

## Licensing

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**From:** Brooks, Christopher <Christopher.BROOKS1@norfolk.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 02 March 2021 08:33  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** Woods, Suzanne  
**Subject:** FW: Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market

Dear licensing team,

This email confirms police have received the application for a premises licence and the DPS consent form for the above premises.

With the additional conditions **agreed below** on the application to promote the crime and disorder licensing objective, there are no police objections.

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Chris Brooks

**Licensing Officer**

Norfolk Constabulary  
Bethel Street Police Station  
Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 1NN

Mobile 07825 582890

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**From:** Simone Tattersall <simone@theguntonarms.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 February 2021 15:30  
**To:** Brooks, Christopher <Christopher.BROOKS1@norfolk.police.uk>  
**Cc:** Woods, Suzanne <Suzanne.Woods@norfolk.police.uk>; Tracey Manning <tracey@suffieldarms.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market

Hi Chris,

Thank you for talking me through the recommended amendments.  
Please go ahead and amend the wording on the application.

Kind Regards,

Simone Tattersall  
General Manager  
The Gunton Arms  
01263 832010

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**From:** Brooks, Christopher <[Christopher.BROOKS1@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Christopher.BROOKS1@norfolk.police.uk)>  
**Sent:** 26 February 2021 14:17  
**To:** Simone Tattersall <[simone@theguntonarms.co.uk](mailto:simone@theguntonarms.co.uk)>  
**Cc:** Woods, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Woods@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Suzanne.Woods@norfolk.police.uk)>  
**Subject:** Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market

Dear Simone,

I am processing your application for a premises licence

You have made some offerings to promote the licensing objectives in section M, but could I ask that you consider the following wording in sub-section b), the prevention of crime and disorder please?

- 1. Challenge 25 will be implemented and a refusals register maintained**
- 2. CCTV images will be stored for 28 days and made available to the authorities on reasonable request.**

Please advise if you are happy to amend the wording on your application to those above by responding to this email, or please call if you wish to discuss them.

Best wishes,

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**Chris Brooks**

**Licensing Officer**

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Bethel Street Police Station

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## Licensing

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**From:** Amanda Barker [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 01 March 2021 13:26  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** WK/210001748 THE SUFFIELD ARMS

**Categories:** Sarah, Nicky

Dear Sir

We intend to make a representation to the new application WK/210001748 The Suffield Arms.

We are concerned that there is no blue premises licence application notice attached to the premises, but there are two 'fake' notices attached to the builders' temporary fencing at the premises.

Please can you ensure the correct notice is displayed at The Suffield Arms, and that the confusing 'fake' notices are removed, as they will cause confusion to anyone reading them. See attached photos, one 'fake' notice stating that representations should be made by 11/02/2021 and the other by 17/03/2021.

Why are the applicants putting up unofficial notices? Perhaps you could ask them?

We look forward to hearing from you.

With thanks

John and Amanda Barker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Southrepps NR11 [REDACTED]

THE SUFFIELD ARMS  
IS SEEKING A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR

THE SUFFIELD ARMS  
STATION ROAD  
THORPE MARKET  
NORWICH  
NR11 8UE

FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE BETWEEN  
THE HOURS OF 11:00AM TO 02:00AM

IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION WRITTEN  
REPRESENTATIONS WITH FULL CONTACT DETAILS SHOULD BE MADE  
TO THE LICENCING AUTHORITY BELOW:

LICENCING SECTION, NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL, COUNCIL  
OFFICES, HOLT ROAD, CROMER, NORFOLK. NR27 9EN

REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY 11/02/2021.

THIS APPLICATION MAY BE VIEWED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE  
ABOVE OFFICES. N.B IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A  
FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE (£5,000), UNDER  
SECTION 158 OF THE LICENCING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE  
STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

THE SUFFIELD ARMS LIMITED  
IS SEEKING A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR

THE SUFFIELD ARMS  
STATION ROAD  
THORPE MARKET  
NORWICH  
NR11 8UE

FOR LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC MON – SUN 11:00 – 01:00 HRS,  
LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT MON – SUN 23:00 – 02:00 HRS, SALE OF  
ALCOHOL FOR CONSUMPTION ON AND OFF THE PREMISES, MON -  
SUN 11:00AM TO 02:00AM

OUTDOOR EVENTS TO CEASE AT 23:00 HRS

IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION WRITTEN  
REPRESENTATIONS WITH FULL CONTACT DETAILS SHOULD BE MADE  
TO THE LICENCING AUTHORITY BELOW:

LICENCING SECTION, NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL, COUNCIL  
OFFICES, HOLT ROAD, CROMER, NORFOLK. NR27 9EN

REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY 17/03/2021.

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LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE (£5,000), UNDER SECTION 158 OF  
THE LICENCING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN  
CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Sent from my iPhone

J & A Barker

Chapel Road  
Southrepps  
NR11

23 March 2021

Delivered By Hand

Licensing Section  
North Norfolk District Council  
Holt Road  
Cromer  
NR27 9EN

NORTH NORFOLK D.C.

24 MAR 2021

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**THE SUFFIELD ARMS, STATION ROAD, THORPE MARKET NR11 8UE**

**Application for New Premises Licence for the following: (as detailed in a note attached to gates at the Premises)**

WK/210001748

**Live music, Recorded music -  
Mon to Sun, 11:00am to 01:00 am**

**Late Night Refreshment -  
Mon to Sun, 11:00pm - 02:00am**

**Sale of Alcohol for consumption On and Off the Premises -  
Mon to Sun, 11:00 am to 02:00 am**

**OBJECTION**

We wish to object to the proposed long hours 11:00am to 02:00am licence application for The Suffield Arms.

