

Dear Sir/Madam

We are given to understand that the licence for the Watkins Folly pub in Wembley Park is under review due to a small number of purported antisocial incidents over the last year. I am writing in my capacity as a senior executive in a leading local business to register an objection to any effort to remove Watkins Folly's late night licence. We regularly frequent the venue for work-related events and have always found it to be a vibrant, friendly and orderly place run by a dedicated and competent team. Furthermore, the clientele has always, in our experience, been well-behaved and respectful of the venue and the locality. The management, bar staff and security alike have always been professional, proficient and organised and any suggestion that the place poses any threat to the peace of the local neighbourhood most certainly does not tally with our experience. Furthermore, removal or curtailment of the venue's licence would impoverish the cultural and social life of an area still sorely lacking in welcoming pubs, bars and clubs.

We trust that you will give our support for Watkins Folly due consideration in considering the impending review. If you would like any more information, please do let me know.

Regards

Max Wurr
Director of Policy & Communications
City & County Healthcare Group

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To whom it may concern

I am contacting you in relation to your licence review. I am a construction worker in the local area and use your venue very often for food in the evenings or at weekends for an enjoyable night at the weekend. I find it very hard to believe that anti social behaviour and drunkenness is the main aspect for the review. I have only ever witnessed one incident when two men seemed to have a disagreement but your security and manager dealt with the situation in a very professional manner. I would support your business as I believe Wembley Park needs a late night venue and Watkins folly is the best place I could and will recommend to anyone

Regards

Spencer Lynch



Hi Martin

Happy to help. I have forwarded your email to all staff here at City & County for them to respond also.

We are a fairly large business and as a first choice we will always choose Watkins Folly for birthday celebrations, leaving do's, welcoming new staff, end of the month/pay-day get together and we recently had our Christmas party at Watkins.

The staff are always courteous, hardworking, helpful and nothing is too much trouble. It's a comfortable environment to be in and very relaxing. In the 2 ½ years that I personally have been going there I have never encountered anything but friendly staff and customers.

I would be extremely disappointed the late night licence may be reduced as we in particular have had many great evenings there.

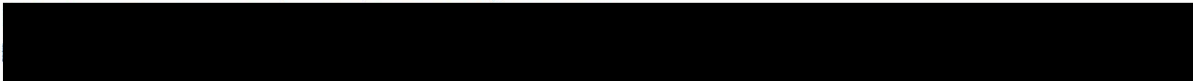
Kind regards,
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PA to CEO

City & County Healthcare Group

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Watkin's Folly <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

Your Licensing review.

Chapman, George <[REDACTED]> 3 February 2017 at 09:26
To: "watkinsfollypub@gmail.com" <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

Dear Mr Gaughan,

I was surprised to hear of the allegations of antisocial behaviour that are to be heard at a licensing review meeting.

I and many of my colleagues within the Civic Centre use your venue regularly for leaving parties and Christmas parties.

I feel that I have to write in support of your current licensing arrangements.

Your venue has played host to many of our events and we have always felt secure and well looked after, it is noticeable that there has always been door security after a set time and that you make use of a door devise that helps you to recognise potential troublemakers before they gain access to your establishment.

In the 3-4 years I have attended Watkins Folly I have never encountered any problems, in fact on the contrary I have personally always felt safe there and have had many of my colleagues from a diversity of backgrounds comment on the warm welcome and lovely atmosphere created in Watkins.

I am astonished that there has been any suggestion of antisocial behaviour as within the Civic Centre your place is regarded as the safest and most relaxing place to host our events.

Please let me know if there is any further support I can provide to ensure that we can continue to enjoy our lovely evenings out in Watkins Folly.

Best regards

Regards

George Chapman

Team Leader

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Licence Review

David Souter [REDACTED]

2 February 2017 at 16:08

To: "watkinsfollypub@gmail.com" <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

To whom it may Concern

I have had the pleasure of attending quite a few functions at Watkins Folly over the past couple of years. Some as a guest at an event, some as the organizer of an event. On all occasions, the atmosphere was one of friendliness. At no time did any of my colleagues or guests feel any anxiety towards their personal safety.

The bar staff and security were at all times professional and a credit to the landlord.

I trust that this testimonial will be taken into consideration during any licence review.

Dave Souter

DAS Commercial Limited
Daventry



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Various party functions

Karen Stevens [REDACTED]

31 January 2017 at 13:29

To: "watkinsfollypub@gmail.com" <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

We have always celebrated at the Watkins Folly and have never seen any problems there.

The door is well manned to avoid any trouble and there is a presence about the place to make sure that everyone is having a good time

our company have had several events there and we have left quite late and have never witnessed any antisocial behaviour.

We celebrated with a Xmas party in the Watkins 2016, the food was good, the company was good and the bar staff were very accommodating. All

I saw was people around me having a good time , no one was particularly rowdy even though they may have had a few drinks , everyone was

having a good time as always.

