watchmakers thornton

I understand there is discussion about this pub. When I have gone there it has been clear that the licensees have a strict approach to behaviour and to their customers. I have not been often recently but have confidence that they will take the concerns of the neighbours very seriously.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@blueyonder.co.uk>  
Sent: 30 March 2022 13:42  
To: Melanie McGurk <melanie.mcgurk@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: RE: FW: The Watchmaker at SouthSquare

[REDACTED]

■ Briarmains  
West Lane  
Thornton  
BD133JB

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]@blueyonder.co.uk>  
Sent: 18 March 2022 09:28  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: The Watchmaker at SouthSquare

I see you are reviewing their licence and just wanted to say yesterday evening I had a very pleasant time there having a quiet drink with a friend. We both said how good it is to have a safe friendly local place to go. She had also visited with a friend from outside the area who who was really impressed by the quality of the drinks and atmosphere

I think it is an asset to our area

[REDACTED]

Thornton resident

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Sent: 31 March 2022 09:31  
To: Melanie McGurk <melanie.mcgurk@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: FW: The watchmaker, South Square, Thornton

Hi Melanie

No problem at all, it's ■ market st, Thornton, Bradford BD13 3HG

Thanks

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From: ■ <■@gmail.com>

Sent: 22 March 2022 09:35

To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>

Subject: The watchmaker, South Square, Thornton

To whom it may concern

I'm emailing regarding the request to review the licence of the Watchmaker at South Square in Thornton.

I am a local resident who uses South Square Art centre and the attributing Watchmaker pub, I have lived in Thornton for over 35 years and have seen every stage of improvement to South Square. The Watchmaker is a valued community asset that provides a safe, friendly place to socialise and hold community meetings.

From my personal experience there has never been a problem with noise levels, infact its well known to be a place to get a quiet drink with the guarantee of a calm environment.

This is due to the impeccable management teams at the Watchmaker and South Square who both implement a community first approach.

The basis of the request is flawed as South Square / the Watchmaker do not have a beer garden on the premises. There is a community garden to the rear of the property that is open at different times to the Watchmaker. The Watchmaker is situated at the front of the building and their latest closing time is 10pm, I've attached a picture of their opening times for reference. The community garden closes at 7.30pm.

Music isn't available in the community garden and any noise generated can only be from people talking. I don't believe this meets the criteria to be classed as a noise nuisance.

The community garden is open to anyone visiting South Square and is open on days that The Watchmaker is closed.

Also there is a large pub situated next door to South Square that opens 7 days a week and closes at midnight, they have hosted many large outdoor events including music, the noise level from this pub far surpasses any noise that could come from the community garden.

From a local residents point of view it would be difficult to determine which premises the noise is coming from.

Based on this I would ask is the request for a license review accurate?  
If it is accurate I would ask why a pub that shares a building with a small community garden needs a license review and a pub yards away with outdoor music and extended opening hours doesn't?

I don't see any basis for a complaint of noise nuisance at this premises.

I also believe a revocation or restriction of license on this basis would be unjust and would damage community cohesion.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk>  
Sent: 05 April 2022 08:54  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: Watchmaker

Hi Melanie

Our full postal address regarding support for The Watchmakers use of the garden is

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Old Road

Thornton

Bradford

BD133DR

Tele no 01274 [REDACTED]

Mob [REDACTED]

Hope that is what you require

Regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Wed, 23 Mar 2022 at 17:00, [REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk> wrote:

Sir

We are aware that an application has been made regarding the noise levels in the beer garden operated by The Watchmakers at South Square Thornton, Bradford  
We can say that the beer garden is extremely well run and closed and locked in the evening at 7.30

The staff offer a table service and if anyone caused any noise problems or swearing would be immediately asked to leave.

I have been in the garden with my disabled son and wife and feel very comfortable and safe there because of policy of the staff.

A great deal of time, effort and money has been invested in the garden to make it a very safe area and it would be a waste if it was closed down.