We feel the proposed late opening hours would be totally unsuitable and detrimental due to The Suffield Arms' close proximity to Lower Street / Chapel Road, Southrepps (a quiet village which is part of the Conservation Area), and its private dwellings - a very large proportion of which house elderly and retired people.

These late hours to 02:00am, seven days a week, would generate noise and extra traffic, in particular along the adjacent narrow Quiet Lane leading to Chapel Road.

We are concerned about the potential for drink-driving and anti-social behaviour in the early hours of the morning and the dangers this would bring, not only to our quiet and peaceful community, but also the wider area.

We are also concerned about the effect of light pollution into the early hours, from outside lighting on the buildings and around the car park.

This, together with the noise and extra traffic, would not only have a detrimental effect on all local residents, but also upon the well-established and abundant, rich wildlife in the immediate area.

Much of the wildlife is particularly active during the hours of darkness and early hours of the morning, regularly moving between habitats in the nearby Southrepps Common (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and School Common, and the area surrounding The Suffield Arms and beyond.

We are pleased that The Suffield Arms has been redeveloped and for the local employment this will bring. However, we do worry about the impact of noise / music noise from The Suffield Arms, pedestrians, cars and taxis, etc., continuing into the early hours of the morning, seven days a week, and the effect this would have upon the nearby local residents, many of whom are elderly and have ongoing health problems.

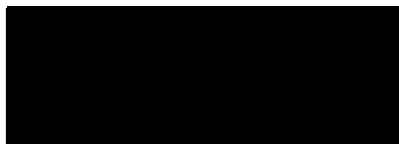
When the previous proprietors were granted occasional extensions until 12:00 midnight, the noise and loud music, was intolerable.

Please could the Licensing Committee consider our concerns and note our objection to the proposed long opening hours.

Thank you.



John Barker



Amanda Barker

Please acknowledge receipt

Lower Street, Southrepps, Norfolk, NR11

Licensing Section  
North Norfolk District Council  
Holt Road  
Cromer  
NR27 9EN

NORTH NORFOLK D.C.

- 5 MAR 2021

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We wish to object to the application by The Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market, Norfolk, NR11 8UE on the grounds of the important licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003... the prevention of public nuisance e.g. protecting the public and local residents from crime and anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by the licensed premise.

The Suffield Arms is close to residential property in the quiet rural villages of Thorpe Market and Southrepps with the nearest residential properties being about 50m from premise.

The Suffield Arms is located opposite Gunton railway station in the parish of Thorpe Market and the last train from Gunton to Norwich is at 22:40 Monday to Saturday and 22:05 on Sunday. The last train from Gunton to Cromer and Sheringham is at 23:39 Monday to Saturday and 21:12 on Sunday therefore the main transport to the premise will be by road vehicles using narrow non-illuminated country lanes and designated quiet lanes of Thorpe Market and Southrepps parishes. Drivers, having consumed alcohol then using these lanes will be a collision risk to themselves and others.

Having lived here since 1974, previous licensees of The Suffield Arms have allowed public noise nuisance to be caused by loud music, light pollution, shouting and vehicles leaving late at night on the narrow lanes. Needless to say this caused annoyance to local residents and upset their mental health and the quality of life. When residents telephoned The Suffield and asked for the "music" to be turned down, they were met with foul mouthed abuse from the staff which resulted in residents calling the Police.

This licensing application for:

- \* Live music / recorded music Monday to Sunday (seven days a week) from 11:00 to 01:00;
- \* Late night refreshment Monday to Sunday (seven days a week) 23:00 to 02:00;
- \* The sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises Monday to Sunday (seven days a week) 11:00 to 02:00...

Is more suited to Prince of Wales Road in Norwich than in quiet rural villages in North Norfolk.

It is noted that outdoor events will cease at 23:00... "music" is then likely to be transferred indoors and with doors and windows open, especially in the warmer months, the noise nuisance will continue to adversely affect the quality of life of residents and is likely to reduce the value of residential properties.



It appears that a business is attempting to make money at the expense of the quality of life of the local residents.

To prevent the ambience of this idyllic rural area being destroyed, this licensing application must **only** be allowed if the premise closes at 23:00 seven days a week and "music" is allowed only once a week between the hours of 19:30 and 22:30.

Steve Briggs  ..... Gloria Briggs  .....

Date March 04 2021.

NORTH NORFOLK D.C.

- 4 MAR 2021

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Mr & Mrs. C. Bristow

Chapel Road  
Lower Southrepps.  
Norfolk.

NK11

Dear Sirs,

I understand that the  
Suffield Arms is re-opening  
down the road from us.

I do agree that this is a  
very good idea and welcome  
it very much. But we feel  
we have to object to the  
fact it has applied to  
have live or recorded music  
from Mon-Sun from 11.00-10.00PM.

We believe playing music  
after 12.00 MIDNIGHT is  
unacceptable in such a quiet  
and peaceful area.

P.T.O.

I do hope our comments are  
taken into account

Yours.

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]  
Station Road  
Thorpe Market  
Norfolk  
NR11 [REDACTED]

2 March 2021

Licensing Team  
North Norfolk District Council  
Council Offices  
Holt Road  
Cromer NR27 9EN

NORTH NORFOLK D.C.