Kind regards

Karen Stevens

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RE: Your Licensing Review

Keir, Andy [REDACTED]

31 January 2017 at 13:51

To: "watkinsfollypub@gmail.com" <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

Hi all at Watkins

Having just learnt of your licensing review, I am writing in the hope that a show of support will have some positive influence on the outcome.

I regularly attend Watkins Folly before public events and often call in after working all day in the Civic Centre.

I have had the pleasure of attending many private functions on your premises, a significant number of which have been organised by colleagues here at Brent Council and, indeed, a recent fantastic wedding celebration. You have been the venue of choice for all of these things due to the fact that we have never encountered any form of trouble. Indeed, even when full of visiting football supporters the atmosphere is always one of safe enjoyment. On the occasions when I have stayed until the later hours, I've always found your door staff to be utterly professional in their welcome and have never observed any unpleasantness. I have also witnessed first-hand your bar staff politely refuse to serve alcohol to customers they deem to have "had enough" without this leading to hostility.

I'm somewhat surprised and irritated, then, to learn that reports of antisocial behaviour and drunkenness are being levelled at Watkins Folly.

It is precisely because my friends, co-workers and I never experience these things, neither arriving nor leaving, that we choose to be your customers and are never concerned on those occasions when we stay late.

I hope that colleagues in Brent Licensing see sense and dismiss these ridiculous reports; especially as I have a birthday celebration coming up and a large tract of us will be popping to your place, knowing our safety is assured!

Kindest regards and best wishes to all of the team.

Andy Keir

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Watkins Folly, Wembley

Hayley Nugent [REDACTED]
To: Watkinsfollypub@gmail.com

30 January 2017 at 12:29

To whom it may concern,

Watkins Folly is our local family pub. I personally have spent many Sunday afternoons with family for a Sunday roast but also many Saturday nights with friends. I always feel safe and secure here and have never experienced an unsafe environment. The door staff are always strict with ID, no ID no entrance no matter how regular of a customer you are. There is always security in all areas of the bar, near toilet and in smoking area controlling the safety of its customers. I've also never seen substances being offered or taken in the establishment.

I think the review on this pub is highly disappointing. The whole community would be at a low if this was to affect the business and I myself would 100% petition against it. Wembley has always needed a family pub by day that has something to offer with live music in the evening. No other pub in Wembley quite compares!!

Kind regards,
Hayley Nugent

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mr Gaughan

Further to your email below I am pleased to say that I have enjoyed your high quality menu and beverages.

My colleagues and I are always impressed with our Christmas Lunch's we have enjoyed over the years at the Watkins Folly, and our leaving or celebrations do's are normally here.

I am surprised regarding the Licensing review.

I have always found your security staff to be most efficient in dealing with any disturbances in your premises in a very swift & disciplined manner, that you may not know that anything occurred.

On the matter of antisocial behaviour outside your premises I fail to see how you can be liable as staff have always been helpful escorting your customers to the transport provided by staff away from the premises.

However of course the people with the antisocial behaviour may not be customers of Watkins Folly and stragglers making their way past your premises from any number of premises in the Wembley area such as Wembley DLO or High Road and have to pass The Watkins Folly to get to Wembley Park Station.

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Re licence

Noreen Graven [REDACTED] 31 January 2017 at 20:42
To: "watkinsfollypub@gmail.com" <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

I have been to Watkins Folly on many occasions and have always enjoyed myself. The food is very good and the staff are very friendly.

I have been to some parties there and young and old mix well together. I have never seen any trouble on any occasion I have been there.

I think it is an asset to the Wembley Park area. It is well ran and the management and staff go out of their way to help everyone

Noreen Graven



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Late Night Bar Licence

Carmel Dever [REDACTED] 1 February 2017 at 13:47
To: "watkinsfollypub@gmail.com" <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

To Whom It May Concern

This is such a lovely pub to go to, and the late licence is fantastic!
I have always felt safe in and around this establishment.
Please do not change anything!

Carmel Dever

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



Watkin's Folly <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

Licensing

Alma Murphy [REDACTED]

1 February 2017 at 14:51

To: "watkinsfollypub@gmail.com" <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

Dear Watkins Folly

You are our go to pub for any work do's I've never had or seen any problems with customers being anti social. It would be a shame to lose your late license.

Regards

Alma

Alma Murphy

Credit Control Manager

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Patel, Sradha [REDACTED]
To: Watkins Folly <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

1 February 2017 at 07:51

Dear Martin,

I am appalled to hear this, Watkins Folly is nothing but a friendly and accommodating pub. I have been there on a number of occasions for lunches, dinners and drinks and not once have I witnessed any issues. Security are very strict and will ensure the safety of visitors to Watkins Folly.

