

Appendix D

S1 – EF valid on the licensing objectives of PCD, PPN and PS.

From: REDACTED

Sent: 05 October 2026 08:00

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Comments on King's Arms licence review 2026/03750/LAREV

Hello,

I am writing as a resident **REDACTED** regarding the alcohol licence review for the King's Arms (reference 2026/03750/LAREV).

Although I have **REDACTED** for two months, I, along with my housemates, have already been subject to a myriad of problems related to this establishment. While this review relates to the incident that took place on the night of 25th September - an event that left us all very shaken - we have found that to only be the most recent in a string of issues the King's Arms has posed to our community. As a woman who often works late, it has not been uncommon to be leered at or even accosted by patrons of the pub, to witness altercations escalate to the point of requiring police intervention, or to **REDACTED** congregations of drunk men.

Other local residents have echoed similar complaints to me, and informed me of other such instances from before I **REDACTED**, with the fight of the 25th apparently being the third such incident this year. Considering this and the relative safety I have felt in the few days since the King's Arms closure, it is my opinion that revoking the King's Arms' licence would be in the best interest of the local community. Failing that, at least some provisions to curtail overserving and tightening security at the door.

Thank you for taking the time to read over my comments and I look forward to hearing your decision.

Best wishes,
REDACTED

S2 – EF valid of the licensing objectives of PCD and PPN.

From: Redacted

Sent: 08 October 2026 18:18

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Summary review of Kings Arms 56 George Street Brighton

Dear **REDACTED**

Representation Regarding the Operation of the Kings Arms

We support the continued operation of the public house and recognise the important role that a well-managed pub can play within the local community. We are concerned about fights, the dealing of drugs and stolen goods; however these are police matters. We are making a representation about the recurring daily issues which adversely affect **REDACTED** residents. The intention is not to seek closure of the premises, but rather to have practical measures implemented and retained even when managers change so that relations would improve between the business and its neighbours whilst allowing it to continue to trade successfully. Many of the concerns appear to arise during periods when customers are spending extended periods outside the premises or leaving at the end of the evening. Increased management supervision and door security during these times could significantly reduce nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

Customers do regularly congregate outside the premises and **REDACTED** on both sides of the street, to smoke, make telephone calls, socialise and wait for transport. The resulting noise and obstruction does adversely affect **REDACTED** residents. The pavement outside the Kings Arms is often blocked by smokers and those using the footpath are either stepping into the road or crossing to the other side of the road.

The Licensing Policy of 2026 Prevention of public nuisance is not being adhered to and we request the following items to be considered and enforced:

1. Noise and Disturbance

To minimise disturbance to residents, the following should be adopted:

- Ensure doors and windows remain closed during amplified music, live sports events, major broadcast events and karaoke events, except for access and egress.
- Consider the installation of enhanced sound insulation where practical.
- Adopt a noise management plan, particularly for evenings and weekends involving the above activities: amplified music, live sports events, major broadcast events and karaoke events.
- Display notices requesting customers to respect neighbours and leave the area quietly.
- Conduct regular external checks during busy periods and close to closing time.
- Undertake periodic sound monitoring during entertainment events to ensure noise levels remain reasonable.

2. Management of Customers Outside

The lack of management of customers outside the premises has a significant impact on local residents. Measures that would lessen the impact of the premises on local residents are:

- Prohibit the taking of drinks outside, if not already restricted.
- Establish a clearly defined and supervised smoking area with appropriate signage.
- Limit the number of customers permitted to smoke outside at any one time with the numbers reduced after 9pm.
- Require customers to remain within the designated smoking area rather than congregating along the pavement and outside other properties on both sides of the road
- Ensure staff actively manage external gatherings and discourage shouting, loud conversations and other behaviour likely to cause nuisance.
- Door security to be in place as a bare minimum over weekends, Bank Holidays and entertainment events

3. Residential Access and Congregating

A particular concern is the use of residential doorways and entranceways as informal gathering points.

- Customers should not congregate in residential doorways or directly outside residents' homes.
- Residents should not be required to pass through groups of people in order to access their properties, particularly late in the evening.
- Residential entrances should not be used as shelters or meeting points.
- Staff should direct customers away from residential doorways and towards designated smoking or waiting areas.
- Any litter associated with such gatherings should be removed promptly.