- 4 MAR 2021

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Dear Licensing Team

### **Premises licence application for The Suffield Arms Ltd**

We see that The Suffield Arms has sought a licence to run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 with no end date.

As you see we live very close to The Suffield Arms, on the other side of the railway bridge. We have lived here for 33 years and are extremely concerned about this licence application for a number of reasons.

### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

The number of people and vehicles leaving the property late at night or in the early hours is bound to lead to disorder and possibly to crime. As a neighbouring property we feel particularly vulnerable. We hope the drivers will not have consumed alcohol beyond the legal limit, but others will no doubt be drunk or at least uninhibited. We are concerned about litter, noise, disagreements, damage and urinating in the hedgerows. In the past we have witnessed loud arguments and fights outside the pub near our house and the chance of this is increased by this exceptionally wide ranging licence application.

### **Public safety**

The road outside the pub is a small country road linked to several Quiet Lanes. There is no way for people to get home after 10.40pm (when the last train leaves Gunton Station) unless they are local, except by driving. The likely level of traffic constitutes a threat to public safety, especially after events and when people have been drinking.

## **Prevention of public nuisance**

The applicant describes the business as a "traditional public house". There has been a traditional public house on this site for many years. However, this proposal is for live and recorded music indoors until 1.00am, late night refreshment indoors until 2.00am and outdoor live and recorded music on any night of the week until 11.00pm. This is not typical of a traditional public house and causes us great concern.

We think that indoor recorded music until 1.00am will cause a public nuisance, especially as there is no indication of volume levels and doors and windows might be open in the summer.

We think that serving refreshments until 2.00am will cause a public nuisance as people will be leaving the premises in the early hours. We note that the applicant says they will "minimise" this risk "wherever possible". This is not good enough. We see that there is a large car park so the numbers involved may be considerable on our quiet country lane.

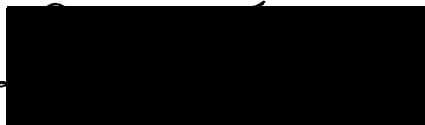
We are most deeply concerned about the possibility of outdoor music until 11.00pm. If this happened more than once or twice a year it would be intolerable.

We've had a good relationship with previous landlords. However, the last licensee began to have outside events on bank holiday weekends with live outdoor music until 11.00pm. This resulted in our having to go away on those weekends because the noise was unbearable for four nights in a row over a weekend. This application would allow that noise level to happen every night of the week every day of the year.

This application is open ended, gives no safeguards on volume of noise and is excessively wide ranging in terms of dates and times. We think that hours more appropriate to a traditional public house would be suitable, with Temporary Event Notices for any infrequent late night events. These should not be regular or often.

We hope you will take these concerns into consideration.

Yours sincerely



Ruth Brumby and Jan Kevlin

NORTH NORFOLK D.C.

19 JAN 2021

POSTAL SERVICES

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Thorpe Market  
Norfolk  
NR11 [REDACTED]

16th January 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

At the Suffield Arms on Station Road, Thorpe Market, which is currently being renovated, there is a notice about a licensing application, suggesting that the pub might be open to serve food and drink from 11am to 2am.

On the grounds of prevention of public nuisance and prevention of crime and disorder, I object to the proposal for the pub to remain open and serving alcohol until 2am.

I live nearby and think that the noise and problems associated with people leaving the pub at that hour would be unacceptable.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
RUTH BRIDGES

Mr Christopher Burden

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Southrepps

NR11 ██████████

Licensing Section North Norfolk District Council

## **Licence application WK/210001748 -**

### **Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market, Norfolk, NR11 8UE**

We wish to object to the above application in its present form.

Reasons for representation:

#### **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

The Suffield arms is positioned in a prominent elevated rural position above the village of Lower Street Southrepps. In particular, within view of, and overlooking, a group of properties (6) facing south towards the Suffield arms. The prevailing wind direction for this area is from the South West, and this means we hear all activities which take place from the Station direction including trains departing from Gunton station and construction work being carried out at the Suffield Arms, the noise from which we have tolerated for 4 years with the hope that a positive local amenity would be the end result that we could all enjoy.

The location of the Suffield Arms is such that as it is in a quiet rural area, where we can hear a dog barking at a farm 1 mile away, not a city, town or coastal entertainment resort therefore we feel it is unnecessary to have extended hours for music, alcohol or food beyond 11pm.

Lower Southrepps has been designated a Conservation area by North Norfolk District Council, our properties lie within the conservation area and under WHO guidelines adopted by Historic England and promoted by North Norfolk District Council ***"existing quiet outdoor areas (parkland and conservation) should be preserved and the ratio of intruding noise to natural background sound should be kept low."***

Our rural location means for years we have been able to enjoy very low ambient noise levels around 40 dbl during daytime hours down to 30 dbl in the evening and at night.

The WHO has described noise at night as having a negative effect on health. Noise levels in excess of +5 db above the ambient level (30 dbl) would have an adverse affect on our health and well being. Noise levels in excess of +10 dbl e.g. 40dbl would have a significant adverse impact on our health.

The proposed application extending operational hours beyond 11pm will significantly affect our rights under article 8 of the Human rights Act ***"A right to enjoy your existing home peacefully."***

Amplified Live and recorded music which could be heard from our properties will be detrimental to our enjoyment of our home environment, house and gardens.