Everyone in Watkins Folly is like Family, and I have not got anything negative to say.

They take part in charity and community events and to my knowledge no local pub does this.

Please contact me if you require anything further.

Sradha

Sradha Patel

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Support Email

Rexomatic [REDACTED]
To: Watkins Folly <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

1 February 2017 at 14:57

Hi

I have been frequenting Watkins folly since 2012 when it opened, I have always found the establishment warm, welcoming and friendly. I have never experienced a situation where

I've felt unsafe. On the rare occasions I've seen a troublemaker, the security staff and management have handled it efficiently with a minimum of disruption where possible.

Even on Match days, the team handle the crowd very well, they have the experience to disperse any tension quickly and always make sure the Bar is clear in time for pre match curfews etc...

In more recent time, The Team catered for my wedding reception on August 26th 2016, my wife and I brought over 150 guests from the ages of 5 to 85 and nobody even thought about safety as it was a given, the regulars were allowed in to join the party and even though it was Carnival Weekend, the Security team respectfully handled the door and kept away any unwelcome visitors

Even though I am a regular, my bags are checked on entry at busy times, I watch with interest as they patiently explain to miffed customers why they need to present their face to a camera entry system and politely decline entry when they have to.

In short, I have never had an issue with safety and whenever I've been there with many guests, they have all commented on how friendly Watkins Folly is.

Additionally, the pub makes a point of being involved with the local community, in the last year they have held a number of fund raising events for sick children, sick locals and charities such as cancer research.

yours

Rex Bygate



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Watkins Folly

Samuel Zelmer-Jackson 1 February 2017 at
15:14

To: "watkinsfollypub@gmail.com" <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

Hello,

I would like to write in support of Watkins Folly, near Wembley Stadium.

I work near Watkins Folly, and can confirm that they run a professional business, which is one of the first choices for my colleagues, when going for a social outing. Just a few weeks ago my company held our Christmas party at Watkins Folly, as it provides a safe, clean, friendly environment.

I have never experienced any problems or witnessed any anti-social behaviour at Watkins Folly and I look forward to supporting them over the coming years.

Regards,

Samuel

Samuel Zelmer-Jackson

Marketing & Communications Manager

City & County Healthcare Group

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Hours review.

tommyoflaherty1952 [REDACTED]
To: watkinsfollypub@gmail.com

1 February 2017 at 15:25

I'm very disappointed to hear that Brent Council want to reduce the opening hours at Watkins Folly.

It the only late night venue where my friends and I feel safe in Wembley.

You are very diligent in maintaining a very high standard of good behaviour in your premises.

My friends and I work in the leisure industry and don't finish until midnight and it's the only place we can go and know there won't be any trouble. It would be a great shame to have the opening hours curtailed. It would be very wrong.

T O'Flaherty

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



Watkin's Folly <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

RE: LICENCE REVIEW

Pat Gaughan [REDACTED]

2 February 2017 at 11:45

To: "watkinsfollypub@gmail.com" <watkinsfollypub@gmail.com>

To Whom It May Concern

I am contacting you in regards to the Licence Review that we have been informed you have received.

We at Lynch Plant Hire have used your premises on a few occasions and found your operating system, staff and security to be very professional and helpful.

Your management on the night were very eager to make sure we were taken care of and we always had an enjoyable evening.

I find it hard to believe that there are issues with the late licence as I have never seen any trouble and could not imagine much could happen due to the high volume of security and staff Watkins Folly have.

Should their late licence be reduced I would see problems with them taking parties for companies like ours as we see this as a major part of any event we organise.

We are most definitely going to return to Watkins Folly in the future.

Kind Regards

Pat Gaughan

Watkins Folly under Review for its late night

license.

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FOLLY

We the Watkins Folly represent the local community and would like to inform our customers that we are Under REVIEW by BRENT LICENSING COUNCIL to reduce the hours of our license. Some of the concerning issues are drunkenness and anti-social behaviour on the weekends within our permitted licensing hours between 12am-2am.

Can you please give your General opinion on our establishment in relation to public safety, crime and disorder and public nuisance? More so can you please express your opinion about the management of the folly and how these proposed changes will affect your future experience in the Folly and to the local community? Kind regards management.

Name	Telephone number	Email address
BARTOSZ PISZCZEK	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
To Whom it May Concern,		
<p>I'm very disappointed to hear that Brent Council want to reduce the opening hours at Watkins Folly. Me and my friends are our go to the pub and we never had or seen any problems with customers being anti social. Last Year they organized my birthday, because I didn't have my ID the security wouldn't let me in. After 10min tries I realized that I needed to go home and bring ID, because lines in the are wasn't a problem. That was one of the best night ever!!! The staff in Watkins is the most friendly and professional people are ever met. It would be a great shame to have the opening hours curtailed.</p> <p>[Signature]</p>		

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