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Good Afternoon

I have been informed of a review to the licensing Committee for the 2 Brewers, St James, Shaftesbury.

I do not understand why yet again another wonderful pub is being subjected to this. I moved to Shaftesbury a year ago and continually feel disappointment at the lack of afternoon/evening entertainment. Every town should have a balance and Shaftesbury certainly doesn't. Bit by bit something else that is exciting and fun closes here. What about the tourism industry, feedback from people who have been, wonder where is good places to go on evenings for a band or some kind of music?! There is a range of ages here in Shaftesbury (i am 37 years old) and thus every age should be catered for. If people aren't keen on music (which ends at the correct hours) then they shouldn't have moved close to a pub..

I do not agree that a handful of people have the right to stop a pubs entertainment and put yet another person's business in jeopardy!

Thank you

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Dear whom it may concern,

I do not support the review of licensing for the two brewers public house. This pub is the only pub who has made an effort to incorporate family friendly events.

All the events organised by the Two Brewers are notified well in advance and are well organised.

This is the only pub that I attend in Shaftesbury and only when events are on. I feel strongly that to allow another business that serves the community to suffer due to a complainant with nothing better to do would be extremely sad for our community.

The landlords have worked very hard; especially given covid and all the times they have had to close yet they have still continued to reopen when a lot of people would have given up.

Also as employers to local people this review could cause more job losses and given the unprecedented times this would be awful. As an employer in Shaftesbury myself I would be saddened if I had to make people redundant.

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Hello

I myself am a fan of a pub. Good beer, well kept lines and a friendly face when you walk in. The Two Brewers in Shaftesbury does this. Great service, amazing home food and an environment where you can relax or have a good ole knees up with your friends.

Live events add to a pub and with the decline of the hospitality industry a live event can boost and actually bring in enough money to cover costs on the quieter times. We are on the way to a new normal after Covid and to close a pub that is as amazing as the Two Brewers is beyond me. The previous owners used to have live music frequently that would go on much later and a lot louder than what the current owners do especially after adapting to recent complaints and trying to find a happy medium. Things don't always go to plan and things do over run. The fringe being a town-wide event is preposterous example to use in the case of a license review as everyone enjoys them selves and puts our little town on the map.

I hear for ask you, please come down to an event and see the pub in all its glory, and have a look it it properly, rather than just behind a desk through recordings and people's statements on the venue. Even just come down on a Saturday evening to see them anonymously and I can assure you, you will be amazed at the pub Chris and John have created for everyone

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To whom it may concern,

I have to say I was at the event and it was brilliant.

The event was very professional, as for the event being outside I am sure that if covid wasn't a thing the event would of been held inside.

I feel that the person complaining has an issue with fun being had in the area, just because its a quiet place does not mean we all got to lay down and die does it?

Literally after the worst year of not being able to go to events and things being cancelled, I believe this event was the most thought out from the tickets, capacity what everyone was getting for their money was on point.

It show cased the pub as to what kind of landlords they truly are, they brought something to Shaftesbury that no one else has one of the reasons I bought a ticket was because it was something different.

I personally cannot wait for the next event, I really hope that ■■■ joins in next time instead of causing a scene!!!

if anything I'd say he was the one that has been most threatening as far as i know every one left the area happy and as quietly as possible.

Thank you for your time and listening to someone that was there I wonder if the fringe festival got this kind of issue from a resident??

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to put forward that I do NOT support Mr Patrick Riley's call for a review on the Two Brewers in Shaftesbury.

The Two Brewers is a lovely country pub, and it is wonderful see the effort that both Chris and John go to, to provide Shaftesbury with a much needed safe and relaxing environment to enjoy with friends, whether it be for a quiet evening meal out or cocktails and drinks, we always have a great time.

The pub has been running in Shaftesbury for over 100 years, and it would be a disservice to the Shaftesbury community if it were to be forced to close its doors because they are not allowed to keep up with modern pub times by providing live entertainment for its customers.

The past 18 months have been particularly difficult for those in hospitality and providing live entertainment is essential nowadays, providing it is appropriate and doesn't go on late into the night, to which the Two Brewers team ensure the loud noise is off by 10pm, which is earlier than I am legally allowed to make loud noise/ play loud music in my own home situated in a built up housing estate.

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I want to let you know my opinion of the complaint about the two brewers , iv been to some of there live music events and there has never been an issue of the music being too loud , iv been a customer of this pub for years with various previous landlords and there has been a lot of louder anti social things gone on prior to the two gentleman who now run it , lots of loud late lock ins and music etc , the lads now have been totally compliant to everyone's wishes , two of my friends live at white heart lane just a few doors from the pub and I can assure you if there was a problem with noise they would hear it and it's no problem to any of them , in fact most of the residents in that lane go to the music events , I support them whenever I can and hope to be able to carry on doing so , with all that has gone on over the past few years I feel public and should be supported rather than people trying to cause trouble , most pubs are just about hanging on to their business and the lads at the two brewers are trying their hardest to keep this little treasure of a pub going , please help the lads to keep doing what they are doing many thanks

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To whom it may concern,

Im emailing with regard to the complaint made against Ye olde Two Brewers,

As a resident of Shaftesbury I am in full support of the pub and their live music nights, they are few and far between and residents of the whole town are given plenty of notice as to when they will be happening in order to prepare/ take necessary precautions etc. They are very active on social media which I think now most people are so it's very easy to see what is happening when!

I have a very young son and it's one of the only pubs in the area that that my partner and I feel comfortable visiting with him (and quite honestly that we can afford and that is consistently good quality!)

The pub brings people in who are not only local but from out of town as well which I personally think following on from Covid is really important! The town needs business bringing in not turning away and the residents should be supporting local businesses at that!

I attended the drag night hosted by the brewers this weekend and must say the security in attendance was outstanding if not over precautionary so I can personally vouch that the "rowdy behaviour" must be incredibly rare (and quite frankly not overly out of character for a pub!)

The pub is also giving local younger people jobs which is particularly important in this climate and I fear if the live nights etc are to stop the pub will be less in demand and people will in turn lose their jobs which can be totally avoided.

In summary, I appreciate (as I'm sure the team at the brewers also do) that the noise probably is annoying to the residents that live very close by but it is only on a rare occasion so surely a compromise can be made.

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To whom it may concern.

I have received information that the music licence for the Two Brewers is under threat following a Drag night. As part of the LGBTQ community I have very few places to go locally and feel safe and can fully enjoy myself. The two gentlemen who run the pub are so respectful and welcoming. It's a shame that following 1 amazing night that local people feel the need to complain and could threaten the livelihood of yet again another small local business. Times are very hard for these businesses it's about time people gave them a break. All they did was provide a fun night for all to enjoy. I think it's just what people need at the moment and long may it continue.



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Hello,

I am writing to you to inform you of my views of the two brewers pubs in light of the recent complaints.

The two brewers have brought light to many peoples lives over the past few months, making normality as safe as possible. They bring a fantastic atmosphere to the community and it is something I feel is needed in this area. Never had I once witnessed any anti social behaviour in this area and believe that it is a sort of community hub bringing people together, especially during there live events.

Yes, there have been more outside events recently, but this is surely because of the nature of the pandemic, ensuring things can still go ahead but in a safe environment. They are also planned well in advance and notice is given so residence will be aware of these!

Please think about the wider community whilst reviewing this pubs license for live music before taking action on two residences signatures!!

Thankyou for your time,

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Good evening

I'm writing in support of the above mentioned pub, which offers a terrific service to locals in Shaftesbury, and to others including me, from surrounding areas.

I'm always shocked to hear that neighbours try to stop a pub from offering entertainment - the pub has been there a long time, and certainly longer than the neighbours complaining. If people want a client life, don't buy next or near a very popular public house.

In my opinion patrons of the pub are thoughtful and quiet when visiting and leaving the pub. We travel approx. 10 miles to visit so we don't drink and drive.

We would like to offer our full support to the 2 Brewers and trust that common sense prevails, and any complaints are dealt with in rejection very quickly.

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I write in support of Ye Olde Two Brewers and to formally register that I **do NOT** support the views of Mr. Patrick Riley.

Ye Olde Two Brewers is a fantastic asset for Shaftesbury. The owners have greatly improved the pub and provide a diverse range of entertainment which appeals to all ages, good food and a great atmosphere. Live music is a very important part of the appeal of the pub and does not actually happen that often. The music normally finishes by 10pm except on exceptional circumstances such as the Fringe and the drag night when it finished by 11pm at the latest. The owners always remind people to leave quietly and be respectful of the neighbours at the end of the evening.

I live in St. James Street, not too far from the pub. Yes, I can hear the music from my garden when there are live music events in the pub garden but I **do NOT** find it obtrusive or overly loud in fact I enjoy listening to it. It is not noticeable from inside my house. I have never been disturbed by rowdy people arriving or leaving the pub at any time and have never heard any of my neighbours speak of this.

It would be a tragedy for Ye Olde Two Brewers to lose their music license or to have it restricted. Shaftesbury needs this fantastic asset and I sincerely hope that you do not allow the views of the very small minority of people who have complained, and forced this review, to affect all of the people that enjoy everything that Ye Olde Two Brewers has to offer.

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Neighbours have decided to force a review of The Old Two Brewers' licence with a view to stop them performing live events.

In the main they finish at 10pm with the exception of the fringe and drag act. They have also have remained compliant and undertaken fair and reasonable steps to be kind and considerate, professional and respectful.

Behind the scenes staff have taken abuse (not by the applicant) that no one should take .

As if this industry hasn't had to deal with enough during lockdown and the pandemic, individuals are attempting to flex their muscles and exert pressure on a valuable community facility. An incredible amount of time, effort, stress and money has been spent by the landlords. What they have now made of this previously rather sad and rundown pub is nothing short of extraordinary. They should be commended, NOT bullied. If you don't want a community that has fun.... you shouldn't buy a property NEAR A PUB.

The service is incredible, the food FRESH... not ping food, and the staff are amazing. The landlords are patient and professional... always seeking what their customers want.

If you allow these poisonous individuals to manipulate others' opinions, you will be stopping children play in school playgrounds or muffling church bells to satisfy those who do not like loud noises, but yet still elect to buy a property NEAR these places. The landlords have gone out of their way to have a diverse and accepting pub for the community, employ and make the pub a beautiful destination venue. You should be proud to have such a place in your region.

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I am writing to you as the two Brewers license is due for renewal and I understand that there had been some objection to this by their neighbours.

Chris and John are trying so hard to bring this lovely pub back to being a warm friendly place to eat, drink and a ace to meet up with friends and family (we have all missed this).

Everytime an event has been put on by them they advertise it on social media with a strong message about social behaviour. They ask that when leaving everyone is quiet and respectful to nearby neighbours.

What more can they possibly do? This is their livelihood and it shouldn't be put in jeopardy because a minority do not like to hear live music now and again.

These two men are so lovely and will do anything for anyone and I truly hope they will be able to continue running this wonderful pub and live events.

To whom it may concern,

I was horrified to hear that a couple of complaints have been made towards the current landlords of the Ye Olde Two Brewers Pub (24 St James's Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8HE) and that it has now led to a notice of application for a review of a premises licence. I have personally worked closely with the landlords who are only trying to run a successful small business and provide what this historic but upcoming town is missing.

I have read the document myself and provided my comments below in response to the person's points for raising the review:

1. Although the street is historic yes, it is not a quiet area, it is a quite a busy road with a noisy primary school to one end and is close to the high street with a kids play area opposite the pub itself .
2. The Landlords of the Two Brewers have made sure that the volume of every event is more than reasonable not to effect the surrounding neighbours and plan for events to finish way within their current licencing terms. I have been to a few of these events myself and the volume has nowhere near been deafening let alone unable to talk over when sat at front.
3. Unfortunately, sound does travel when there is nothing in the way to filter it but the landlords have done everything in their power to notify every residence effected when arranging events, including posting letter through individual's door.
4. The current landlords only wish to have a welcoming pub with a good atmosphere that attracts customers who leave happy. They do limit on how many attend these events due to seating availability and withing health and safety and fire regulations. They have even done ticketed event to limit customers attending.
5. I can only say the person giving these decibel readings must have had their decibel metre right next to a speaker to get these sort of reading.
6. Unfortunately, times change, no business can survive being quiet if there is other competition in the same town. Do we want a town full of life or a town where everything is closed because its better to be quiet?
7. The only business model this person will accept is a quiet pub but who will come to a quiet pub when there are three other pubs, one bar and hotel that are happy to put on events?
8. Not sure which of the locals this person is on about as the community even some members of the town council have loved what that the landlords have done for our community.
9. This is a complete exaggeration, out of every pub in Shaftesbury there has always been noisy customer leaving including in the past for the two brewers pub itself.

As for the grounds stated as to why this person has requested a licencing review, I feel that I have covered these points above but I feel that this is a direct attack on the Landlords themselves and there is more to this than what has been stated in this document. I know for a fact that there have been one or two locals in the street that do not like the landlords because of their sexual orientation and will do anything to cause issue and damage reputations.

At the end of the day, I want Shaftesbury to be a lively happy town full of life, with things to do and events to go to. The town itself hosts many events such as the Fringe, Food and Drink Festival, Snowdrop Festival, Gold Gill Festival and the Carnival all less than a 5 minute walk from St James's Street.