The walled garden surrounding the Suffield Arms has been kept both low and open to the North, wonderful for outside guests to view open countryside to the North but does not prevent noise being heard emanating from the premises particularly during the summer when windows are open for ventilation or from patrons in the newly formed garden area.





The plan submitted G111/003/J with the application do not seem to represent what is happening on the ground with extended car parking facilities outside facing the residential properties in question increasing our exposure to noise from vehicles arriving and leaving at night. In particular concern is the access to the adjacent field with levelling and hard core being put in place outside of the property boundaries.

We already know the effect noise has on us all in Lower Southrepps as even though it is 2 miles away, music from the sister property "Gunton Arms" during its most recent music festival was at such a level that it could be heard here and we had to sleep in a back room and close windows to get any sleep.

With the provision of food and alcohol until 2am, guests leaving in the early hours will disturb local residents during their sleeping hours and be a general public nuisance as this is only just over 300m away.

#### **Public Safety, crime and disorder.**

The location of the Suffield Arms with single lane access is such that the addition of alcohol for extended periods will make the local single track roads dangerous for use by other road users with the possibility of accidents and disagreements.

#### **Summary**

We are truly disappointed with the form and content of this application.

We were all looking forward to the development and opening of the Suffield Arms as a local venue where we, our families, locals and guests staying at Forty Winks could walk and have a meal and quiet drink.

A neighbour told us an unofficial notice had appeared on the premises fence/gate but he was unable to read it as it was set back from the highway beyond a locked fence/gate. I visited to view but was told the gate was locked and I could not get any closer to view. Luckily I had a zoom on my phone camera and took a picture which I was able to enlarge. The visibility has since been improved.

As far as we are aware there has been no local advance consultation as to the form of the proposed operation, in fact in a newspaper report, the owner has said he will keep the plans under wraps.

Due to the current lockdown it is impossible to collect the views of local residents especially as many are retired without access to media and many like us shielding due to vulnerability.

We fear an operation which does not cater for locals but a food/entertainment venue attracting non - locals disturbing the peace and quiet of the countryside with an effect on residents and local wildlife and far from being a local amenity.

The original planning application show expected staffing levels at or around 8 persons.

The solution22 advertisement for an Assistant general manager for the Suffield Arms states "supervising a team of up to **30.**"

We are truly worried about this development and concerned of the affect an extended premises license will have on our local mainly elderly, retired and vulnerable population.

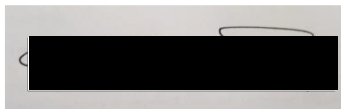
We hope that any premises license granted, limits the activities to normal licensing hours 11am to 11 pm with just indoor background music on most occasions but maybe we could accept a night during the summer until midnight and maybe New Years eve till 1am when a temporary licence could be requested and awarded for extended hours when we would be able to make alternative arrangements.

May we also recommend that prior to public opening, an onsite appraisal of sound levels is undertaken to set noise levels to ensure that our rights are not affected.

After a very difficult year under lockdown we hope that we will not be forced to lock ourselves back inside our properties and close windows to avoid disturbance.

We trust the Council accepts its duty to prevent any public nuisance, avoid complaints of statutory nuisance with subsequent abatement notices and ensure all activities are not continued beyond 11pm and any noise before then, kept within the curtilage of the premises at all times.

Signed:

A rectangular area containing a redacted signature, represented by a solid black box.

C.D. Burden

Date:-17/03/2021

Mrs S. Burden Home owner and  
Self Employed Manager of Forty Winks Bed and Breakfast Business.

██████████  
Long Lane  
Southrepps  
NR11 ██████████

## Licensing Section North Norfolk District Council

**Licence application [WK/210001748](#) -**

**[Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market, Norfolk, NR11 8UE](#)**

I wish to object to the above application in its present form.

Reasons for representation:

### **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

Since 2015, we have been successfully running our Bed and Breakfast from our home in Lower Street Southrepps. The guest accommodation is a converted barn and sits just across the field ( 336m) from the newly developed Suffield Arms. The majority of our guests are elderly, disabled, and some with learning disabilities come with their carers.

Our feedback clearly shows that the our guests chose our establishment because of our very quiet rural location and wildlife, especially the Nature Reserve. Many spend a lot of time with us sitting in our purpose built Gazebo area to read or just relax, or with binoculars just watching the deer, birds, owls, birds of prey, and other wildlife or just observing the stars.

The recent loss of the barrier of mature trees due to the Autumn wind storm, has also opened up a further channel for noise from the South (the location of the Suffield Arms) and to date we have no indication they will be replaced.

The Barn (Forty Winks B&B) has experienced on many occasions sound and vibrations from the constant noise of the ongoing building work during the last 4 years, diggers, reversing bells, etc, from the Suffield Arms, with the prevailing wind direction from the Gunton Railway station. We have never made a complaint about this, despite having to apologise to our guests on

several occasions, because we believed this was going to develop into a small country pub, that both our guests and the local village could enjoy, which was what we believed the owner had said was going to happen in a Newspaper article.

Live music and extended hours beyond 11pm will have a detrimental effect on our business, our guests and our right to a peaceful life.

### **Objections**

Despite researching both local and NNDC literature, I can find no referral relating to any consultations with local people or local Businesses. Our established B&B is so close, that I am sadly shocked that the proposal for an extended music licence and eating/ drinking licence would even be a considered, knowing that if granted, my Business would be so gravely affected to the point I may have to close. I not only run the B&B, but I am also my husband's carer, and this is my only form of income.