4. Cleanliness

The pub maintains some lovely hanging baskets throughout the year and the exterior has been repainted recently so an effort is being made to present an attractive premises. However, the appearance of the area adjacent to the premises also contributes significantly to residents' quality of life.

- Sweep and inspect the pavement adjacent to the premises at daily following closing time or first thing in the morning.
- Provide and maintain adequate cigarette disposal bins and litter facilities that are emptied daily.
- Remove cigarette ends, packaging and other litter associated with the premises on a daily basis.
- Monitor the immediate vicinity of the premises to ensure standards of cleanliness are maintained.

5.Security and Anti-Social Behaviour

To reduce disturbance and improve confidence amongst local residents:

- Employ licensed door supervisors at least on weekends, Bank Holidays and other busy periods and higher-risk events.
- Require staff to monitor and address anti-social behaviour occurring immediately outside the premises. This would include curtailing sexist, misogynistic and racial language that is regularly heard.
- Maintain an incident log and refusals register recording complaints, disturbances and actions taken.
- Ensure CCTV covers entrances and the immediate street frontage.

6. Customer Dispersal

The period immediately before and after closing time can be particularly disruptive for residents.

- Adopt and operate a formal dispersal policy.
- Encourage customers to leave the area quietly and without unnecessary delay.
- Discourage prolonged conversations, shouting and social gatherings outside the premises after closing.
- Ensure staff actively monitor customer dispersal during busy periods.

Community Engagement

Constructive engagement between the premises and local residents would help to build positive relationships and identify concerns before they escalate.

- Establish regular liaison meetings between the licensee and local residents.
- Provide a direct contact number for the duty manager.
- Share information in advance regarding events likely to generate higher attendance levels or increased noise.
- Review complaints and concerns raised by residents and provide feedback on any action taken.

Conclusion

We have, in the week that the Kings Arms has been shut, noticed a significant drop in noise levels in the late afternoons and evenings. The number of loud phone conversations that are heard in **REDACTED** has also dropped. Not having to walk through groups of smokers, and then the next day walk on a pavement full of cigarette ends, has been a change for the better. We believe that the measures above would help return the street to one where the Kings Arms and residents have a significantly improved relationship. They are intended to support the continued success of the pub whilst reducing noise, nuisance and anti-social behaviour that residents are continuously subjected to. We hope the licensing authority will consider whether appropriate conditions can be attached to the licence to achieve a fair balance between the interests of the business and those of the local community.

Regards

REDACTED

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From: REDACTED

Sent: 06 October 2026 12:51

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Kings Arms Comment (2026/03750/LAREV)

Hi,

I'm writing as a resident of **REDACTED** to comment on the review of the alcohol license for the Kings Arms (reference 2026/03750/LAREV).

I moved in to **REDACTED** two months ago, and already my housemates and I have had several problems with the Kings Arms. We hear shouting and loud arguments from the venue every night, and it has escalated into fights multiple times, most notably on September 25th, where the whole street was closed and multiple people were arrested. My housemates and I watched it unfold, and all of us were left shaken. In addition to the noise and the fights, their patrons often loiter **REDACTED** and leave rubbish there.

Myself and some other members of my household are women and are members of other marginalized communities. Multiple of us work late shifts, and have to walk home at night. None of us feel safe doing this, especially when there are often drunk men **REDACTED**. The Kings Arms has caused danger and public nuisance, and has made **REDACTED** difficult for all of us. We would like for the license to be revoked, or at least for more security provisions, like security on the door.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

REDACTED

S4 – EF valid on the licensing objectives of PCD, PPN and PS

From: REDACTED

Sent: 26 September 2026 18:17

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Formal Complaint and Request for Review of the Premises Licence – The Kings Arms

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to make a formal complaint regarding the ongoing conduct and operation of The Kings Arms and to request that Brighton & Hove City Council urgently review the premises licence.

The situation surrounding the pub has become increasingly concerning and, in my view, presents a serious risk to the safety and wellbeing of local residents, particularly during the evening and late at night.