If people like this get their way, Shaftesbury will become a place where no one wants to visit let alone live, and the diversity as well as uniqueness of this town will die. I do not want Shaftesbury to be another boarded up town just because people cannot adjust to change so business can survive. It has been hard enough for everyone due to Brexit and Covid but yet the current Landlord have worked hard updating the pub and bringing a new lease of life into the place for everyone to enjoy. Unfortunately yes noise comes with this but the guys have done and are doing all they can to make sure the place stays a family and neighbour friendly pub.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: Notice of application for a review of premises licence, Ye Olde Two Brewers, 24 St James St, Shaftesbury, SP7 8HE

I write as a resident of ■ St James St, ■ of the past 14 years. During this time the pub has had many landlords but has always encouraged a family friendly atmosphere in keeping with its residential setting. It is located opposite a children's play park which adds to the family feel and liveliness in St James. Traditionally the pub has been a music venue for the Gold Hill Fair and episodic entertainment through the year based in its beer garden. From my garden I can hear background sound from the pub's outdoor events. Despite the natural amphitheatre of St James Park the volume is very low, we often find ourselves straining to hear the music.

Any amplified music stops promptly at 10pm (almost exclusively on Saturday nights) with the rare occasion of an encore lasting a further 20 minutes (I have never considered this too loud or too late). Occasionally at pub closing time there is an extremely brief period of amplified talking (not shouting) as people walk past our house. I consider this acceptable and never obscene (my young children's bedroom overlooks the street).

Outside the pub there has never been a litter, broken glass or vomit issue with the current or any previous landlord.

Ye Olde Two Brewers is a family pub in my community serving my family of six, over the past 14 years I have not had cause to complain and I applaud the current owners' efforts to create a safe, family friendly and fun pub for my community particularly after such a terrible Covid period. Since last summer I have been approached by one of the pub landlords on at least four occasions to seek my opinion (as a local) regarding events, noise etc. This emphasises that they wish to work positively within the community, a role I believe they fulfil well.

If you wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.



My thoughts on the licence review are as follows:

-The country has just endured 3 lockdowns - it's time for people to enjoy themselves and get out and about - this pub is offering vital entertainment -Most of the activities end at 10pm - and I would imagine that during winter things will move indoors and the volume will be much less -Shaftesbury needs a live entertainment venue - people need somewhere to go and enjoy themselves - this pub offers that facility -What is the alternative? If these guys can't make a success of The Two Brewers what will happen? Windows boarded up? An empty building? I can't think of anything worse. Take a look at The Fountain in nearby Enmore Green - we don't want the same to happen to The Two Brewers.

-Having been born in Shaftesbury with my grandparents living on Gold Hill - I don't want to see this wonderful pub close down. OK - it's not the cosy little local it used to be - but things have to move with the times.

-These guys have worked extremely hard to transform the pub - they obviously are very committed to making it a great place to spend time. They deserve to succeed. Even the skittle alley is going to be rejuvenated - that's great.

- I actually live in the vicinity and although I'm not a fan of busy pubs, I'm not at all bothered by the sound live music wafting over the airwaves. For those who wish to visit the pub and spend time there...enjoy. These guys are taking the pub into the 21st century.

-Lastly - you choose to live near a pub - you must be open to change. I question if the objector has actually visited the pub on a regular basis historically.

In summary, I strongly oppose the banning of live music in this venue. I believe that we need to give this business an opportunity to thrive. The Two Brewers is part of St James and has been for many years. I don't want to see another lost pub.

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing with regards to the review of 'Ye old two brewers' premises license. Let me start by saying I am strongly against Patrick's call for a review, and believe entirely that this is totally unnecessary and outright selfish of those in his favour (which is very few I'm sure!)

I am a director [REDACTED], therefore I totally understand the position in which myself, ye old two brewers and nearly every single other business/company within the hospitality and events industry have been put in since the start of our recent global pandemic! Every body within this sector is currently doing their utmost to keep their heads above water after the financial struggles we have faced over the past 18months. Besides that, the general public finally have some normality back in there lives and are eager to begin to enjoy life once more... except of corse for Patrick!

Ye old two brewers as you will know is an 18th century pub and has held live music and events for as far back as I can remember. It is a thriving, family friendly pub, that welcomes anyone with open arms! Everyone has good words to say about ye old two brewers, even more so since Chris and John took over. They have revitalised the place and brought cheer amongst us, which I strongly feel is much needed as we move forward! To take away Chris and John's ambition of creating a fun, family venue for the public of Shaftesbury and surrounding areas to enjoy would be absolutely devastating. I am sure, I am only one of very many that strongly feel Patrick's call for a review is absurd!

I have recently worked closely with Chris and John, providing them with outdoor cover for an Event and can honestly say they are respectful, professional, very approachable and most importantly polite. (Which can not be said for a lot of the 'Londoner types' that live along St James.) From experience nothing is to much trouble for Chris, John and the entire team at Ye old two brewers as they will always go above, beyond and do their utmost to satisfy everyone.

Now more than ever our local communities need to pull together, support each other and stop listening to all the Patrick's out their! If we all lived life like Patrick there would be nowhere left in this world to let your hair down, have a beer and enjoy life with your nearest and dearest!

Any questions relating to this matter, please don't hesitate to ask. I am more than happy to help in any way possible. If you hadn't of guessed already, I am in full support of 'Ye old two brewers' and think that Patrick needs to find something better to do with his time, rather than make other people's life a misery!

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I do not support the call for a review of the premise license for the Ye Old Two Brewers pub in Shaftesbury as it is not necessary and the person calling for it has based it on falsehoods and a personal vendetta.

I have lived in Shaftesbury and visited the pub for 15 years and have never seen it so well managed, inclusive and community spirited as it is under the new landlords!

The pub has music events rarely and usually only when supporting local community events. It is a distortion of the truth to call these events rowdy and I have always witnessed them being very well managed finishing at the appropriate times.

I have never witnessed any rowdy or drunken behaviour which has been suggested in the notice - in the pub or outside the pub and again it is a falsehood to state this happens!

The notice also states the pub events can be heard from Breach lane- I live there it can't, in fact I can't usually hear it as I walk away down St James street!

I was shocked to see that the notice states that there is an anti social and threatening atmosphere around the pub which is a total and malicious falsehood, in fact the pub now feels very safe and well organised with a zero tolerance code of conduct.

In my opinion this notice to review the premises license has been called for as a way of intimidating the pub tenants perhaps due to a prejudice or dislike and based purely on fabrications.

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Dear Sir or Madam

With reference to recent news regarding an application to have the licensing of Ye Olde Two Brewers in Shaftesbury reviewed, I felt compelled to write in support of the venue and the work done in aid of community cohesion and well-being.

The pub has been present for a very long time and is a great asset. To have a venue that holds occasional fun and live events is such a benefit to the town. The staff and owners are passionate and fun and without doubt do their utmost to ensure that patrons respect the neighbourhood and that noise is minimised and ends at a reasonable time in order to ensure that residents of the local area are not impacted.

I hope that you will allow the business to remain the vibrant and happy establishment that it has become and allow their licensing rules to remain as they are currently.

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Dear whoever it may concern,

The Two Brewers is coming into its element under the brilliant new management, live events such as the recent drag night bringing a much needed space for inclusivity and modern culture to a small countryside town.

Chris and John, who have created an impressive makeover of the pub, are remarkably consciencous about noise worried neighbours. On a night with live music, you won't be able to miss John with his decibel meter, ensuring sound is never at all louder than agreed. As soon as cut off time, the music is over, any encore spared for the sake of those living closer by.

I hope that you'll take this all into account when reviewing the pub, and that it's clear to you what an important and admirable space the Henson-Balls have created.

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Good evening,

I have been made aware that 'Ye Olde Two Brewers' is being penalised for having live music during the week/weekends.

They are a local and friendly pub which brings the whole community together whether that's employing or serving local residents. The past 19 months of the pandemic has been hard enough.

Please reconsider.

I understand that a license review has been triggered for the 2 Brewers in St. James Shaftesbury. This is an excellent community pub serving good food and drink, they also hold the occasional live event. It would be a great loss to the community to threaten the existence of this pub because a few don't like live music.

I think the pub has been there a lot longer than some of the neighbours, perhaps they shouldn't have bought a house so close to a pub! I hope the 2 Brewers will last another 100 years!

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Dear sirs or madam .I live in shaftesbury near this pub .it is a great pub an has brought shaftesbury to life .as there music an entertainment evenings have been very successful ..they finish at 10 normally .but did apply an get a extension for the drag night they had recently .till 10 .there is only a few people that I think r complaining .one lives next to the pub an has only been there 2 yrs .why buy a house next to a pub if u don't like noise .the noise levels r always being checked .I have witnessed this myself we being there .they have employed a lot of staff .an r really doing a great job in unusual circumstances .please please don't take this pub away like so many others the live music is the only thing we have in shaftesbury an I no they will carry on being respectfully to the neighbours .that love them being there as well all but a few .  
Regards



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**Date:** 22 September 2021 at 11:15:04 WEST

**To:** [licensingteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:licensingteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

**Subject:** The Two Brewers, Shaftesbury

Dear Sirs

I am a Town Councillor for Shaftesbury West and I lived for 27 years at ■ St James Street where Mr Riley has more recently moved. He has chosen to live almost next door to a thriving pub and adjoining The Park at St James which has a long history of live music.

Providing the music stops at a reasonable time and is not every day - both of which are not in question then I can see no justification for any change to the licence.

Regards

Cllr Phil Proctor  
Shaftesbury West

Dear Sirs

Further to my previous email I would like to add a point about the complainant's statement about the volume. He has stated the noise level was 75 decibels.

Google defines 75dB as follows:

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Passenger car at 65 mph at 25 ft (77 dB); freeway at 50 ft from pavement edge 10 a.m. (76 dB). **Living room music** (76 dB); radio or TV-audio, vacuum cleaner (70 dB). 70

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Now given that cars drive up and down the street closer to the houses than 25ft a passing car is therefore noisier than the music. Also as decibels increase exponentially with distance a passing car will be considerably louder than the music.

Given that the shows are occasional and during my 27 years living in the house of the complainant the pub has put on similar live music events.

I reiterate that Mr Riley should not live so close to a brilliant active pub that is trying to entertain its customers, if he wants to live in a nice quiet location.

I see no justification for any review of the Two Brewer's licence.

Regards

Cllr Phil Proctor  
Shaftesbury West

cc Andrew Perkins, ■ St James.

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Dear licensing team,

I am writing in connection to the news that an over entitled local has filed a complaint that is forcing a review of the licensing of Ye Olde Two Brewers pub.

Not only are many of the 9 key points that Patrick Riley raised as grounds for this clearly misleading, but some of them actually contradict each other!

In point one he claims "The Two Brewers is situated in a residential neighbourhood of mainly grade II listed buildings, a traditionally quiet area" and then points out the pub has served the area for over 100 years. I would suggest to Mr Riley that moving next door to a pub and then complaining that people sometimes drink in there is utterly ridiculous.

No one is saying residents don't have the right to a peaceful life, but the complaint seems to insinuate that these events are on all the time and outside reasonable hours and they're not.

Mr Riley claims to have measured noise levels of 75db, which is only just above normal human speaking voice and actually quieter than a telephone dial tone. During the drag night, when I used the bathroom of the pub I could only just hear the sound outside. Anyone who closed their windows that night would not have been able to hear the music.

Either Mr Rileys measuring device is incorrectly calibrated or he took the readings from the front row of the event.

One of the complaints was about the Fringe weekend, during which from my flat in the town I heard a lot of loud music that wasn't coming from the two brewers! Surely everyone accepts the Fringe is a special event?

I was also in attendance at the Fringe, the SKA band night and the recent drag night, all events which I considered very well managed with extra door staff operating who made sure people left on time and in an orderly manner.

Most of the events run here finish at 10pm, the Fringe was an obvious exception, but it was for all the venues in the town.

The Two Brewers is a safe and friendly family pub. As someone who is transgender, finding safe and diverse venues like this is sadly way more difficult than it should be. Chris and John have gone above and beyond in providing a diverse, safe and welcoming venue and I for one DO NOT support Patrick Rileys call for a review.

We need businesses like theirs to thrive and be successful in this town, which after all is what we live in... A town!

If you have any queries with any of this feel free to hit reply.

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Good afternoon

As a town councillor for Shaftesbury Town Council I support the present licensing arrangements for the pub and won't want any changes going forward.

Many thanks

George Hall

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Hello,

I hear a neighbour is challenging the Two Brewers pub licence in Shaftesbury.

This pub is a life-line offering entertainment and a vital venue for creativity.

The music is always at a low neighbour-friendly volume and they end their events to avoid disturbing people.

Surely when the neighbour bought a house near to a pub they knew what this might entail?

No one I know of objects to the Two Brewers or think it's licence should be revoked - it is a great and forward-thinking inclusive space and should be embraced by the community.

It is a well-loved business in Shaftesbury and should be encouraged and looked after

Good morning

From the actions taken by two of the residents in st James Shaftesbury I am in fear of my job.

I joined the team at the Brewers 1 year ago.

We have worked tirelessly to make the premises fit for purpose as it was in such a state from previous tenants.

We provide good selection in of dietary needs for all at very reasonable prices for all the family to enjoy. We go above and beyond our duty it making this happen.

My bosses have put their heart and sole onto making it a family / dog friendly place to be.

Against the odds we have been able to provide entertainment in the garden during this terrible time with covid 19 restrictions.

The pub has enabled people and artists to get together again after such times.

The pub has to have an income from extra customers during the music nights to be able to survive. I have a mortgage and need my job these complainants are putting that now at risk.