The size and positioning of the South wall, is confirmation that there has been no consultation with myself as a Business, other Businesses, or the elderly neighbours or villagers. The only sound protection the new wall offers, is to the station, not at all to us, our Business, or our neighbours which is open to the North.

### **Internet connection**

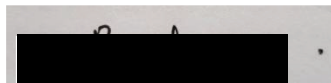
Looking at the recent advertisements for staffing, (30) the owners intentions are to cater for far more people than originally proposed, where 8 staff were suggested. This would mean that those expected to use the pub could be excessive. For years we have been unable to obtain any strong broadband signal, despite providers trying, and we only obtain around 10mbps. Our B and B guests have to sit in the Gazebo area, to use their phones, and internet is slow...if the Suffield arms provides internet access for guests, as it does for it's sister pub the Gunton Arms, then we will all be severely affected in this area, and being a small village with a high volume of elderly people, many entirely dependent on internet for family contact, especially during these volatile Covid times.

As The Sister pub, the Gunton Arms already has the space and facilities for live music, and our village people can hear that more than well enough even though it is 2 miles away, I believe it is very unfair to the people and wildlife of Southrepps to disrupt the tranquillity of this quiet little village and hamlet any further. The people of this village have suffered enough trauma, with so many having to remain mostly in shielding for over a year now. Mental health, already severely compromised, would be further affected by the granting of permissions and licences for something that we believe has the potential to covertly 'swell' and damage rural life as we know it.

We would have welcomed a small village pub, with regular hours, and internal low key background music, and occasional special nights a couple of times a year for an extended licence ...eg New Years Eve, or VE day, but the proposed Premises License proposals are just far too much, for a tiny village, the residents, and businesses.

We welcome a premises license where all operations cease at 11pm, no outdoor music and noise is kept to a minimum during opening hours.

Signature:

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Date: 17/03/21

Mrs S Burden

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Lower Street,  
NR11 [REDACTED]

Public Protection Team  
North Norfolk District Council  
Holt Road  
Cromer  
Norfolk  
NR27 9EN

03 March 2021

Re: WK/210001748 - Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market, Norfolk, NR11 8UE

To whom it may concern,

As local residents who live in close proximity of the Suffield Arms Public House, we are writing to you to highlight some concerns we have about the proposed licensing for the establishment.

**Noise Pollution & Disorder:** Live music and recorded music playing into the early hours of the morning will cause a public nuisance, disturbing the local residence and also the local natural habitat. Southrepps Common, a SSSI, is a mere 200metres away from the venue itself. We would request that the time limit on this is 11pm, not the proposed 1am. Especially during the week, and Sunday evenings. Music played outside will carry far and this is of damaging consequence to the local wildlife that includes endangered local species such as barn owls, newts and deer, not to mention a public nuisance for the local community, who have chosen to live in a peaceful, quiet area away from the late night venues of towns and cities.

**Public Safety & Disorder:** Late opening hours which stretch beyond the last form of public transport (the last train to Norwich is at 2240) are likely to encourage driving whilst under the influence, or walking along small, winding, country roads late at night. Whilst Mr Braka may think that these laws are '*draconian*', driving whilst under the influence is a matter of public safety and since there is no regular policing in and around Lower Street, nor does the responsibility fall on the licensee, one wonders how this is likely to be controlled, save from limiting licensing hours? Since the establishment has no rentable

rooms, we would oppose that late night refreshments be served from 11pm-2am, and cease serving at 11pm.

The Suffield Arms was once a small local pub, but the current owner has extended the building greatly to accommodate far more people than the local community. The school and children are in close proximity to the Public House, and families enjoy the nature walks close by. The roads are extremely small and not able to cope with a larger volume of traffic that would be a consequence of a larger establishment.

In Southrepps there is a pub that supports the local community, has regular live music, caters for those who come from further afield and copes with earlier closing and a music license which does not run until 1am. We feel the current requested application for the Suffield Arms is not necessary for the business to be a successfully run Public House.

To be clear, we are not opposed to the pub and believe that it is positive that the owner has decided to not convert it into another second home, indeed we agree with Mr Braka's statement that '*Pubs are somewhere where people can still get together and share a sense of community.*' However, we have major concerns regarding public safety, public nuisance and believe that the late opening hours could lead to disorder. We would ask that the pub is limited to 11pm closing and to refuse live music outside, especially late at night.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Alice Cary & Mr Nicholas Milne

**Representation concerning the licensing application WK/210001748**

**made in respect of the Suffield Arms Public House, Station Road, Thorpe Market, NR11 8UE  
on the grounds of Prevention of Public Nuisance.**

It is pleasing to see the restoration of the Suffield Arms and its planned re-opening. Its location in a beautiful, peaceful rural area will no doubt bring plentiful customers and be an asset in terms of local employment and trade. However, this will undoubtedly affect the local area through increased road traffic, noise, light pollution and general disturbance. It should be remembered that the local economy is heavily dependent on tourism, and visitors to this area are attracted by its peace and the natural environment. Properties in Station Road, Chapel Road, Long Lane, Lower Street, Bradfield Road, Antingham Road, Warren Road and Pit Street all experienced serious intrusion of noise and general disturbance when outdoor music events were held at the Suffield Arms under its previous ownership. It would be unacceptable to allow such disturbance to recur when the public house re-opens.