We do not believe that the noise levels are in any way excessive due to the vigilant staff and early closing of the garden

Our son is very septable to noise and we would not be able to take him there if it was too loud

If in doubt we would urge the Licensing Committee to visit before making any decision that could seriously impact on the livelihood of the Licensees

Should you wish for any further information please do not hesitate to contact us

Regards [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk>

Sent: 11 April 2022 14:05

To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Review of Licence, The Watchmaker, South Square Centre, Thornton, BD13 3ES

Please would you confirm receipt of the comments in the email below.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Havelock Square,  
Thornton  
Bradford  
BD13 3EZ

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 April 2022 13:51

To: LICENSING@BRADFORD.GOV.UK <LICENSING@BRADFORD.GOV.UK>

Subject: Review of Licence, The Watchmaker, South Square Centre, Thornton, BD13 3ES

Dear Sir/madam,

Review of Licence, The Watchmaker, South Square Centre, Thornton, BD13 3ES

I am a local resident living in Thornton for the last 40 years.

Since the total renovation of South Square I have used the facilities within South Square on a regular basis.

This has included "The Watchmakers" bar, and the Cafe "Plenty at the Square". On fine days it is lovely to sit out in the communal areas of South Square, both within the cobbled square itself and the communal garden to the south of the building that is open for all to use.

This building, square and the communal garden are a credit to those who have invested so much time and money (in the case of The Watchmakers, their own time and money) into bringing such a wonderful asset back to life, and providing a hub for people to meet. This facility should be, and is, celebrated by decent people who want a calm and relaxed atmosphere in which to enjoy a coffee, cakes, snacks and also an alcoholic beverage or two if the Watchmakers bar is open.

I have used the Cafe as much as the Watchmakers bar, but from my experience, when I am in the communal gardens, there is no difference in noise levels between when the Watchmakers bar is open, or when it is closed. There is talking, and laughter whether from cafe or bar users but in my experience this has not been raucous in any way, at any time.

The Landlord and Landlady of The Watchmakers do not allow any trouble at either the bar, the cobbled square and the communal garden. Their customers are in my opinion just decent people enjoying a community asset. The staff of the Watchmakers regularly go down to the communal garden to check all is well when the bar is open. Indeed it's only open 5 nights a week with closing times of 8pm, 9pm or on two nights 10pm. Even if some people object to hearing distant talking then the closing times are hardly late.

I would also like to point out that the communal garden that is used by anyone who wants to use it, is directly next to The New Inn car park/outdoor balcony and outdoor seating on one side, and indeed very close to the rear of "The Conservative Club" on the other side. By comparison, the New Inn is open 7 days a week, mostly till 11pm but at weekends open till midnight. On fine nights there are always people sitting outside till midnight and beyond, making noise and smoking. I have often been in the communal garden of South Square and not been able to hear myself think due to excessive noise coming from the New Inn. The New Inn also has regular live music nights and even in winter the side doors of the New Inn pub are left open which inevitably releases the loud music from within the pub well into the night time.

I do wonder if whoever has objected to noise from the Watchmaker, has actually mistaken it for noise that actually comes from the New Inn, because in my experience the New Inn creates far more noise than the customers of the Watchmaker ever did and as I say, the two venues are directly next to each other.

We have a fair amount of unoccupied property in Thornton, not least of which are old pubs. Here, in The Watchmaker, we have a responsible Landlord putting their own money into an asset used by the community in a responsible manner. A business

where there is never any trouble and one which already has very limited opening hours. They should be supported by the Council as much as possible.

I cannot accept that any slight chatting noise from the communal garden is anything more than residents will have already experienced from both the New Inn and the Conservative Club in the years and decades prior to the Watchmakers opening.

Restricting any part of the Licence for the Watchmaker will not affect the noise level in this area in my opinion because the New Inn outdoor seating area is directly next to the communal garden of South Square and the New Inn is open for significantly longer hours than the Watchmaker.

Yours faithfully

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From: ██████████@independentdispense.co.uk>

Sent: 11 April 2022 18:54

To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>; ██████████

<██████████@independentdispense.co.uk>

Subject: The Watchmaker South square.

Hi,

Our names are ██████████ and ██████████ and we are the owners of The Watchmaker at South square centre.

Over the past 18 months a vendetta has been aimed at ourselves and our business by a small group of people who live in around the area of South Square. We have had to put up with lies and false accusations about how we run our business and how our customers behave.

We have had visits from the council as it was alleged we were not following government guidance during Covid but unfortunately for the accuser we had not even re-opened our doors to start trading when the council representative visited us. This was logged and we were advised a warning would be issued to the accuser for wasting council time. Planning was also contacted about us using outdoor spaces although using outdoor areas had been relaxed due to covid19.