Lots of young people have had the opportunity to come and join the team and earn themselves some money and learn the hospitality trade pit falls and all. In a place where they get looked after.

There is not much opportunity in the area for them.

The constant abuse and harassment we have all been subject to from constant phone calls and people bellowing at us down the phone whilst the music is taking place is not exceptable from these people who think they can treat is like scum.

The music finishes early, unlike other places in the town.

I have been going home when there have been large groups of teenagers in the park with there music blasting out and all drunk with alcohol bought from a supermarket.

How are the complainants going to deal with them. Yet we will get the blame. Because in of the close proximity to the pub.

As I said I live in fear of loosing my job if what we provide is not allowing the pub to pay the rent and rates. I am ■ and will struggle to get another job. Like lots of the young people I work with. These so call do Goode's don't care about that but my landlord and his husband do.

Thank you for the opportunity to put my views

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We have traveled several times from north Devon to the ye old two brewers because of the entertainment they put on the lads have spent an absolute fortune on refurbishing the premises which was desperately needed as the property was in a very poor state of repair having said that I have never been to a pub where the music is a well controlled as the two brewers in North Devon the music is a lot louder indoors and outside I have also seen the tenants checking the levels of music with a decibel meter and have never thought it to be too loud you can talk without shouting even with the music playing I plead with the people of Shaftesbury to get behind the tenants Chris/John and support them against small minded people from out of the area spoiling people's enjoyment and shutting a very successful business down to the landlords I say we will welcome you in North Devon anytime bring your entertainment with you and we will welcome you with open hearts I'm supporting Chris and John Henson-ball at the ye olde two brewers Shaftesbury

Dear Sirs

We write in connection with the request for a licensing review of the above public house and would like to say that although, being in our 80's we are not regular customers, we have no problem with the issues raised concerning the live music events and noise level. We live [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for the last 40 years and have not found any reason to complain. In common with the hospitality trade in general, the licensees have had an extremely difficult time during the pandemic and have struggled to keep going, so in our view, they deserve support and encouragement. They have been very considerate in concluding the music at a reasonable time and we have never experienced any rowdy behaviour from customers leaving at closing time. The events don't happen every week and notification in advance can be obtained, so alternative plans to go somewhere else for the evenings in question can be arranged if desired. After all, if you move to a property close to a pub, surely you must expect some occasional noise. It's not as if it suddenly sprung up in the night!

St James Street and it's environs have an attractive village atmosphere, which is enhanced by this public house and the church at the end of the road. There used to be a post office stores, which sadly was not a viable business when the big super markets moved into the area and it had to close. It would be a sad day if we also lost the pub because it was made too difficult to make a living there. Far too many pubs have had to give up because of high rents and business rates. The licensees of Ye Olde Two Brewers are trying to cater for as many customers as possible, with good food in pleasant surroundings, occasional events in the form of music nights, hosting the Fringe, and now, monthly quiz nights. Good luck to them. We hope that you will share our sentiments.

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I am emailing in support of The Two Brewers, St James, Shaftesbury regarding a recent complaint you have received about their music license.

The licensees have turned a failed business into a thriving venue through hard work, community relations and sheer bravery. Their business model is exactly what the Shaftesbury community is missing and the near community has been considered more than adequately regarding the timing of music events.

I would appreciate it if you would consider the following comments in your deliberations.

Although Shaftesbury is considered to be a retirement town we do have a large population of under 65s who are woefully unrepresented in the town's offer.

Events held at the venue are a boon to the local economy rather than residents having to travel out of town for a "good night out".

The licensees efforts should be applauded considering the crises in the rural public house sector and being vilified by a tiny minority is not the impression our town should be giving to future investors in our community and it's future recreational facilities.

Many thanks for your time



To Sir/Madam,

I am writing this email to throw my full support behind Ye Old Two Brewers and I do **not** support Patrick's call for a review.

I moved here a couple of years ago and I have always felt of Ye Old Two Brewers as my favourite pub to go to since Chris and John have taken over. There are not many places within Shaftesbury that create a nice friendly atmosphere and they are so welcoming to everyone.

Moving from Hertfordshire to Hampshire and now to Dorset I am horrified by the lack of support and events for the LGBTQ+ community in Shaftesbury. The drag night was a great step forward and the event was advertised to finish at 10:30pm. I spoke to many people at the event who had come from far and wide to attend the event which surely only benefits the tourist side of Shaftesbury.

The events for the Fringe festival were brilliant and really brought everyone together after what has been a tough 1.5 years for everyone.

There aren't many pubs that put-on events in Shaftesbury and it's a real shame as this town has a lot to offer. Covid hit all the shops, restaurants and bars hard and encouraging people to come to our town should be main priority. We don't want to look like other towns with shut down businesses - it doesn't create a good vibe and deters people from coming (e.g Gillingham).

I appreciate if the events were happening every single weekend this may become an issue but Chris and John have carefully chosen how often these louder events outside are held.

To take away another venue's heart will be a really big hit on this town.

I hope you take my thoughts in to consideration and happy to have a call or send a further email if you need any further clarifications.

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The music actually wasn't loud enough!

They are trying to be culturally inclusive it's what's needed in shaftsbury

Hello,

I hear a neighbour is challenging the Two Brewers pub licence in Shaftesbury.

This pub is a life-line offering entertainment and a vital venue for creativity.

The music is always at a low neighbour-friendly volume and they end their events to avoid disturbing people.

Surely when the neighbour bought a house near to a pub they knew what this might entail?

No one I know of objects to the Two Brewers or think it's licence should be revoked - it is a great and forward-thinking inclusive space and should be embraced by the community.

It is a well-loved business in Shaftesbury and should be encouraged and looked after

To Whom it may concern,

I feel I have to write this in response to the complaint lodged with you against the above Licensed Premises by a Patrick Riley who's faceless keyboard warrior complaint I find very offensive to those of us that have used and live near the Pub , his views are only his own , one person against the hundreds probably thousands now that have used the pub since Chris , John and the team took over , the pub has been there for many years , far more years than MR Riley has been on this planet , when they took it over the Pub was they will agree a bit grubby and had been uncared for , they worked tirelessly from day one spending vast amounts of their own time and money during the lockdowns to make the pub what is now probably the best in Shaftesbury and easily one of the best in Dorset , the brewery obviously have great faith in what they are doing and the business plans as they have also invested greatly in them, they have a superb pub with extremely friendly staff , a superb atmosphere and fantastic food and drink , from what I have seen they have bent over backwards to fully comply with all rules and regulations be it licencing ,noise , Covid etc etc the regulars now have a pub they can once again call their local and feel completely safe in , not many pubs would finish music early on a Saturday night for instance to fit in with neighbours , and it's a pub , what pub in the land does not from time to time have a little rowdiness outside but in the same respect how many landlords go to the extent they do at time in encouraging people to go home through the park rather than be noisy going up the hill , many landlords once people are off the premises don't really care what they do , Chris and John work closely with Pub watch and the local police to ensure any over zealous drinker are watched and if a nuisance their detail are passed straight away to all the local pus to not only keep the brewers safe but all the pubs in the area.

I wish more pubs were run and looked after as well as Ye Old Two Brewers , long may it continue to be run exactly as it is , I for one will be visiting regularly and am 100% confident to recommend the pub to all my friends and family young and old and I firmly believe Mr Rileys complaint is unfounded , unjust, and not in any way warranted.

Hospitality has been through the worst time ever imaginable and does not deserve this sort of complaint , they deserve a medal for sticking with it heavily investing in the pub and the areas future not to mention the livelihood of the many staff the now employ!!!!

Please feel free to call me on my mobile to discuss my views further if you feel the need to do so.

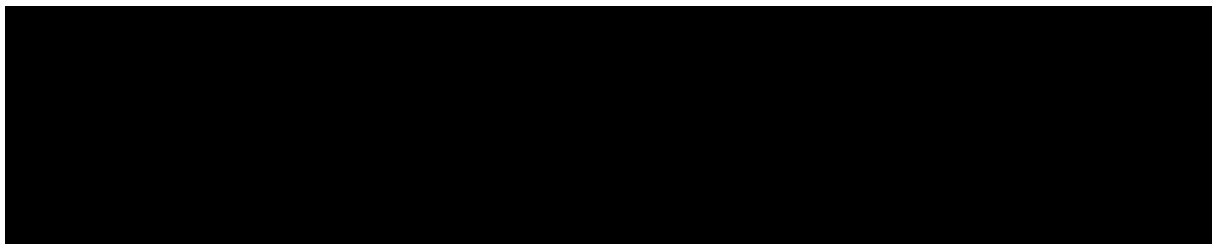
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Dear Sir/Madam,

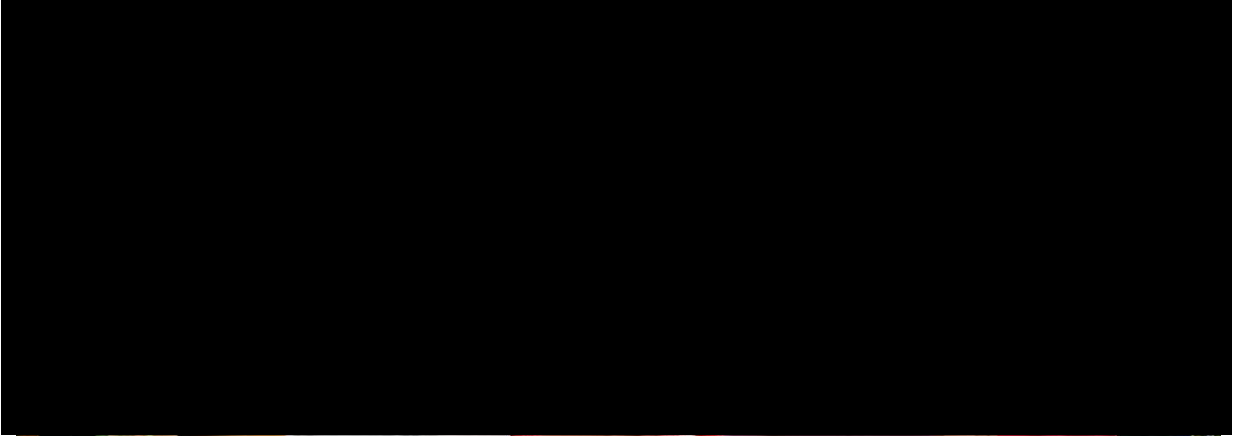
With regards to the consideration of changing the licensing agreement for the Two Brewers Public House in St. James I would like to support that it is allowed to continue under its current licence. My understanding is that a neighbour next door to the pub has complained about live music and stated that it is unsuitable for the location. I disagree with this assertion.

The Two Brewers has a long tradition of hosting music, including folk clubs and jam sessions. These are popular with local people, enabling musicians to come together to do what they love doing, performing together. The events I have attended have been mainly acoustic and the amplified events have been at a level that I would consider acceptable for neighbouring properties.

I performed at the pub in early summer 2010 to a large crowd in the garden. I have attached two photographs showing the musicians and some of the gathered audience. I also ran a small choir which used to meet in the pub after rehearsals and occasionally sang there. These were community events, enhanced by the location.



The back garden looks out over fields and, to my mind, makes an ideal location for live music, ensuring it finishes at an appropriate hour.



We wish to support the landlords of Two Brewers, St James, Shaftesbury

We live on French Mill Lane and so can hear the music whenever it is played. It is not always the genre of music we would choose to listen to and is sometimes loud but in spite of this we believe The Two Brewers is an asset in Shaftesbury and people enjoy the entertainment and we hope they will be able to continue with the business as it is now.

The times it is loud are very minimal and far less intrusive than things like light aircraft noises from the Compton Abbas airport or garden machinery in other people's gardens.

We have now lived here 7 years and some of the bands that play are the same bands that played when previous landlords had the pub and were equally "noisy" then. In that regard nothing has changed so why has it become an issue now?

To reiterate we support the pub to continue to have live music as they have done over their tenancy to date as it is at very limited times.

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Good Evening,

It is only recently that I started revisiting Ye Olde Two Brewers again after living out of town for a few years. Myself and my friends all love it. The owners have done a fantastic job in making it warm, friendly and welcoming. Ticket nights are only held once or twice a month and are great fun. Noise is not intrusive on music nights, in fact, it was quite possible to have a conversation at the bar without competing with the noise level.

We attended the drag night on 18th September which was well attended, had a happy atmosphere and everyone seemed to have had a great night.

It would be an awful shame if this venue had to close. It has great heritage and the new owners have done such a wonderful job of turning it into a successful business.

As for the compliant, if he wants "peace and quiet" then why move next door to a public house?

I wish Chris & John every success in their further endeavours.



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Dear Whom it may concern,

I am writing in connection with the recent complaint made against Ye Old Two Brewers, Shaftesbury, and strongly disagree to the review that this complaint has instigated.

As a resident of Shaftesbury for 40 years this venue is at its absolute best right now. The owners have made it a wonderful place for locals, a haven, an escape, a place to forget what's going on in this crazy world and it's absurd to think that it's under review.

The recent events that they have organised and poured their hearts and souls into have shown us all how to be a community again. How to have fun. How to be together again. The live music always stops at a decent hour and we are always reminded to respect the residents of the surrounding area when leaving the venue. Might I also point out the obvious in that the immediate residents must know they are buying/renting a house next to a pub?

I see nothing but respect from the owners on this subject as well as the customers so I urge you to let this venue continue with their future plans.