We, the undersigned, feel that if a licence is to be granted the following restrictions should be imposed to minimise these risks:

1. The hours for the supply of alcohol should be restricted to 09.00 – 23.00 each day.
2. All live and recorded music outside should cease at 23.00 as requested, but that music of all sorts should only be permitted outside on a maximum number of 12 occasions per year, suitably spaced through the year.
3. An appropriate decibel limit should be imposed on all outside live and recorded music, at a level to be recommended by the local authority's Environmental Protection Team.
4. All outside lighting, permanent and temporary, should be installed and used in a way that reduces light pollution to an absolute minimum.
5. All outside activities should be required to take place within the site marked on the plan accompanying the application.
6. All vehicle parking associated with the public house's business should be accommodated within the property, and not allowed to impede access to local properties and the railway station, nor block adjacent roads, which are all single-track country lanes.

If the licence is granted with these restrictions there is no reason why the new business should not become an asset to the area.

John Dowland and Margaret Dowland

Southrepps, NR11

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021



Southrepps

NR11 [REDACTED]

Licensing Section  
North Norfolk District Council  
Council Offices  
Holt Road  
Cromer  
NR27 9EN

1 March 2021

Dear Sir

**Ref: New application – WK/210001748 – Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market, Norfolk, NR11 8UE**

We are concerned about the above licence application and would like to object to certain areas of the licence:

- Live and recorded music until 01.00 hours – This is a quiet rural area and our property is 400m north of the Suffield Arms. Having amplified music indoors and outdoors will cause additional noise to the residents in the area. Even if the outdoor music ceases at 23.00 hours the noise from indoor music will still be heard in the surrounding area particularly at warmer times of year when doors and windows are left open for better ventilation. We know from previous experience towards the end of the previous landlord's licence at the Suffield Arms that this is the case with any amplified music whether indoors or outdoors.
- Late night refreshment until 02.00 hours – This will cause more disturbance late at night with customers leaving the premises. We note the carpark has been extended to the east of the property. The latest train to Norwich departs at 22.40 hours and to Sheringham at 23.39 hours which means customers will have to travel by car causing additional traffic noise late at night.
- We note that there is an upstairs outdoor terrace at the premises. If this is to be used for late night refreshment the sound from any music will travel freely across the surrounding area.

This is a quiet rural area with several elderly residents. Elderly residents may find the additional noise and traffic worrying particularly if they live alone. In our household we are both employed in positions which mean we have to start work early in the morning, sometimes at 04.00 hours, and disturbance late at night can be very disruptive to wellbeing especially if it happens on a regular basis. We also understand that the screen of poplar trees which will provide a partial noise barrier, are due to be cut down soon. This will increase the distance any sound can travel.

We have no objection to the Suffield Arms reopening as a public house, but we would like the applicant to be aware of the disturbance amplified music and late-night operating will have on the peaceful area surrounding the premises.

We ask that the provision of outdoor music finishes at 22.00 hours and the provision of refreshment and alcohol finishes at 23.00.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Sue Kerridge & Jim Kerridge

Email: [REDACTED]

## Licensing

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**From:** puds2 [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 16 March 2021 19:13  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** WK/210001748

Good Evening,

It is with dismay that I have just learnt that the Owners of the Suffield Arms have put in an application for a late licence to serve food & alcohol and also to have amplified music and live bands, this is somewhat alarming in a conservation area that is very close to the common which is full of wild life and I can not quite believe it is even being considered.

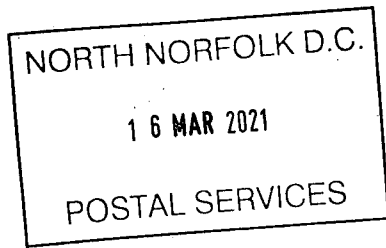
I have also learnt that if given and granted what they are asking for they will then ferry their guests from the Gunton Arms so that the partying and drinking can carry on by mini bus this is unacceptable in a day and age when we are supposed to be protecting the wild life and countryside not decimating it, if indeed the Suffield Arms is supposed to be a traditional pub then it should act like one no loud music, no after hours drinking and definitely not late night licence.

If the owners want a Tapas bar ask them to move to a town where noise and light pollution doesn't matter, I know for a fact noise travels at night, light disturbs birds moths and bats all of which are prevalent in Lower Southrepps.

I strongly oppose this application and I hope just for once that North Norfolk District Council will actually do the right thing and protect the environment that surround The Suffield Arms and not grant this licence.

Yours Sincerely

Anna Kloczkov



Southrepps  
Norwich  
NR11

11 March 2021

Licensing Section  
North Norfolk District Council  
Holt Road  
Cromer  
NR27 9EN

Dear Sirs

**Premises licence for the Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market NR11 8UE**

The application is for live and recorded music indoors until 1.00am, outdoors until 11.00pm and refreshments indoors until 2.00am.

I am objecting to the above application for the following reasons:

Noise, from music and also from people leaving the premises, disturbing local residents late at night.

The Suffield Arms is in a rural area, and is described by the applicant as a 'traditional public house'. Would 'temporary event' permissions for occasional events be more appropriate in this instance?