There have been repeated incidents of aggressive behaviour and fighting associated with the premises. Most recently, there was a particularly serious fight which resulted in a window being smashed and, from what I witnessed, an individual being placed in a situation where they appeared to be at serious risk of losing their life. This is extremely alarming and has contributed to a growing sense among local residents that the situation is becoming dangerous.

I have also personally witnessed what appeared to be patrons openly taking drugs both outside and inside the pub. I am extremely concerned that this behaviour is taking place in and around the premises and that adequate measures do not appear to be preventing it.

There are also ongoing concerns about the behaviour of customers and, in my observations, staff members appearing to be intoxicated while working at the premises. I believe these issues warrant urgent investigation by the relevant authorities.

The problems do not end when incidents occur inside the pub. Local residents are regularly left dealing with the consequences in the surrounding streets. Neighbours have repeatedly had to clean up broken glass, cigarette ends and other debris from their doorsteps and the public areas around the premises. This is both unpleasant and concerning, particularly where broken glass is left in areas used by pedestrians and local residents.

There is also a significant concern regarding the apparent operating hours of the premises. I understand that the licensed opening hours are until approximately 11:00pm, yet I have observed the pub continuing to operate until approximately 1:00am or 2:00am on many nights. This appears to be contributing to persistent late-night noise disturbance and disruption for residents.

The combination of fighting, aggressive behaviour, suspected drug use, late-night activity, noise, broken glass and general disorder has made the area increasingly difficult and concerning for residents, particularly after dark.

I have already contacted Brighton & Hove City Council to raise my concerns and ask that the premises licence be reviewed. Given the continuing nature of these incidents, I believe this matter now requires urgent attention rather than being treated as isolated occurrences.

I respectfully ask the Council to:

1. Review the current premises licence and the conditions attached to it.
2. Investigate whether the premises is operating outside its permitted hours.
3. Investigate the repeated incidents of violence and disorder associated with the premises.
4. Consider whether the management and supervision of the premises are adequate.
5. Investigate reports and observations concerning suspected drug use at or around the premises.
6. Consider the ongoing noise nuisance and disturbance affecting local residents.
7. Consider the impact of broken glass, cigarette waste and other debris being left in the surrounding area.
8. Liaise with Sussex Police and any other relevant authorities regarding incidents occurring at or associated with the premises.
9. Consider whether further licensing conditions, enforcement action or a review of the premises licence is necessary to protect local residents and public safety.

I appreciate that the Council will need to investigate these matters and establish the relevant facts. However, the frequency and seriousness of the incidents are such that I believe the situation requires urgent consideration.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that this complaint has been formally recorded and advise me of the next steps in the Council's licensing process, including how residents can provide further evidence or make representations regarding the premises licence.

I am willing to provide further information regarding incidents I have personally witnessed, including dates, approximate times and descriptions of events where I am able to do so.

I would also ask that the Council take into account the cumulative impact these issues are having on residents and the surrounding community, rather than considering each incident in isolation.

Kind regards,

REDACTED

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Licensing Authority

Brighton & Hove City Council

REDACTED

Date: 12 October 2026

Our Ref: **REDACTED**

Phone: **REDACTED**

e-mail: **REDACTED**

Dear **REDACTED**

Licensing Act 2003

Representation in support of an application by Sussex Police seeking a review of the premise licence 2026/03750/LAREV

Kings Arms, 56 George Street, Brighton BN2 1RJ

I write to make a representation on behalf of the Council's Licensing Team, in their capacity as a responsible authority and guardian of our Statement of Licensing Policy, in relation to the application made by Sussex Police seeking to review the Premises Licence for Kings Arms, 56 George Street, Brighton BN2 1RJ.

This representation is made as the Licensing Team have concerns that the licensing objectives of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and Prevention of Public Nuisance are not being upheld.

This premises falls within the Licensing Authority's City Safety Area (CSA). The CSA is an area of special concern to the licensing authority because of the high levels of crime and disorder, and nuisance experienced within it (SoLP 3.1.2). This is evidenced by the police data, which is attached to Appendix E of the Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Licensing Team fully support the application of Sussex Police in order to promote the licensing objectives of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and Prevention of Public Nuisance and to uphold our Statement of Licensing Policy.

Yours sincerely

REDACTED

Licensing Officer

Licensing Team