Most recently on Saturday 26th March 2022 a member of the anti-Watchmaker group tried to force entry to the bar, threaten to smash Amy's face in, damage property and film a approximately 6 people trying to enjoy a quiet drink in the south square garden. When she finally left she returned an hour later looking for more trouble and I felt the need to flag down a police van. The policemen spoke with her and took her home.

Now these incidents have escalated into threats of violence and criminal damage we have had no choice but follow up these on going incidents and report it to the police. With the cctv and video footage taken of these incidents the police have advised us that there is a case to answer for harrasment, threatening behaviour and criminal damage. We have been told ring 999 if she comes back to the the Watchmaker or South Square center. We are in doubt trying get a conviction against her as we cannot take any more.

I find it only fair that if this woman has made any representation it should not be considered due to the nature of the potential crimes against us and the ongoing police investiagtion. The name of this person is xxxxxxxx xxxxxxx of Friendly Street.

For the record we run a very tight ship and have a zero tolerance on any kind of anti-socail behaviour and have no problems in dealing with such issues if they were to arise.

We challenge anyone to provide any evidence of noisy or anti-socail behaviour from the Watchmaker customers within the communal areas of South Square.

Our opening times are;

Mon/Tues closed

Weds/Thurs 4pm-9pm

Fri/Sat 4pm-10pm

Sun 4pm-8pm

As you can see we are not a late night bar and our business model is quiet teatime drinks for the discerning person who enjoys a drink in a quiet safe enviroment.

We are situated between the biggest pub in the village The New inn and Thornton Conservative club who open until at least midnight over the weekend and regularly have bands, discos and event celebrations that can heard within the areas of south Square and surrounding areas late into the night. We have never had a DJ or band play at our venue.

There is a statement at the bottom of the blue notice that states `It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application which carries an unlimited fine`.

So my question would be how do I follow up this to to bring the people making false accusations and lies about our business to justice.

We have been harrassed, threatened, intimidated, filmed and recorded without good cause by this minority of people and has to stop. These people have gone to every authority they can to stop us going about our daily business. We really hope you see this case for what is, a vendetta against my wife my self and th our business.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Sent: 12 April 2022 15:25  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re 'Prevention of Public Nuisance Notice

Good Afternoon

A notice has been posted with regards to an Application made to the Council for a review of the licence with regards to premises 'The Watchmaker, South Square Centre'.

The grounds of application for review being a noise nuisance to local residents from the use of the beer garden at these premises.

We would like to support the licensee of the Watchmaker for reasons below:

1. The licensee always asks that customers using the beer garden be respectful of residents and not to make any undue noise.
2. It is only open 5 times a week, with only 2 days having the later time of 10pm. The pub only opens either at 3pm or 4pm which isn't excessive hours given the closing times.
- 3 The New Inn next door opens longer hours and shuts later at midnight on two evenings and is in close proximity to the beer garden at the Watchmaker.
4. Customers at the South Square cafe also have access to the beer garden and it is not restricted just to the Watchmaker customers.

Regards

[REDACTED]

■ Valentine Court  
Back Lane  
Thornton

From: [REDACTED]@btinternet.com>  
Sent: 14 April 2022 10:52  
To: Melanie McGurk <melanie.mcgurk@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re:FW: Licence Review Watchmakers Bar Thornton.

Good Morning Melanie,

My postal address is;

[REDACTED]

■ Cliffe Lane  
Thornton

Bradford  
BD13 3DX

Thank you

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Sent via BT Email App

From: ██████████@btinternet.com>  
Sent: 13 April 2022 09:34  
To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>  
Subject: Licence Review Watchmakers Bar Thornton.

Dear Licence Team.

The licence at the Watchmakers Bar is currently being reviewed.

I would like to support the licence provision as it stands.

The bar is an excellent local amenity for the residents of Thornton, it is run professionally to the highest standards by the staff who expect exemplary behaviour from the customers.

Along with all the other tenants of South Square the bar has use of the community garden located to the rear of the premises although it's hours of operation are restricted under the terms and conditions of the Planning Consent granted by Bfd council earlier this year.

I believe that maintaining the existing licence conditions will provide benefit to the wider community of Thornton as well as all the users and tenants of South Square.

Yours faithfully

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