

Garnham, Amanda

From:
Sent: 04 September 2017 09:41
To: Garnham, Amanda
Subject: Cumulative Impact Policy Review

Dear Amanda Garnham,

I was given your contact details by . from the Churchgate Area Association, of which I am a member.

We have lived in Guildhall Street for thirteen years, and were in touch from early days with our then local councillor Paul Farmer over incidents of anti-social behaviour in this part of town. It was Mr Farmer who I believe was instrumental in setting up this Policy.

So I certainly took up the opportunity of adding my support to this Policy at the time, and regret that I did not manage to add my voice this time around. Unfortunately I received an e-mail with the relevant links on 20th August when I happened to be away for a few days, and as there was no cut-off date stated on the e-mail itself, only on one of the links, I imagined that I would have had three weeks or so to turn my mind to it. So I was most disappointed to discover that the survey period ended last Friday 1st September.

Given that the anti-social behaviour in this street at weekends caused by excessive drinking is, if anything, getting worse, I would certainly want to add my support to any measures which attempted to curb this blight on town-centre living. And I wondered if there was any way in which my support could be added to the retention of this Policy, even though I am clearly too late to complete the survey.

with kind regards,

Garnham, Amanda

From:
Sent: 21 August 2017 11:11
To: licensing

I am a member of the Churchgate Association and wish to add my support to our members suggestions . Residents still have problems with loss and damage to their plants in window boxes as well as occasional faeces left on the pavements !

Statement relating to proposed extension of CIP area in Bury St Edmunds

Risbygate St, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3AL. 31 July 2017

1. We moved into Merchants Place in 2013. This is a new-build development of 14 apartments on former cattle market land behind Palmers Homestore on St Andrews St south. The site is bounded by the ARC shopping centre to the south and businesses on Risbygate St to the north.
2. There was an immediate problem of noise into the early hours of the morning from The Gym Sports Bar on Risbygate St. The back yard of these premises opens into Merchants Place, and is used by customers. Music from inside the premises was also very intrusive. These problems were resolved in 2014, with the help of the council's environmental health department, by means of alterations to the licence preventing the use of the yard after 11 pm, and by the installation of better sound insulation in the bar.
3. There was also intrusive noise of music into the early hours from open doors in The Grapes and Karooze on St Andrews St. These problems were largely resolved, again with the help of the environmental health staff, by better door control discipline in the premises.
4. Despite the cooperation of these businesses, there is a continuing problem of street noise, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights into Saturday and Sunday mornings. This arises when people are leaving the several late-licensed premises in the area, and are beyond the jurisdiction of the door staff of the premises. There are a number of takeaway food outlets nearby operating up to 3 am or beyond, which encourage people to remain in the area. There is also noise from taxis picking up customers.
5. The noise consists mainly of prolonged shouting and screaming, and arises from 11 pm through to as late as 4 am. Because of the nature of the buildings surrounding the area, the noise tends to echo around. The Police incident data included in the CIP consultation documents show that 58 (53%) of the late night incidents in the town in a 6 month period occurred in the St Andrews area.
6. This regular weekend street noise, particularly in summer, means it is impossible for us to sleep through the night with open bedroom windows. While we accept there is going to be some noise associated with living in the town centre, we believe it is reasonable to expect residential areas to be quiet through the night.
7. The area is becoming increasingly residential. In addition to the apartments above the shops in the ARC, and Merchants Place itself, there is a large development of new apartments on the corner of Risbygate St and Nelson Road. There are also proposals for converting Palmers Homestore and the Cornhill Walk Shopping centre, and for the redevelopment of the site between Denny's and Neptune further along St Andrews St south. There is a clear trend to convert former commercial premises into residential units. This is a welcome trend, as more people living in the town centre is good for the life of the town and its supporting businesses.
8. However, this trend is incompatible with an adjacent night-time economy based primarily on the sale of alcohol. Noise is inevitable when groups leave licensed premises late at night. We therefore welcome the proposal to extend the existing CIP area to include St Andrews St, Brentgovel St, Risbygate St and King St. This will give the council the grounds to refuse the awarding of further late night alcohol and takeaway food licences in the area, and when opportunities arise, to limit the hours of existing premises, making the area more resident-friendly.