It's been years since I've seen a community of people together, hearing laughter and having fun. The locals (and even non locals that have heard about how great it is) now have somewhere to go that's popular, diverse, friendly and just has a certain quality that makes you want to go back and visit again.

As a local business owner and employer I know that it's important to also focus on the fact that they are keeping unemployment rates down and bringing much needed revenue into the town. They aren't just running a pub either, they are passionate, innovative and I think they are a real asset to the town.

Please do not take this away from us.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is [REDACTED] I'm an accountant at a firm in Salisbury. I reside in Shaftesbury and have always enjoyed a drink and the lovely food that Ye Olde Two Brewers has to offer. Having visiting the venue on many occasions I have never seen any trouble and have always had a warm welcome from the landlords Chris and John. I have been going to this pub for years and have seen many landlords and watched many live music events. I'm not sure what's changed!

I even live nearby at [REDACTED] in St James and have never heard any excess noise. I believe that the majority of the local residents enjoy the live music and a local friendly pub on their doorstep. Also the fact that the music is usually stopped by 10pm with exception of the fringe and the recent drag night (still within the licensed hours for music) would say to me they are trying to do everything in their power to keep noise levels to a minimum not to disturb their neighbours.

Furthermore I would like to commend what this pub and the landlords have given to us residents of Shaftesbury. We now have a live music venue where a recent venue Angola has been asked to stop. Especially after the past few years I think we all need somewhere where we can mix, listen to live music and get back to some kind of normal. This venue has always had live music I really don't see why now this has become an issue.

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I understand you are reviewing the licence for the Two Brewers to play live music.

I fully support the continuation of their licence. The pub itself is a historic and valuable asset to the whole town not just it's near neighbours and anything to support its viability should be welcomed.

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Hi,

I have learnt on local news that neighbours of Ye Olde Two Brewers pub have been complaining about the live music. I would just like to say that, as a resident of St James of over 21 years, I have no problem with it.

Since I moved here all the (10+) landlords have had live music in the garden. I don't know why the neighbours are singling out Chris and John.

The pub has been there for hundreds of years and I am sure that it has always been a fun and lively place. Take Seymour Usher for example. He was a long term landlord of the Brewers 100 or so years ago. He had a stage act where he played a violin with a pony's tail.

Chris and John have done a great job coming out of the pandemic making St James a fun place to live. People who buy a house next to a pub, never visit it, then try to harm it by complaining to authorities should be ashamed of themselves.

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Please do not allow one complaint stop the Ye Two Old Brewers shut down or lose its licensing for it's events and music.

The Shaftesbury NEEDS places like them.

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Dear Licensing Team at Dorset Council,

This email is to oppose the live music licensing review made by Mr Patrick Riley on the 21st September under the Public Notice Licensing Act of 2003.

I live on Great Lane in Shaftesbury and am able to hear the live music acts when they are on at the Two Brewers, the pub has advertised the events and stops them by 10pm as advertised, except for two recent events including the Shaftesbury Fringe which were advertised as later.

In challenge to the complainant.

I have found the live music acts to be in keeping with a 'village pub', rather than out of character for the area as stated. The publicans have been respectful and I have seen them regularly remind customers to be quiet as they leave, asked acts to finish on time and seem to have full respect for their position in the community. Any pub that has been run for over 100 years would have a rich tradition of events and music. The pub location in the valley 'amphitheatre' has also not changed with tables in the garden I imagine for much of that time. So I am unclear why the complainant would see this as out of character in a historical area, in fact noise levels has probably significantly subsided over the years. The area regularly has aeroplane noise from Melbury Abbas aircraft site, which I find more obstructive as it is unpredictable.

The complainant states that customers have been rowdy, threatening and anti-social. I have not witnessed and regularly visit the pub. The pub hired two security personal on a recent busy event to counter any anti-social behaviour. Any anti-social or drunken behavior that has been mentioned, would not be anything more than routine pub customers such as in other parts of Shaftesbury. In fact Chris and John the publicans. I have seen, displaying a cautious and sensitive approach to taking on a new pub in Shaftesbury, this alongside they experience of running venues elsewhere shines through in their interactions and skills.

I am surprised that it is claimed that the music can be heard in Breach Lane and Pitts Lane, I live in Great Lane and I can hear it but it is not obtrusive levels. I can also hear the music from the Mitre pub garden and see it as part of living in a town with pubs over the summer. Given the live music is once a fortnight at most and is advertised, it is clear to us when this will happen and it finishes by 10pm. Bands have included folk, rock and cover bands. We enjoy sitting in our garden to listen to the music when it happens.

Shaftesbury is a small town with little entertainment, and I and my family have welcomed the wider range of events and music that is now on offer at The Two Brewers. The publicans has taken time and expense to refurbish the pub, adding a large marquee in the garden which makes visiting C19 safe, this has been very welcome to reduce infection risks and shows a thoughtful approach rather than merely having tables in the garden.

The Two Brewers has quickly become a key venue for live music, the Shaftesbury Festival and has brings life and a welcome venue to attend in what would quickly becomes a rather lifeless town without its venues. I ask you to consider the needs of the entire population of Shaftesbury in encouraging people to socialise within their own town. I therefore disagree that 'local feeling' is that entertainment events should be 'very limited'. I am concerned that as venues are forced to reduce their entertainment options my teenage children [and I !] will be forced to visit Salisbury, Bath or Bristol for nightlife - which is a challenging journey at night.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you would like further information,

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They are doing a terrific job keeping the pub alive. They have consulted with neighbours and NO-ONE except this dreadful man is complaining. Good luck to them. They manage the noise of the customers coming and going, keep the town informed of what they are planning and are an asset to the town.

I'm old, I don't go out to their things much but I absolutely support what they are trying to do.

Please do not scupper it.

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Dear Sir

I write in support of the current owners/management of Ye Old Two Brewers in St. James, Shaftesbury. I understand a complaint has been lodged with regard to live music events at the pub.

Although I am a very infrequent customer at the pub, I do live nearby. Whilst I do hear the occasional evening's music clearly from my property's garden (Shaftesbury's slopes do create an amphitheatre effect), it causes no distress to myself or my family. In fact, there is something wonderful about listening to the music from the comfort of my own garden. The music does not continue late into the night and I'm actually glad to hear some life breathed into the town I have lived in for over 40 years. The loss of the Gold Hill Fair music at St. James play park some years ago was the worst thing to happen to this town and I would hate to see The Brewers lose their license due to a minority complaining. I believe the majority of the locals to be in favour of live music in our town. Maybe people who would like to live in a museum shouldn't move to a property close to a pub? Just a thought.



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I regularly use the pub and I cannot believe how well John and Chris have done bringing the two Brewers out of the doldrums, fantastic eating house and music venue my wife plays in the band Mustang Sally and I do the sound, and Jon and Chris always go round, doing the readings to make sure that we do not go above a certain decibel John and Chris are doing a fantastic job and I hope they will for the foreseeable future we all need a bit of fun after 2 years of Hell from Covid

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To the licensing Team

I am just sending in my support for the Two Brewers pub in Shaftesbury who have been singled out as a causing noise disturbance in the St James area of Shaftesbury.

A complaint has come from one individual. Almost everyone else is in support of the new landlords who are doing all they can to work with the community. They are doing all they can to minimise noise. But they are also a pub which at times gets very busy. People in pubs do not whisper to each other, and a little noise is normal and to be expected. This complaint is unjustified, unnecessary and just vindictive against the new landlords who are doing their best to run a pub in difficult times. We all need places like the Two Brewers to survive and flourish, so please support the pub against these selfish complaints.

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Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to support my local pub, the Two Brewers. I live at number [REDACTED] St James Street and the pub is at 24, St James Street. The outdoor music is necessarily loud but shortlived. The publicans have sent a list of dates when there would be outdoor music and when they expected to end including time for encores. Sometimes the outdoor music is acoustic and, by definition, not amplified.

I feel that anyone living close to a pub should expect some sort of noise and generally I feel pretty undisturbed by the music nights. Recently, there was a drag night so I am thinking that some of the recent complaints may be sparked by overt or covert homophobia, one to watch?

Personally, I do not want any changes to the Two Brewers license and feel that the complaints that I have seen/heard of are unfounded.

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Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to express our support for Ye Olde Two Brewers keeping its whole licence including live events. We do not believe that the current arrangements constitute a public nuisance.

We are residents of St James and are extremely concerned that you may think the views expressed by Mr Riley are representative of this community. We are a diverse community living in a lovely part of Shaftesbury with our own local pub. We are far more open minded than this complaint would suggest. This pub is central to this community and more widely in terms of supporting the growing tourism industry in Shaftesbury.

The pub has always had some live events both inside and outside. Due to the pandemic more events have happened in the garden to keep people safe.

Since arriving at The Brewers, Chris and John have worked tirelessly to build up the pub and create a much needed venue for both residents and the wider Dorset community. The bands I have seen in the pub garden have been widely supported (there are no other venues for in Shaftesbury) I understand that John and Chris have gone out of their way to engage with more immediate neighbours and music stops by 10:00 at the latest. The bands are booked fortnightly and now we are out of restrictions are going to be playing inside in the winter months.

The new landlords employ a number of local young people who are gaining knowledge and experience of working in the hospitality industry. They provide a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere for families, regulars and young people. The whole offer of food drink and a variety of entertainment is paramount to maintaining this central part of our community.

With the current licensing arrangements, The Brewers was a main venue throughout the recent fringe festival. This is a new annual event which again was much enjoyed by the local and wider community and really put Shaftesbury on the map.

Thank you for your time in considering our views.

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Hi,

I am writing to give my opinion as to why the Two Brewers should be allowed to retain their music license.

Chris and John Henson-Ball have worked very hard to get the pub up and running (especially through these uncertain Covid-19 times) and I believe it was always their intention to put on entertainment for the people of Shaftesbury to enjoy.

I personally cannot see the need for a review as I feel that it has not been Chris & John's problem that the previous tenants of the pub did not hold music events and that, combined with Covid, has meant that there has been a 3 to 4 year quiet period for the people at that part of the town.

I have seen first hand the lengths Chris & John have gone to to make sure they adhere to rules including taking regular decibel meter readings (taking them at the pub and also outside up and down St James Street) and having most of the events finish well before time.

I appreciate the fact that there have been quite a few events in the last few weeks (including the Shaftesbury Fringe - an event put on by Shaftesbury people for Shaftesbury people !!) but this has coincided with the relaxation of Covid rules (and people wanting to go out and enjoy themselves !!) and the obvious need for Chris & John to try to recoup some of their financial outlay.

With the nights now drawing in and the colder weather on its way, the events are now going to be held indoors so I sincerely hope that common sense prevails and that the Two Brewers retain their license.

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We are writing in support of the landlords, who since arriving have run a very well organised and orderly pub. The entertainment nights they have organized are occasional and are welcomed by the majority of people in Shaftesbury, we have not heard any negative comments from the local residents.

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Hello Licensing Team,

Following various social media comments regarding entertainment at Ye Olde Two Brewers, I feel compelled to write to you to express **my support** for the continuation of live music and other entertainment at this well established public house.

I was born and raised in Shaftesbury, now living in West Stour, just a few miles away, hence my interest. In my lifetime, I've witnessed the demise of regular music events at the Town Hall, on the hill at the 'old' Gold Hill Fair, as well as the loss of the 'V' Twin Rally in the town. It seems to me that despite the best efforts of positive thinking organisers, backed by the supporting majority, it remains the case that a small minority can dismantle these events with the greatest of ease.

I won't bother trotting out the same old 'well if you buy a property near a pub' etc. arguments, rather put it to you that there must be some middle ground here. Yes, venues should be held responsible for minimising noise from those exiting an event, yes, reasonable closing times should be adopted, and yes, parking issues should be addressed wherever possible, and all elements within the community should have the chance to voice their opinions.

I'm sure you will be carefully considering all aspects of the argument here – and I trust a fair and equitable solution can be found, without tearing down another brave effort to provide some light relief by way of live music in these unprecedented times.

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Dear Sirs

My partner and I live [REDACTED] St James Street.

When I bought the property almost 16 years ago, I noticed the pub! I knew that by choosing to live [REDACTED] to a pub there was a risk of noise and disruption hopefully because of laughter, merriment and joy.

Over the last 16+ years there has been some infrequent noise and some minor disruption but no more than is reasonable. And that is my key point. The noise levels coming from the pub over the last 16 years, regardless of the tenant, have been infrequent and completely acceptable.

My partner, who is 7 months pregnant, and I want to live next door to a healthy and vibrant pub and we accept that sometimes there will be noise. In the case of The Two Brewers the noise levels and occasional disruption by joyous customers are well within the bounds of reasonableness and acceptability.

If the pub licence is reviewed and restricted to prohibit or limit its current live music capability its revenue will drop below breakeven, and the business will become commercially unviable. In a normal trading environment – pre covid - the business is fragile. I have advised previous tenants and know the business model very well which makes financial success very difficult to achieve.

We fear that the site may end up being sold by the owners for development as a block of flats or yet another retirement home.

We fully support the pub. We fully support the current tenants who go out of their way to listen to and accommodate feedback from residents of St James' Street. My concern is that whatever the current tenants do will not satisfy the main complainant who once complained to a previous tenant about the height of the children's climbing frame in the pub garden because of the possibility of children looking into his garden!

We do not support any review of the pub's licence or any change to its capability to run live events.