If you do need to contact me my email is [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Brenda Mawdsley

Mr E.A & Mrs S. M. Parsons  
[REDACTED]  
Chapel Road  
Southrepps  
Norfolk  
NR11 [REDACTED]

Public Protection Team  
North Norfolk District Council  
Holt Road  
Cromer  
Norfolk  
NR27 9EN

201<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Sirs,

**Application: WK/210001748 - Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market, Norfolk, NR11 8UE**

We write to record our objection to aspects of the above application. The reasons for objection being:

Public Nuisance related to late night noise and light pollution.

The Premises application states there is an intention to be open every day of the week until 2.00am (and presumably even later on Christmas Eve & New Years Eve), with no time restriction on people talking & drinking / smoking outside both in the garden & also on the roof terrace. The open ended nature of the licensing hours gives residents no notice of outdoor or late night events.

In addition, job adverts for new staff at the site state applicants should have cars, & the number of staff (being managed) will be 30. Even if not all will be working every night, this could be approximately 15 vehicles which will be leaving the site every night - after the licence period ends & the clients have left i.e. after 2.00am.

We consider this would be excessive noise late at night, every night, in a very quiet neighbourhood particularly in summer when it would be reasonable to expect to sleep with windows open.

The construction of the large wall running parallel with the railway line now helps reflect noise towards Lower Southrepps residents as has been evident from the movements of building works vehicles over the past years. The inclusion of a roof terrace and upstairs bar - which was not shown in the online planning documents, now provides additional opportunity for noise to travel from the building.

Our property is approximately 250m from the Suffield Arms which is easily visible from it. Light from cars moving in the car park will shine across to our house, particularly into upstairs windows.

As Companies House records show The Suffield Arms & The Gunton Arms have common ownership, and The Gunton Arms has accommodation where as The Suffield Arms does not, it would seem more appropriate for the Gunton Arms to have the later licence.

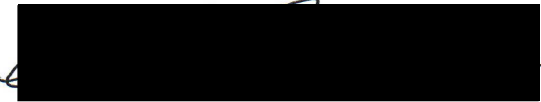
We feel the following finishing time for licensing hours would be more appropriate for an establishment situated in this location:

- Live & recorded music, late night refreshment & supply of alcohol finishing at 12.00pm Monday to Friday and 1.00am Saturday & Sunday.

Amplified music should not be played outside in the garden or on the roof terrace after 9.00pm.

Screening/planting should be included on the northern perimeter of the site to avoid light spill beyond the site from external floodlights and moving vehicles.

Yours faithfully,



EWAN A. PARSONS



S. M. PARSONS.

E.A. & S.M. Parsons

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Lower Southrepps

NR11 8UJ

Dear Licensing Team

We would like to express our concerns regarding the recent application for recorded and live music and for the sale of alcohol on and off the premises at the Suffield Arms public House.

The request to serve alcohol and light refreshments until 2AM seven days a week at a 'traditional public house' is very unreasonable. The extra traffic (some drivers may have consumed alcohol) using the quiet lanes would be a hazard to pedestrians and a public nuisance to those living on route. The noise of the extra activity beyond 11PM in a quiet village would be unreasonable 7 nights a week all year.

The possibility of any music outside no matter how loud is very inconsiderate to those that live near the Suffield Arms. Even indoor music beyond 11PM in the summer particularly when windows of people's homes and the Suffield Arms are likely to be open is unrealistic for those trying to sleep!

We feel the requests that have been put forward to yourselves are not in keeping with a 'traditional public house'.

Kind regards Steven and Debbie Pegg



## Licensing

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**From:** Nancy Rayner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 March 2021 13:32  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** WK/210001748 Suffield Arms, Station Road, Thorpe Market, Norfolk, NR11 8UE

**Categories:** Sarah

It has just been brought to my notice the proposed licensing plans for above premises. Being a resident of southrepps there has in the past been live music events held at these premises on the odd occasion and the noise level from such events travels a considerable way. Therefore our household is very much opposed to the future plans proposed. Southrepps is a quiet village and with what I have read and understand from proposed opening hours it sounds as though the premises are to become a night club. There are numerous issues associated with this, i.e noise late at night from traffic on quiet lanes. No public transport available to alleviate this, as trains stop running from gunton station by the proposed closing time. Proposed opening hours for 7 days a week at inconsiderate times. The issue of litter. Safety to members of public as there is no street lightening. In my opinion this proposed facility is not the kind of premises for a quiet Norfolk village. Originally it was thought the premises was going to be brought back to a country village

pub.  
sincerely

Nancy Rayner

Yours

## Licensing

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**From:** Julie Skipper [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 15 March 2021 18:23  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** The Suffield Arms licensing objection  
**Categories:** Nicky, Sarah

Dear Sir,

I am emailing you to express our concern of the proposed licensing of the Suffield Arms.

My objections are as follows.

Music and entertainment outside until 11.00pm. This will unfortunately be in earshot of the local community which predominantly consist of elderly retired residents. When the pub was previously open there were indeed numerous calls to the police because of the noise and disturbance.

I certainly object to the 2.00am license as this would be totally unacceptable in this area, again causing noise and a nuisance to the local fraternity. This is NOT a 'Prince of Wales' road in a city and should therefore not be granted the extended licence.

Station road is regularly used by dog walkers and the increased traffic will unfortunately become a danger. Leaving Station road at the junction is already precarious without having a drink at the pub and not forgetting the local primary school too.

In very close proximity to the Suffield Arms, there is an area of woodland which is home and a sanctuary to many deer and wildlife. One certainly feels that loud music will frighten them and they will therefore have to seek refuge elsewhere which will be a shame.