Thank you Roy

As [REDACTED] neighbour I am hoping and expecting that the representations are balanced and objective without the intrusion of extraneous issues or personal opinions into the debate.

I would emphasise the infrequent nature of the outdoor events and the community need for live local events and live local music. I also strongly believe that as the Two Brewers seeks to get back on its financial feet post covid its resilience and creative commercial spirit should be embraced and encouraged.

[REDACTED]

I have also expanded on my opinion on the "This is Alfred" pod cast published last Tuesday.



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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to give my support to the 2 brewers pub in Shaftesbury.

I live at ■ St. James st, just a couple of minutes walk from the pub.

We love to hear activity and events at the pub, it's a sign of life in our community and I think it's well within reasonable limits. The noise always stops before 11.

I hope that public opinion shows that we love our local, and all that goes on there, and you don't see fit to make any changes.

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Good morning,

I am writing to show my support in favour of Chris and John at the Two Brewers in Shaftesbury.

This is a thriving business at the bottom of Gold Hill and is very much part of our community. As a recently qualified nurse, I celebrated passing my degree with a meal at the Two Brewers and their kindness, helpfulness and joy at my celebration went above and beyond.

As for the recent live music events being complained about, the landlords had well advertised these events so they came as no surprise, and as a longstanding member of a flourishing country town I embraced them. I have a young adult family and as such, encourage both the Fringe Festival and the Drag night, what wonderful events to take place in such a small market town!

To reiterate, I and my family (which includes 5 children) wholeheartedly support Chris, John and the Two Brewers.

Please don't close our wonderful diverse colourful pub!!

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I am emailing to express my support to the continuation of live music and events at the Two Brewers pub Shaftesbury. The landlords appear to have gone the extra mile to appease concerns expressed by a few locals.

Far too many pubs are going out of business through lack of community support. The work and effort put into the pub by the current landlords for the benefit of the locals should be applauded and rewarded. It's just what Shaftesbury needs, local people staying in Shaftesbury spending their wages keeping the local economy going.

I have been to several live events recently and the atmosphere and joy created was amazing.

As for the people who don't like the noise, why oh why did they choose to live so close to a pub ?

Very few houses in Shaftesbury have a pub so close, it was a conscious decision made by them in full knowledge that the pub was there and by the nature of its business noise would be inevitable.

Pubs are for the public, people make noise.

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I am writing in support of The Two Brewers pub in Shaftesbury.

A neighbour is complaining about noise? I am not sure how near to the pub the complainant lives but apart from occasional live music events there is as much noise as you would get from living near any pub?

Even though the pub has had various music events the complaint was sent in after the landlords had a drag night? Therefore, I am guessing there is some prejudice going on here? The music stopped around 10.30? There was no rowdy behaviour in the street and I couldn't hear it in Breach Lane when I got back, as the complainant had described, and I know because I live there?

The pub employs a lot of people in an area where jobs are few? It is a pub serving the local community who are, on the whole, enjoying it being there and where so many other pubs are closing.

Please don't close this vital hub.

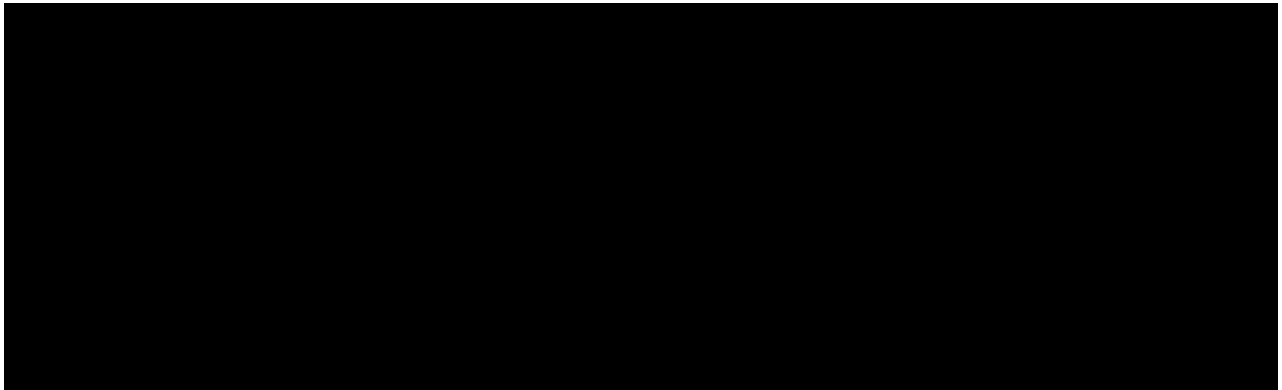
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Dear Madam/Sir,

I understand that a complaint of loud music has been made against the Two Brewers in Shaftesbury.

My family and I have been to this establishment several times recently and have never found the music to be either loud or annoying in any way. Additionally, the sound of music is not particularly evident or bothersome even in the main road there or a very short distance away. There has been a licensed premises at this location for as long as I can remember, and it was a lively and well supported centre of social gatherings and entertainment for many years from when we first relocated to the area in 1989. Additionally, the noise and rumble of traffic past our home here gets much louder than 75 dB so should we ask for such traffic to be restricted?

When it comes to live music and events Shaftesbury is very much mostly a desert and offers very little that caters to the desire for this from young and old alike. The recent Fringe event was a breath of fresh air and very welcome (especially after the closing of Angola 76 and ceasing of live music at the annual Gold Hill Fair) but sadly is not the norm for our "retirement" town dominated by older people and their not in my backyard approach once they move/retire here from far afield. How can you recently buy and move in to a house next door to a pub and then complain of noise which is what I understand has occurred here?



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Dear Licensing Team B

I just wanted to add my voice to the call for keeping the live music and entertainment at The Two Brewers.

I was shocked when the license for music was cancelled at what is now Mustons's Bar and Grill. There is so little to do in Shaftesbury and absolutely nowhere for young people to go.

If you buy a house in the town centre then you should expect noise!!

As a leader of a Peer Support Group for people with mental health difficulties I realise just how important facilities such as this are.

We absolutely need to keep venues such as the Two Brewers where people can have a bit of fun and enjoyment.

Kind regards

<https://mentalhealthnd.org>

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Hello,

I would like to voice my support for The Two Brewers Pub here in Shaftesbury. I have been a resident for over 15 years and it would be a great loss to the town to cap any live entertainment at this pub. It has always been know for its live bands, especially over the Gold Hill Fair period and Fringe. It is not unusual for this pub to have bands and not at a very frequent rate either.

The Grovenor Arms used to put on bands and The Kings Arms, but events seem to have disappeared. To stop this pub too wound be disastrous. Lately it has been great to see the new Landlords revive this pub to its former glory. As it used to be a few years ago.

I feel if residents don't like it then don't buy a property by a pub! Also with situations like Angola on Mustons Lane, they have been restricted which I can understand, as it hasn't always been an entertainment venue. The Two Brewers has.

If the council don't allow any new venues then please don't take away ones we currently have.

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To whom it may concern.

I see no reason for a licencing review of the Two Brewers Shaftesbury. I live on Breach Lane within the distance the complainant states people are affected by the noise from the pub. At no time have I felt the noise is excessive. The events are always well publicised, infrequent and end at an appropriate time.

I regularly walk through St James and at no time have I felt the atmosphere created by those attending the pub is threatening. On the contrary, it is nice to see the pub being well attended and used as it is intended. I fully support the landlords.



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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a Shaftesbury resident, living within walking distance of the Two Brewers. It has been so lovely to see the new landlords investing in this pub and bringing more people down to the St James area - I walk past it most days taking my children to school and it is so great to see it full of life.

To hear that a resident has complained about the pub really saddens me, it's not like there is live music on a regular basis, there has only been a couple of bigger events since the landlords took over. They are proudly gay and put on a recent drag evening - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] If you choose to live near any sort of pub then surely you have to expect some sort of events to take place.

Please don't let the pub get knocked back, it will become unused and eventually boarded up like so many others in the area. This is a family friendly pub which is great for us and so friendly to everyone who visits.

I hope my thoughts can be recorded in favour of the pub.

To whom it concerns

Please do not revoke the two Brewers license in one of the last glimmer of hopes in an ageing Dorset town.

It's not like other venues which may attract the wrong crowds and trouble regularly occurs, it's a venue which promotes inclusion for everyone even family/children. It also holds event such as drag nights supporting the LGBT community which prove to be extremely popular and is a boost for the local community.

Overall it's jumped through many hoops and found solutions in the way of number caps and noise curfews and abides by any rule to ensure both locals and customers are happy to the best of their ability. Please don't let the negative opinions of the few, ruin it for the masses.

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Good Afternoon

I hope this email finds you well.

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a Shaftesbury resident who lives at Pound Lane [REDACTED].

I am writing to pledge my support to the Two Brewers in St James, Shaftesbury and hope they are able to continue providing live entertainment as well as warm hospitality to the patrons of the town and beyond.

Thank you,

### Tow Who it may Concern

I am writing in support of The Two Brewer's pub in Shaftesbury. This is an important venue in Shaftesbury. I have been going to that pub since I was a teenager in the late 80s and have many happy memories of evenings spent there. It remains an excellent venue and serves its community well. It would be a dreadful shame if the licence were to be revoked because of the opinion of the few. I believe that if a person does not want to be exposed to a noisy pub, then they shouldn't move next to one. You must accept that noise goes with the territory and you have the choice not to be exposed to that noise by not moving next to one. It would be a shame to revoke the licence of this historic pub because of intolerant people who expect to live in a noiseless and quite frankly, boring, world.

The live events at The Two Brewers are infrequent. I popped in to the beer garden of The Two Brewers during the Fringe Festival before walking up Gold Hill. The noise was not excessive and I could not hear it as I walked away from the pub.

The hospitality industry has been going through a very tough time recently and pubs such as The Two Brewers should be given support to survive, not punishment for a little bit of noise.

Re: the review of the Premises Licence at Ye Olde Two Brewers

We wish to support the continuation of the current licence for Ye Olde Two Brewers. We live [REDACTED] up from the pub in St James Street.

The present landlords have revived the pub, which has in recent years declined in popularity, and have done a good job in finding a new and sustainable clientele, thus saving an important community asset. It is true that the music is occasionally disturbing, but this is infrequent and the finish times are adhered to. The landlords have been open and approachable in consulting and listening to their neighbours. They realise that there are issues to do with noise and occasional rowdiness at closing time, but give us the impression that they are on top of things and are fully aware of their obligation to be good neighbours. We would be very sad to see anything which threatened the pub's continuance as a vibrant and convivial community venue.

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Dear Sirs/Madam

We write in support of the above public house. We live very close to the establishment and are dismayed that the landlords have to contend with the licensing review as a result of complaints regarding the noise aspect of the music events. They have been very considerate in letting the public know when they are taking place and making sure they finish at a reasonable time. Also, they do not take place every week so there are plenty of 'quiet' weekends. If the style of music is not acceptable to some neighbours surely it would not be impossible to arrange to go somewhere else for the evening once in a while. The last 18 months have been difficult for everyone, including the hospitality trade, and now that things are opening up again (and we don't yet know what the future holds) and as you must be well aware, businesses have to try and make up for lost ground. The public too, are grateful for a return to comparative normality and to be able to enjoy life again - each in their own particular way provided they appreciate the preferences of others and allow for differences of opinions. The landlords of The Two Brewers are doing their best to please as many customers as possible by serving good food and providing entertainment in different forms, including introducing quiz nights in the near future.

We have lived in St James Street for over 40 years and would hate to see it lose the village pub. We have already lost the post office stores but the church and the pub still give the street it's special character and atmosphere. There has been a pub on that site for many, many years - long may it continue and good luck to the present landlords.

Dear Sirs,

I hope this email finds you well. The intention of this message is regarding the situation that the pub Ye Olde Two Brewers in Shaftesbury, Dorset, is currently facing. I have been informed about a complaint and an application for a review of a premises licence coming from Mr. Patrick Riley grounded of "prevention of nuisance". Nevertheless, after working for Mr. and Mr. Henson-Ball in the past, I can attest to the hard-work and compromise towards the community in Shaftesbury they both practice. I have witnessed how they have taken actions making sure their business is a place where:

- drugs are not allowed.
- mysogyny, homophobia, transphobia and any form of bullying is not tolerated.
- misbehaviour is not accepted, and good manners are encouraged.
- swearing is controlled.
- families have a safe place to go to.
- people can feel welcomed in their own skin.
- inclusivity is developing and is going to help Shaftesbury to grow empathetically, financially and culturally.
- artists, entertainers and creatives have a place to perform, work, gather and, essentially, be.
- tourism and hospitality take place.
- tradition has been kept; maintaining one of Shaftesbury's oldest buildings in good condition, open and fully working.

Therefore, taking into consideration what I previously mentioned, alongside Mr. and Mr. Henson-Ball's integrity and commitment, I stand supporting them and their busines, as well as opposing Mr. Riley's equivocal complaints and actions.

I hope you make the best decision after taking these facts into careful consideration.

Please don't destroy another one of our pubs that is part of our small community other someone who can't agree with people enjoying there Saturdays the pub is amongst one of the oldest in Shaftesbury and should be allowed to thrive



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To whom it may concern:

Dear Sir/Madam,

It recently came to my notice that a resident of St James in Shaftesbury, Patrick Riley has lodged a formal complaint about music events at The Two Brewers pub and has asked the council for a review of their pub licence. I would like to say that I fully support the landlords of The Two Brewers who have worked so hard to turn the pub into a welcoming family friendly venue that has given much needed employment to many local people and provided fun and entertainment that is such an asset to our town. I know that Chris and John Henson-Ball have tried very hard to comply with their neighbours' wishes regarding music noise and have limited the times of music s to finish at an acceptable time in the evening.

Some neighbours are quite happy with the occasional music events especially as we have already lost some of our music venues and other pubs including The Fountain Inn at Enmore Green. There has been a pub in St James for hundreds of years and when I first moved Shaftesbury 31 years ago there were many music events there and on Gold Hill Fair day on the first weekend in July there was a always a small stage in the park opposite the pub for local bands to showcase their music and the audience sat around the natural amphitheatre enjoying the entertainment and The Two Brewers was the focal point. These wonderful events were stopped when certain people in St James complained and it was lost even though the music was never continued late in the evening. I believe that opportunities for local musicians to play and for families to enjoy entertainment while having a meal and a drink should not be stopped just because one person raises an objection. Why buy a property near a pub and expect total silence at all times?

I do hope that Dorset Council will take a balanced view on this matter and not put our community at risk of losing yet another pub and place where we can enjoy entertainment which is much needed in these difficult times.

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Dear Sirs,

*I believe the premises Ye Olde Two Brewers in St James Street has been subject of an application to review it's entertainment licence on the grounds of public nuisance.*

*I would like to express my support in favour of the premises and the current tenants, Messrs Henson-Ball and their business model. Under the ongoing cloud of COVID, the tenants have persisted to obtain high standards at the premises, and created an all inclusive, family friendly, pet friendly and diverse stablishment with excellent entertainment and a safe environment.*

*I believe there are only very occasional events, including Fringe which go past 10pm for live music and this really is very important for the town and the regulars of the Two Brewers. Messrs Henson-Ball have worked hard to ensure the customer base of the premises are responsible, well mannered and mindful and have not tolerated any local anti-social customers and thus run a well behaved and happy ship.*

*It saddens me that some members of the community have not appreciated their efforts and seem to be trying to cause issues for the business where there aren't any and in the interests of their own personal beliefs.*

*I would like to oppose any change in the licence for Ye Olde Two Brewers and with the tenants efforts to protect the local residents and community to be recognised and commended.*

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Dear Licensing Team

I gather there have been a few complaints about the Two Brewers and I assume noise levels when they have musical evenings

I must say that I have lived [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the Brewers for over 20 years and have never had cause to complain at all: if my windows are open on a summer evening it's nice to here the cheery sounds from across the street.

Anyone buying a house close to a public house ought to know that at times there will be Music and laughter from the pub goes! Also some drinkers may be too noisy on leaving the premises perhaps on a Friday or Saturday evening.

The Two Brewers is the only pub in Shaftesbury with a nice fenced off garden so that family's in particular can take their children in the knowledge their little are safe from going into street - there are play areas and a Wendy house for them - and a just wonderful asset.

Like many rural pubs/ restaurants their main business is at the weekends - and they would fail without it : as to music perhaps a time limit might be applied - say 10.30pm ? Or a decibel limit ?if that's the problem.

[REDACTED]

Just a few complaints should not have the power to strangle a wonderful ,social venue In Shaftesbury !

Btw I am 87 but not hard if hearing !

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Dear Sir/Madam

I enclose our response to the recent application for a review of the premises licence for the Two Brewers in Shaftesbury.

If you need any more information from us please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **Response to the Application for a Review of the Premises Licence for the Two Brewers Public House in Shaftesbury**

30 September 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

We would be very sad to see the Two Brewers close as the result of new restrictions on its licence making it no longer commercially viable. On the other hand it would be very sad to see the lives of the Two Brewers' immediate neighbours made miserable as a result of inconsiderate behaviour by the Two Brewers' management, staff or customers. However, Chris and John at the Two Brewers and their staff are considerate people and we have not experienced inconsiderate behaviour from the customers so we hope a solution will be found that works for everyone without the need for licence changes.

We enjoy drinking and eating at the Two Brewers and listening to music there. For us the pub is very convenient; we live on the same side of the road as the Two Brewers but 20 doors down. In the afternoons, during the summer months, when there has been music playing at the pub we have enjoyed listening to it whilst gardening. It has usually been well worth listening to. Although we can sometimes hear the music inside our house, when we have the windows open, it has never been intrusive and on the very rare occasions that we have gone to bed before the music ended – it has never kept us awake. We live right on the road and quite often are out late in the evening but we have never been disturbed by rowdy, threatening or antisocial behaviour from people going to or leaving the pub.

The parts of Shaftesbury that lie beneath the hill, including St James and Enmore Green, have not historically been quiet residential areas but have housed vibrant communities. It would be desperately sad to see the last bits of life sucked out of them. They used to contain numerous shops and pubs and unfortunately now all of the shops have gone and the Two Brewers is the last of the pubs still operating. We would be very sorry to see the Two Brewers suffer the same fate as the Fox and Hounds and the Hand in Hand. Both of these pubs in St James Street have, in living memory, been turned into private houses. If the Two Brewers closed we think it would be bad for St James and for Shaftesbury. In the 2011 census for Shaftesbury about 22% of the population was over 65 compared with a national figure of just over 16%. Since then the new housing developments on the east of the town have probably lowered the average age of those in Shaftesbury. However it would be tragic if most of the younger (and poorer) people lived on the east of the town, most of the older (and richer) people lived on the west and the groups did not mix socially. The Two Brewers provides an invaluable bridge between these groups helping to ensure the town remains the friendly and inclusive place that it currently is.

In the last 15 years the pub has had 7 different sets of tenants. Each time the landlords have changed so has the offering made to the public although all have used live music inside, outside or both to draw people to the pub. It is difficult to see how the pub could survive without the income that music events bring or to see the pub survive as a going concern much longer if the current tenants can't make it viable. We do not wish to see the Two Brewers change from being a pub with occasional music, which it currently is, to a music venue with a bar and food. We also don't want the music to become too frequent, too loud or to go on too late. We do want to see the Two Brewers remain essentially as it is; a good public house with good beer, good food, good company and a variety of different events attracting different audiences and broadening the client base. Chris and

John have worked hard in their attempt to ensure the financial survival of the Two Brewers and deserve the support of the local population in making the Two Brewers a success as a pub. It is certainly a case of 'use it or lose it'. We do not believe that the terms of the licence should be made more restrictive. If they are, we fear that it could well prove fatal for the pub.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to express my displeasure at the review of Ye Olde Two Brewers license and convey my upmost support for the landlords Chris and John, the business and all the staff.

Firstly, I believe the threat to Ye Olde Two Brewers' license to be unnecessary because Chris and John, as landlords, have greatly improved The Brewers. Having lived in the area for 21 years, I had always known The Brewers as a 'rough' drinkers pub. Since becoming landlords, Chris and John have turned The Brewers into a family friendly pub that is welcoming, and an accepting environment for drinkers and diners alike. Furthermore, The Brewers provides an irreplaceable venue for local musicians to perform. As a musician myself, I understand the importance of The Brewers as a live music venue, as it not only provides entertainment for customers, it also gives local musicians work and an output for their creativity. The music industry is a tough place to build a career, and we are extremely lucky to have The Brewers as a potential step up into this industry. I am very passionate about all live music, particularly the monthly folk sessions held at The Brewers. These sessions showcase local people partaking in traditional music that is part of our rural history. Previous pubs in Shaftesbury, including The Crown and The Fountain, were hubs for local musicians. Since they have closed, these musicians have dissipated, and the folk tradition is slowly losing its outlet in pub sessions. Should The Brewers lose their licence I fear that these spontaneous musical gatherings and the musicians themselves will be lost along with a great family friendly pub.

Secondly, Chris and John are extremely respectful when running live music events. I have attended a couple of performances at The Brewers and have witnessed the landlords using a decibel meters to check the noise levels, even going to the extent of walking down the street to monitor how the noise from the pub is affecting neighbouring houses. At a performance I attended on the 3rd of October 2021, the musician was asked to stop at 11pm, which, as I have researched, is the appropriate time to stop any loud music that could be disruptive to neighbours. It is widely known that The Brewers is situated in a residential area and has been for 300 years. One would hope that, when purchasing a house near a historical pub, residents would expect some noise whether that be from music or drunken revellers. I, personally, would expect a level of tolerance from the residents of St James since the pub has not appeared out of nowhere and the noise coming from the building is neither new nor shocking. Chris and John operate within their rights, and it can be argued that residents ought to be prepared for, and accepting of, the liveliness and noise that comes from living near a pub.

Finally, I feel that complaints being made against the landlords are threatening the operation of the business and are causing Chris, John and all the staff unnecessary stress, especially since The Brewers is operating within the law. I am aware of the volume of phone calls being made to staff members, which result in long, drawn out conversations that take them away from their work. Customers cannot be catered for to the best of the staff's ability when waitresses and bartenders are constantly dealing with phone calls that take up time that should be spent on ensuring patrons are getting a pleasant dining and drinking experience.

It is exceptionally sad to see a local business being attacked by the community that ought to be supporting them. St James and Shaftesbury is so lucky to have a wonderful pub that caters to such a variety of people and supports local musicians. Following the pandemic, the pub trade is suffering, and it seems such a shame to put Ye Olde Two Brewers under review when they have managed to keep themselves afloat during COVID-19 where other pubs have not. The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasised the importance of community and the significance of supporting local business and unfortunately, neither ethos is being expressed towards The Brewers. I hope that Dorset County Council finds this review of Ye Olde Two Brewers' licence to be unnecessary, and they must be

aware that if a decision is made to change Chris and John's licence, it could result in the loss of another of Shaftesbury's historical pubs.

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Dear Dorset Licencing Team.

I write regarding the review of premises licence for the Two Brewers Public house in Shaftesbury dorset SP78HE on the grounds of public nuisance.

I have lived in and around St James all my life and feel that a minority of people who profess to "Speak on behalf of the community" are not representative of the community as a whole, and I need to put my opinion forward.

1) We need a pub in the village, The value of a pub in a community is well known. Keeping any pub open is not easy in the current economic climate, if a pub provides entertainment that is well managed as I believe it is at this pub, it should be supported.

2) When I was a boy some 30 years ago, the Two brewers was the liveliest pub in town with ques of people waiting to get in and many live music events. We still live in a vibrant village and it should not be converted to a chocolate box museum for weekenders.

3) The live music events finish by 22:00 and are well managed lasting no more than 3 hrs, The events are every two weeks or so, this represents only 0.89% of the time. This makes any complaint on the basis of noise very trivial.

4) The venu is well contained and I have never noticed any issues outside of the venue over the last few months that would be seen as a public disorder.

5) The music may be heard by residents if they are outside in a small area around the village but this is of a low level and I consider it background noise akin to an urban environment.

I think that people need to learn to live together and accept that small compromises sometimes need to be made for the greater good.

I hope that the licencing team look favorably on this pub.



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Dear Sir/Madam

I live in Salisbury Street and our house overlooks St James with Ye Old Two Brewers at the bottom of the hill, behind our garden,

An inevitable aspect of living in an urban environment with so many amenities on the doorstep is that at times it can be very noisy. Lawn mowers, strimmers, hedgecutters, backfiring exhausts and light aircraft flying overhead do disturb the peace.

Certainly there were several times over the summer when the sound of music from the pub was very loud. But given this was the noise of people listening to local musicians and enjoying themselves after so many months of lock down it seems churlish in the extreme to object. The new landlords appear to be doing their utmost to be considerate to neighbours whilst also trying to make a go of a business which a number of previous landlords over the recent years have struggled to do.

I would be very sad if any restrictions were placed on their current licence which would prevent them from running a viable business.

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Dear Licensing Team, as a resident of Shaftesbury I would like to express my views on the subject of the Two Brewers that was recently debated by our Town Council. I have lived in Shaftesbury or the surrounding area for over 40 years and in that time the Brewers has seen several landlords come and go, some friendly some otherwise but I have to state that none has been as concerned about the impact of the pub on the local environment as the present landlords. They have gone out of their way to inform residents of events they have planned and have been very strict and sensitive in taking local views into account and limiting both the noise and the length of time of the music events. We live in very difficult times and I would hate to see any further restrictions put in place that would hamper the attempt of the present landlords to make a success of the pub.

Thank you for your consideration.

I am writing in to you to disagree with Mr Patrick Riley's opinion for a review of a premises licence.

I am ■ years old and work at the pub in question, ye olde two brewers. Through working on the premises I witness first-hand the diversity of the pub. I have had multiple customers compliment us on how welcoming we are to all different cultures, races and to customers from the LGBTQ community. This is a very important asset to the town, I know for a fact that some people from these groups only feel welcome in the ye olde two brewers after facing abuse from elsewhere. This in itself proves the relaxed and safe service the pub provides.

Through working for Chris and John Henson-Ball at the ye olde two brewers my confidence in myself has increased dramatically. Before working in the pub I used to suffer with social anxieties, this used to make me worried about speaking to people and scared of large crowds of people. After my employment at the pub I can now confidently interact and create conversations with any customer, I can now comfortably work and feel relaxed on a gig night with substantial amounts of people without feeling uneasy or scared anymore. Working in the pub naturally is a very fast paced environment, learning to confidently work in such rapid conditions has opened many doors for future employment for myself and has been excellent work experience to lead onto future jobs.