Many thanks

Kind regards

Julia

Sent from my iPad



## Licensing

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**From:** Elaine Pugh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 March 2021 07:24  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Fw: REPRESENTATION FROM SOUTHREPPS PARISH COUNCIL - SUFFIELD ARMS, THORPE MARKET - DRAFT EMAIL

**Categories:** Nicky

Dear Licensing Department

Southrepps Parish Council are writing on behalf of the local residents in Lower Southrepps.

We have spoken to the applicant in detail and have ironed out a few of the perceived fears within the application, for which we thank them.

The main concern is that of noise which in the past has been a cause of great concern to the local mostly older residents and the small bed and breakfast owners. Discussing this matter at length with the applicant we have been informed that the types of events previously endured will not be held at the premises.

The one other area which we feel needs addressing in the application is Part 3 on the Operating Schedule - Provision of late night refreshment be **reduced from 11.00pm to 5am to 11pm to 2am.**

We understand that the reason it states until 5am is for flexibility. In order to support the concerns of our resident's we consider that this reduction is more balanced.

We have undertaken consultation with the applicant and the advice of the Licensing Department for which we thank them for their time and consideration.

On a positive note, the majority of the community welcomes this additional facility in our neighbouring Parish and we trust it will become a great success and bring additional employment and draw tourism to our area.

This matter was discussed at our Parish Council meeting on 3rd March 2021 held via Zoom Minute number 8.

Kind regards  
Elaine Pugh  
Clerk to Southrepps Parish Council

PETER J TIPPER

JANET O'BRIEN

NORTH NORFOLK D.C.

16 MAR 2021

POSTAL SERVICES

LOWER SOUTHRIPPS

NORFOLK NR11

15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

SUFFIELD ARMS PLANNING APPLICATION

Dear Sir/Madam

The license opening hours are more suited to a city centre premises than a pub in a peaceful rural conservation area. The plans now show a revised car parking area and a raised balcony. The property stands on rising ground overlooking an exposed open landscape.

Sources of static and vehicle light pollution, noise from traffic movement, music, and alcohol fuelled human activity will carry quite freely and combine to create an unacceptable intrusion into the wellbeing of those living in close proximity - some no more than a few hundred yards away.

The prospect of such nuisance being authorised until 2 in the morning for 7 days a week is unthinkable and should be reconsidered.

Closing time 7 days a week at midnight, including drinking-up time (closely monitored) could provide the basis for a compromise, with extension permission sought for special occasions only.

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Overflow parking should be provided for special events to prevent vehicles being haphazardly parked on the local narrow lanes.

We hope these observations will have a positive bearing on the licensing decision

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

## Licensing

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**From:** Maggie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2021 09:15  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Application WK/210001748. Suffield Arms, NR118UE

**Importance:** High

**Categories:** Nicky

I wish to register strong opposition to this application on the following grounds :-

I live in close proximity to these premises and the provision of music and alcohol 7 days a week until 01.00. and 02.00 is totally unacceptable.

It is a known fact that availability of alcohol for such long periods will promote irresponsible behaviour.

The expansion of the car park belonging to this property will allow for large numbers which will generate vehicle noise and the inevitable voices (which are usually louder after consumption of alcohol) of the patrons, especially on departure.

The property is opposite a very small isolated railway station and the possibility of having to encounter people who have consumed too much alcohol is disturbing.

Also, the establishment is on a very small country lane and close to a school.

This is a small rural village, a large part of its appeal to residents is the peace and tranquility it affords us. It is not an appropriate situation for the proposed usage.

Yours sincerely

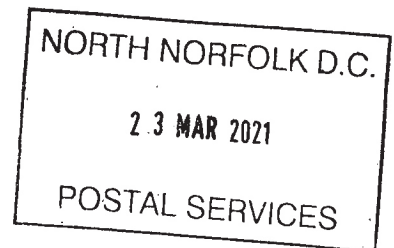
Mrs M S Tranter

[REDACTED] Southrepps, NR11 [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
Chapel Road  
Lower Southrepps  
NORWICH  
NR11 [REDACTED]

21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

North Norfolk District Council  
Licensing Section  
Council Offices, Holt Road  
CRDMR, NORFOLK NR27 9EN



Dear Sir/Madam

Re: THE SUFFIELD ARMS LTD - SEEKING  
A NEW LICENCE

I welcome the opening of the Suffield Arms after such a long time of closure.

However, I have concerns regarding some of the new proposals in the request for a new Premises licence.

The item that concerns me greatly is the proposal for the pub to be open from 2300 hrs until 5.00 am daily for the sale of hot drinks and hot food/take away, this is completely unacceptable.

The request is more suited to pub in a town environment not a sleepy rural village in North Norfolk. The unavoidable noise together with headlights, engine noise from customers cars, taxis, minibuses etc just would be

unacceptable for nearby residents who are trying to sleep.

The stipulation on the application form to 'minimise the risk of noise nuisance to nearby properties' I sincerely hope will be adhered to. There are many properties that would be affected by this potential noise.

The request to sell alcohol until 2.00am daily bearing in mind, especially during summer months, the position of the balcony and drinks being sold after midnight would again be unacceptable and not village friendly.

Having been lucky enough to have lived in this beautiful quiet village for many years and being new owners/landlords of the Suffolk Arms come and go but always fitting in with the village harmoniously, I sincerely hope this new ownership will not alienate the villagers and harmony will continue.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

JANET WAHBY

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