In Mr Patrick Riley's reasoning for a review of a premises license, one of his reasons was that "the performing of live music events, acoustic or amplified is totally inappropriate for this area" this particular reason for review came to my attention after a recent conversation with my two grandparents. They were telling me that in the 80s, before the complainant was in residency in St James, the pub used to be a drinks only pub with live music events occurring from Friday until Sunday every single weekend. This was an event in which all the locals would get particularly drunk and rowdy in.

In another one of Mr Riley's reasons for complaints was "the local feeling is that entertainment should be very limited and not exceed a prescribed level" I know for a fact this is not the local feeling. Yes one or two residents feel that way but to say that this is the general local feeling is untrue. From working in the ye olde two brewers I have engaged in many conversations with the local customers and residents of St James Street and can say for a fact this is not the general opinion, it is that of a minority.

Working alongside the tenants Chris and John, I witness first-hand the amount of compassion and work they have put into the ye olde two brewers. They have completely renovated the skittle alley to an exceptional level, revamped the garden seating area, installed a new decking area leading onto the garden. They are constantly working on new projects within the pub in order to improve the experience for not only the customers but for the staff as well.

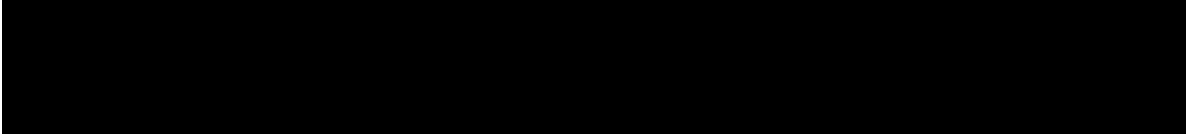
In summary, I DO NOT agree with the views of Mr Patrick Riley for a review of premises license. I believe his reasons are insignificant and unsupported by the vast majority of St James Street and the town of Shaftesbury as a whole.

I would also like to mention that Chris and John Henson-Ball did NOT ask me to write this email, I am writing this entirely out of my viewpoint and experiences. They do not even know that I am writing this.

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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing in regards to the licensing review on Ye Olde Two Brewers in Shaftesbury, I do not support the call for a review from Patrick. Chris and John are doing an amazing job with the pub, it is a warm, safe, family friendly environment with a warm a friendly team.



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To whom it may concern,

I **do not** support the review of the license that Mr Patrick Riley has put forward against the Ye Olde Two Brewers.

I work at the Ye Olde Two Brewers and have done for the past two and half years. Since the review came to light it has left me feeling stressed about the security of my job. I have been so much happier working for Chris and John than what I was with my previous managers and I believe this is partially due to Chris and John hosting more live events and some of which has meant that the staff can dress up and feel like we are apart of the event. This has created a fun working environment and therefore has boosted my mental health as I enjoy working whilst there is music and other live events on.

I believe that the people that are against the pub having live events do not have a consideration about the local people that Chris and John have hired, including myself, to work at the pub. If they would have to stop having live events a lot of us staff would be even more worried about losing our jobs, as without live events the trade in the pub dies off as there is nothing to draw people down the hill to the pub.

I would sympathize more with the complainants if the music was every night of the week and every weekend going on until 1am however the music tends to be every two weeks (with some exceptions) and almost always stops at 10pm, excluding the events over the fringe and the drag night which went on until 10.30 – 11pm.

I think that it would be a shame if they cannot carry on with events as I feel like it will make them want to leave as it is not a viable business without events. I've grown very close with Chris, John and many of the members of staff, so much so it feels like we are a family.

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Dear Sirs

I have lived in St James Street, [REDACTED] from the Two Brewers for nearly 30 years.

Chris and John took over this pub at a very difficult time and deserve the support of their neighbours and local residents.

They have had the courage and initiative to build up their business, since re-opening after enforced closure, including resuming live music events out of doors during the summer months

They have informed neighbours about planned events and have always finished at the time scheduled and not all acts have used the amplification which some object to.

Over the past years there have been occasions when loud acts have played louder and longer than this year.

Im writing to you in support of the Two Brewers Public House in Shaftesbury.

The incumbent licence's have made all possible efforts to mitigate the impact of Noise levels on the nearby residents.

Points I want to raise are

As a local business in its early stages of operation the business should be supported in its operation that provides

- Community involvement (a vibrant inclusive business that provides a services to many local residents and visiting customers)
- Economy (Spending on local services that is to be encouraged, I'm sure your economic development strategy will support this)
- Protection from possible future development English Heritage Legacy ID: 437839 (as a grade II building future development i.e. conversion to dwellings would put the building at risk if the current licence's are not allowed to operate under their current business plan, it may be sold by the freeholder for development potential. I'm sure the complainant would be very upset by the noise levels created by said possible works.
- Encouragement of the Arts (Local) live music during the pandemic was a constant item that many of the population missed. This shows how important it is to the community. Highlighted in Shaftesbury by the number of people attending the fringe (another economic benefit to the town) which is nationally held in high regard.
- Its a Pub!!! that's what they do, and in case of the brewers from at least the 17th century. I'm sure rowdy behaviour was common place during its history. Many many public houses within Dorset provide exactly the same services as currently offered by the Brewers, will you be obliged to carry out a review an all of those?
- NIMBY (this should not apply as the Pub has always operated within its current licence and been flexible by limiting events to specific times.

The Noise levels are at a perfectly acceptable DB level 70-85 Dbs

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to support the landlords of the Two Brewers in their forthcoming licence review.

The complainant Mr Patrick Riley, who I believe is a retired Reverend, has indicated that noise levels have peaked at 75dBA. He does not say where he took those readings and when. However I would like to put it into context.

According to the Church Times 15th June 2018 a church organ averages at 85dBA and when combined with singing reached an average of 96dBA with a peak of 119dBA.

As decibels measurements are logarithmic 85dBA is actually six times as loud as 75dBA.

Has Mr Riley ever complained about the noise emitting from his local Church?

I would suggest not, as the church has been there for 1000 years.

This maybe a little bit longer than the Two Brewers has been in St James, but the pub was certainly there in 1919 when it was mentioned in a sales document and even further back to the post office directory in 1855 when it was run by a Mr A Rose.

I am not sure when Mr Riley moved into his current residence but I am sure it was after 1855 and fairly confident to say after 1919. So he was aware that he was moving to a locality which a nearby pub.

Mr Riley has intimated that the pub is detrimental to an historic residential area. In fact the area historically been an industrial area with a tan yard and 3 Pubs. So I feel he has got his facts wrong.

Mr Riley is also of the opinion that the Two Brewers has only recently started live music. This would indicate that he has only just moved into the St James. The Two Brewers has always had music in the last 30 years since I have been a resident in Shaftesbury, particularly around Gold Hill Fayre, the first week in July and the Fringe weekend. So I again feel he is wrong in his allegation that the music has only started with the new landlords.

I would now like to address the way the noise travels. My office is at the top of Gold Hill. At no time have I heard the music from the Two Brewers which is less than 500 yards away as the crow flies. I would therefore dispute his allegation that the sound is travelling 1 1/2 miles.

I would now like to say what I have witnessed at the Two Brewers as I attended many of the musical events during the summer.

At the beginning of every performance I attended one of the landlords did a sound check on the performers before they started to ensure they were under a limit. Frequent sound checks were taken during the performance both within the grounds of the pub and in the street. I was told that this was to ensure that the did did not breach the maximum allowed. With their licence under question I believe that this showed the concerns of the landlords to be within the law.

Finally I would like to site some examples of noises that every one experiences in their garden during the summer.



Petrol lawn mower 88dBA

Hedge trimmers 88dBA

Children playing 95dBA

Radio/TV 72 dBA

Diesel van at 30mph 80dBA.

So if Mr Riley's complain is to be held up are Dorset CC going to ban all of the above from StJames?

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Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to give my support to the current tenants of the Two Brewers pub in Shaftesbury.

They have been providing a much needed facility in the town for live music events and when I have attended these, including the very successful Fringe event, there has been a very good attendance. This clearly illustrates the popularity of what the pub is offering.

I also noted when attending these events that the landlords were clearly measuring the noise levels and that they ensured that the events finished at a suitable time to avoid a public nuisance.

I do not believe it is right to be guided by a small minority who object to the activities of the pub in order to preserve a 'picture postcard' vision of life in Shaftesbury.

Dear Licensing Team,

I understand there have been complaints made about the live events held at this venue.

As a former resident of Shaftesbury (20+ years) and a personal friend of both Chris and John Henson-Ball, (16+ years) I would like to express my disappointment over this matter, and convey my concerns as to why particular individuals may be filing these complaints.

As a teenager in the 90's, I became familiar with the pub. It was run by a lovely husband and wife team, was always busy inside and out when weather allowed. Of course us teens chose to be outside, as had many before us and I am certain have continued to do so after us. It was always a lively place with frequent live bands and the home of the local folk group all making their unique amount of noise.

The annual Gold Hill Fair dominated St James' Park with live music outside from Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday ending around 10pm Sunday evening. The noise levels at this time was significant and travelled a considerable distance.

The obvious question is why was this level of noise acceptable then and not now? I appreciate that there has been quite a number of outside events throughout the summer months, but surely after all the Lockdowns and mental impact of Covid-19 it has been vital to restore some sense of normality. Getting people out, meeting others in a safe, controlled environment. This has been my exact experience every time I have attended an event run by Chris and John. In an ideal world perhaps some events would have been inside, but the constraints of COVID has made this impossible this year. It doesn't mean it's going to always be outside, but on occasion - why shouldn't it be? What right do a few residents of local properties have to spoil the enjoyment for others. Pubs by their very nature attract people, who do at times become lively after consuming several drinks - why would you choose to reside by a pub if you are not prepared to cope with that.

I do understand that on one or two occasions a group were extremely loud and caused a nuisance by using offence & homophobic language which clearly isn't acceptable. I believe this was handled with the support of local Police and the support network running between the towns pubs, meaning if individuals misbehave in one place, they are banned from all. Chris and John are not in any way responsible for the behaviour of these people.

This leads me on to my next area of concern, as previously mentioned the pub has always been lively, and I'm sure at times there has been complaints to the landlord and landlady, but has it ever got this far - probably not. Therefore the conclusion must be drawn that the issue potentially is not that of noise, but that these people are unhappy that their local is run by two gay men, which is absolutely unacceptable and irrelevant.

We live in a world with diverse sexuality and gender, people regardless of age, sex or status has the right to discriminate or instigate a hate campaign because of these preferences. What's happened to the "be kind" message?

Chris and John are the kindest, loveliest people you could meet. They care deeply and would go above and beyond to help and support anyone in need. They have so much enthusiasm and energy for their business and want to provide a happy, safe place for EVERYONE as well as building a financially secure business, providing employment to many local people.

They are law abiding, trustworthy, genuine people, who do not deserve this hateful victimisation.

Should I be able to provide any further information or support to help resolve this matter with a positive outcome for Mr & Mr Henson-Ball, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are moved to write to you after hearing that this licence is up for review. We wanted to make it known that we definitely do not support Patrick Riley's call for a review on the grounds of prevention of a public nuisance.

Personally we were delighted when we heard that the Two Brewers were making their venue into a welcoming and exciting place for people to visit and be entertained and for live music to be held. It has been great to see all the hard work they have put into this and the lengths they gone to make this a welcoming place. The pub is an integral part of the St James community but we have seen it deteriorate in recent years through lack of viability and not enough custom. It would be so sad to see this pub go the way of its predecessors and not survive.

We have lived in Shaftesbury permanently for 12 years and owned our house here for 21 years when we visited every other weekend at least. The Two Brewers has been our local for all of those years. We live up the hill from the Two Brewers in Great Lane and can honestly say that although we have heard the music on occasions it has never caused us any problems. We have enjoyed hearing people having a good time and it is lovely to see that younger people have somewhere to go to enjoy a good night out. Unfortunately we ourselves being in our 70s and 80s do not feel able to attend the events there now through ill health but we felt so pleased that some life had come to the area. Shaftesbury is a wonderful place to live and has a thriving community but I fear it could easily become a place for staid older people if too many restrictions are put upon these sort of venues.

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To whom it may concern,

I would like you to know that I am deeply sad about how the landlords are being treated at the Two Brewers and I support them keeping their licence and that they continue to run the pub as I can see they have done nothing wrong. They have a great reputation and if the people living near the pub don't like it, they need to get a life! Such a shame that people living down near the two brewers can cause such upset, when they are just trying to run a successful business and continue the lovely atmosphere within the pub.

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Dear Licensing Team

The Two Brewers pub is a vital part of the local community and is usually quiet. The landlords have taken particular care to ensure this so as not to disturb the neighbours. Music nights are only held occasionally. The pub has been a vibrant part of the local community for ages, I can remember going there from the 1980s onwards.

If you buy a house by a pub you must expect a bit of noise! Shaftesbury is a small town not an isolated outpost and as such needs to have venues and lively places for people to socialise, a pub involves drinking and a bit if that all to the good!

Please renew the music licence for the Two Brewers, I very much support it.

Resident of Shaftesbury for over 40 years

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To whom it may concern,

I write this email today In the hope you can see the positive impact this pub ( since it's new owners) has on our community. I am 31 years of age with two children aged 10 and 5. I work full time as does my partner. This is probably not relevant however, I'd like you to see the kind of everyday people we are.

Our children, absolutely worship live music, as do we. We have spend many weekends trying to explore all our local options to provide a safe, warm and welcoming atmosphere for our children to embrace the power of music and community. We all know Covid has had such a negative impact on businesses, but also our Community spirit. Chris, John and the team have provided a safe welcoming atmosphere for people of all ages. A premises in which you do not need to fit a mould. The team have created a community that is not offered anywhere else in Shaftesbury. The landlords of this pub have shown nothing but kindness to each and every person. [REDACTED]

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Chris and John have injured much much more than I feel fair since their journey at the brewers began.



Attn The Licensing Team,

I am writing to object to the demand for a licence review, submitted by Patrick Riley about Ye Old Two Brewers in St James, Shaftesbury. It is ridiculous that one individual disgruntled neighbour can start such a major and disruptive process, with so little local support. The complainant moved in the last couple of years from the further end of St James, into his current home adjacent to the pub. Did he imagine that deliberately choosing that house then gave him the right to dictate what happens at this long-standing and popular venue?

As for the substance of his complaint(s), the live music almost always finishes at 10pm which is NOT late by any stretch of the imagination. Of course there are occasional later events, such as during the Fringe Festival, but it is normal wherever we live that there are occasional late events. I live in Butts Knapp and I actively ENJOY the night that all the Carnival floats come past my bedroom window, the Sunday that the Gold Hill Run comes by, and the inability to park anywhere near my home during the Food Festival! These things are part of living in a community, and before people complain they should ask themselves whether they chose the right place to live, or whether in fact they would be more suited to an isolated rural setting than a town - especially a town with such a thriving cultural scene.

It is barely necessary to add that the people of Shaftesbury, like everywhere, have had a pretty dreadful twenty months. Lockdown has been difficult for many. Ye Old Two Brewers offers us warmth, a friendly welcome, and a place to mingle safely once again with our neighbours while enjoying the excellent programme of live music. Has this business not suffered enough during the pandemic? I urge you to give this local pub a chance to get back on its feet and pull in the locals as it used to. Don't let bitterness win. We have lost enough Shaftesbury businesses, please don't contribute unnecessarily to the loss of another.

To Whom It May Concern

I hope this finds you well.

I am writing with genuine concern about the review on the license and complaints made about the Two Brewers Pub in Shaftesbury.

These past 18 months have been a very difficult time for everyone and especially our hospitality businesses. Chris & John not only took over the pub during the most stressful of times but turned the lockdown time into a positive doing a complete refurbishment to give the premises a much needed lift and have made the outside space beautiful and continue to work tirelessly to make it an accessible and welcoming space for everyone.

The service and variety they offer as the landlords has changed considerably for the better. We now have a venue in our town that is completely inclusive and is also a safe space. I have seen how they operate, they are always there working alongside their team and they handle things positively and firmly to make sure there isn't any nonsense (which comes with the territory of running a pub).

The pub offers live music and events which we so desperately need. Shaftesbury used to have a thriving arts scene and slowly that has died off or residents have targeted venues. This can't be allowed to happen, our arts are a vital part of society, especially in the times we are living in, people need that positivity, expression and also a release from daily stresses. They were an amazing venue for Fringe, offering a performance space for acts we haven't seen before and their Drag night was a special event that was a huge success. We look forward to more.

Chris and John offer a space in our community that no one else is offering. Very importantly a safe place for anyone in our LGBTQ+ community. They were the first business I thought of when my neighbour was looking for his first job. Even though it was during lockdown, they reached out as soon as they were getting ready to re-open as they had given their word to offer him a job. He has worked hard, learnt so much, grown in confidence, matured and made great friends in his team. Most importantly he is somewhere where he is safe and supported.

They have kindly offered their space for us to use for a monthly Breast Cancer support group meeting. We have felt supported, heard and seen by their support for our charity, nothing is too much trouble.

I have seen how Chris and John run their business. They are welcoming and professional, hard workers, but they also are strict with following and enforcing rules. They are always there and seen. They always reply to any queries and messages, they work so hard.

I really do feel that they have been targeted and rather than engaging and having a conversation about any concerns that people are having and coming up with a resolution together, complaints have been made. That isn't the way to co exist in a community or resolve anything positively. It's bad for everyone.

We are a growing community in Shaftesbury and hopefully becoming more diverse with that growth. I firmly oppose closed mindedness and discrimination, there is no place for it in our town. We know better and I understand that there are always going to be people to aren't open to moving with the times, but we can co exist respectfully.

I don't want our town to become the ghost town for businesses that it was becoming a few years ago. I want it to be a place people travel to because we have a diverse and accepting town with thriving businesses where you can see some entertainment or look forward to the occasional special event.

We need to work together and not target a business that is great for our community and that is run conscientiously and professionally by experienced professionals.

I feel like there are other things at play here and they do not sit well with me. The fact that Chris and John and their staff are being harassed is in no way acceptable.

I hope you will be a non biased part of the solution.

To whom it may concern

I would like to show my full support for the two brewers ye old pub in Shaftesbury. Living 0.4 miles away from the pub, in breach Lane I can say that I have not heard loud music coming from the pub. I have never heard any music at all from inside my home and in the garden on the very very occasional evening (not an unreasonable hour) I could possibly hear something, it could NOT be described as loud and I could not say it was from the two brewers (I have no issues with my hearing either, just to be clear) They have my full support in continuing with their music and entertainment as they are. I have not come across any noise from people leaving. I do not understand at all where these complaints are coming from, i can only assume from a person's imagination. The pub has been there for hundreds of years and I am not aware of any previous complaints. Could this maybe targeting the drag night and therefore the LGBT community? That would be very sad and very potentially damaging in a town that is so up and coming with today's society.

Dear Licensing Team

I am writing to you in support of the proprietors of The Two Brewers Inn, 24 St James Street, Shaftesbury.

As a resident of Breach Lane in Shaftesbury my partner and I very much welcomed the news when we heard that it was to be taken over not so long ago. With the sad loss of The Fountain Inn and the previous proprietors of The Two Brewers being anything but hospitable. Us residents at the bottom of the hill felt rather left out. The current proprietors are doing a fantastic job. St James and the area of the town with a slightly lower altitude reading feels like a lovely village attached to the town (the main reason we moved here). To have a good local pub was high on our list of priorities when moving here. Like a village pub, they manage to do everything extremely well. A coffee, lunch, evening meals, Sunday lunch, a function room, the family pub, the party pub, all of these carried out with fantastic service and professionalism at all times. The one time I was in the pub and a group of younger patrons were getting a little loud, they were very tactfully approached and asked to perhaps move on. I have also witnessed the bar staff manning the door and asking people to please leave the area quietly after 10pm.

I'm regularly out late usually around 11pm 4 or 5 nights a week. I usually walk the dogs past the pub or very near to it. In the past 6 months I've hardly heard much noise. The loudest was during the FANTASTIC Shaftesbury Fringe. I feel that restrictions on their license and therefore their business model would severely impact the business and the job security of the decent size hospitality team currently employed at The Two Brewers. I could understand if residents up and down St James were complaining. But this would appear to be a very specific and slightly sad problem with one person.

I must briefly just add that living next to a pub and complaining about the noise to me is very similar to setting your arm on fire and being surprised that it hurts, but I digress.

To finish finally I honestly see that the complainant had only begun this after the 'drag night'. Not my cup of tea, but makes me very proud to live in a town that caters to some members of the LGBT community and celebrates person freedom so proudly. Similarly as you come into our lovely town from the south on the A350 and take the first exit toward our High Street, a blue sign on the left says 'Shaftesbury a free trade town'. I honestly do not believe that the proprietors of The Two Brewers are doing anything wrong, in fact quite the opposite.

The above statement is my opinion and completely honest. I'm very much looking forward to hearing that this case is soon dropped.

"The gin and tonic has saved more Englishman's lives and minds than all the doctors of the empire".  
- Winston Churchill.

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Dear Sir,

I write in total support of The Two Brewers public house.

The present owners have created an excellent venue, which is a credit to them and to Shaftesbury.

Shaftesbury is in desperate need of good venues and events, as there is a severe danger of it stagnating into a sad backwater where nothing ever happens.

The events they have staged so far have been well supported and caused no nuisance whatever. The owners have monitored and limited noise and are very responsible in what they do. The events rarely go on past 10pm and cause no more noise than you might expect from a public house - which has been there for many years, far longer in fact than those who have complained about it!



Please do not let these people spoil it for the majority that support The Two Brewers and for the hardworking licencees.

Dear Sir/Madam

I'm emailing today to express my support for Ye Olde Two Brewers, Shaftesbury in light of the recent review of the premises licence.

As being part of the Brewers Teams, I've had the displeasure to learn first hand all too well of the recent battles this fantastic business has had to face. I strongly believe that the recent review of owner's Chris and John premises licence holding to be unnecessary and some of the allegations that have been made towards them and the pub to be ludicrous.

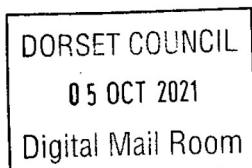
I know the lengths that Chris and John go to in order to keep the pub and surrounding area as content as possible on every music night or event held at the pub, not to mention also on a day to day basis too. During every music night held on the premises, extensive decibel readings are always taken which never exceed the legal limit. The music also always ends at 10pm when being held outside, which is much earlier than the legal time the music is allowed to end. The allegations of loud music apparently being so deafening that one can't hear what is being said in one's garden is simply not true as the proper precautions are always taken seriously by the management of the pub. I do however understand the annoyance that could be caused from weekly loud music sessions outside and for a prolonged amount of time, however this is never the case. There is always a considerable amount of time between each music sessions held at the pub, and with the weather becoming colder, the music, and thus the sound, has moved inside the pub. The windows and doors are always kept shut to limit the sound and, once again, will always finish within an acceptable time of the evening. I know for a fact that Chris and John never breach any of the rules which go hand in hand with their premises licence, and am led to speculate that many of the accusations against them and their business are over exaggerated. It appears that many of the complaints are from residents who do not frequent the pub, and so are possibly unaware that the specific purpose of music nights are to boost sales, entertain guests and to support the local musicians of Shaftesbury and the surrounding areas.

The distress all these accusations have brought to Chris, John and all the staff is simply not acceptable. On almost every music or event evening, we have to deal with numerous phone call complaints that not only cause stress and upset to us, but also take us away from our duties that evening.

In this age of promoting support for local businesses, it seems that we are forgetting this in the case of Ye Olde Two Brewers. Also, with the massive amount of housing being built or proposed to be built, Shaftesbury needs more entertainment facilities, not less, to support the growing population.

I strongly support Ye Olde Two Brewers in how they conducting their business, and I hope you will take mine and all other objections into consideration.

Licensingteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



Dear Sirs re:- Ye Olde Two Brewers Pub  
Shaftesbury

29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

I wish to strongly support the landlords of the Two Brewers in their bid to resist the application to you by Mr P Riley to review the licence to allow musical events at the pub

As can be seen from an aerial view , my bungalow is in closer proximity to the sound source than the property from which Mr Riley is basing his complaint

We have found that the events have been publicised in advance and have been of a lower sound level than events run by previous landlords and have been terminated precisely at the published time, usually 10 pm

The events are not held every weekend

The sound level quoted as up to 75 db is dependent where it was measured and is considered to be well below tolerable sound levels ( 80db for up to 8 hrs is considered safe ) When measured at the nearest point of my property to the sound source the levels did not reach or surpass 75 db – the peak was 72 db at the time I measured

The claim that undue noise by the patrons seems to us as an attempt to suppress laughter and enjoyment and create a sterile environment

To claim that the music can be heard 1.5 miles away seems a gross exaggeration when we find the music tolerable from a matter of yards, bearing in mind that some of the acts are not to our taste in music

We regard the running of the events as essential to the viability of the business without which another old pub serving this community may cease to exist





The landlords keep a well ordered pub where I find a good ambience and trouble free

We are not aware of any nuisance caused by customers either inside or outside the pub

All my neighbours in Whitehart Lane and St. James street are supportive of the Two Brewers and indeed two households attend events there We are in our eighties when nuisances can seem greater than they are ,but the Two Brewers events do not cause us inconvenience



Yours sincerely



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8 October 2021 Digital Mail Room

Dear Sir,

I would like to raise a few points in the "Ye Olde Two Brewers" argument. I would ask you not to revoke their music licence. As public houses and musicians have been badly hit during the Covid lockdown. Whilst I would not like to inconvenience or be a nuisance to anyone, I think it is important to keep music in pubs. As that is the place where most musicians learn their trade, if you can play and keep the interest of a crowd in a pub you can entertain anywhere. Also there is a great tradition of music in pubs which I'm afraid if lost will never come back again. My wife and I are both pub/folk musicians and over the past 35 years have seen too many pubs close as they have been uneconomic to

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to run. So please do your best to save  
the ones we have, as the world will be  
the poorer without them. I'm sure with  
some careful thought a compromise can be  
reached that is agreeable to all concerned.  
Thank you for taking the time to read this  
letter.

Yours faithfully.



Dear Dorset Council,

As a local resident of St James Street, and a frequent patron of the Two Brewers, I am extremely disappointed to hear there is a review of their Music licence.

John and Chris have worked extremely hard to bring live music back to us, supporting both the musicians and local staff, after what has been a challenging time for everyone. If the brewers loses their music licence I am concerned that the pub will struggle to survive.

When I moved to St James Street three years ago I was delighted to move to a vibrant community with a diverse age range of people. I fear if the town loses yet another live venue then the young people will move out and we will be left with a town of OAP's. I have never been concerned with any music coming from The Two Brewers, quite the reverse, it has brought joy and fun back to the community.

Please do not revoke their entertainment licence.