

From: Philip Harding

Sent: 08 November 2025 19:19

To: ENV LICENSING <licensing@oldham.gov.uk>

Subject: The Church Inn 471 Oldham Road Failsworth Pole

This is to comment on the decision to suspend the licence of the Church Inn, following the incident outside the pub on October 31st.

I have been a regular customer for many years, and I believe this decision is an overreaction to say the least. The landlord and his staff have worked extremely hard to make the Church a welcoming family friendly venue, and while it is impossible to keep every undesirable out (short of searching every person who enters) they have done as much as they can to create a safe environment. Therefore it is most unfair not only to deprive to take them of their livelihood but also the people of Failsworth of a popular social outlet.

Phil Harding

From: Bev Molden

Sent: 09 November 2025 14:13

To: ENV LICENSING <licensing@oldham.gov.uk>

Subject: Church Inn Pub, Failsworth

I would just like to say what a fantastic pub we have in our community. I have lived in Failsworth all my life and have seen different landlords come and go but I must admit Dave and Kerry have really turned it around making it into a family run pub, with great food and entertainment. The staff go out of there way to make you feel comfortable and I can honestly say they are all very good friends of ours.

We are very much hoping the pub will be open very soon.

Regards

Mrs Beverley Litherland

From: graham tardif

Sent: 10 November 2025 13:30

To: ENV LICENSING <licensing@oldham.gov.uk>

Subject: Church inn Oldham rd Failsworth

To whom this may concern, this is a mail in support of the church inn, Oldham road failsworth. This pub is my local and has been since Dave and Kerry took over, there is no other place like it in Failsworth and many of the locals will agree, you can not get the same kind of entertainment anywhere else and the environment and bar staff are second to none if this pub closes there are staff that will lose their income and not only that the people that have come to love the place like my self will have lost a place to go for things like playing darts and pool there really is no other place like it. All this is down to people who can't handle their drugs which the pub has no control over please do not take away our place to go regards Graham Sent from my iPhone

John Litherland

Hi there,

I was shocked and saddened to see the notice outside the Church Inn, Failsworth, so much so that I had to email you.

My wife and I frequent the pub at least 2 times a week, sometimes more, as it's a lovely place where we have gotten to know all the staff and most of the people that go in. It's one of them places you can go in on your own after work, or on a weekend, and you'd end up chatting and having a laugh with one of the others, knowing that you're safe. We've made so many friends in there including the staff. There's only one pub I can say I know all the staff's names and proudly call them friends.

The landlords Dave and Kerry have worked so hard to improve the pub since their arrival. They've made the pub, easily, the best in Failsworth. It makes me sad to think they're in there now unable to open the doors. The list is endless but they've improved the beer garden, built a stage, created a fun duck theme, offer free pool, have a great jukebox, have great snacks and more recently opened the kitchen to some amazing food. They really have worked their socks off.

I feel for the staff too, they work so hard (and you can tell they enjoy working there) and they all have families to look after, so I really hope the pub can be open soon so they can carry on doing the amazing job they do.

I could go on, and I can't understate how saddened I am that Dave, Kerry and all the staff are being punished because a couple of people came in and couldn't behave themselves. I don't know the full story (only what I've read online), but I'm sure you know that drugs in Failsworth is a problem at the moment. Not just in one pub, but all of them. I've walked in some gents toilets in another pub and they're blatantly taking drugs in plain sight, and that was in a pub you really wouldn't expect it (not that we should expect it anywhere).

Despite the zero tolerance signs in all pubs, it makes no difference. The problem is much bigger than one pub. It's everywhere. Until that is tackled, then we're getting nowhere and punishing the wrong people along the way.

Apologies if this isn't the right address to express my concerns but I had to email anyway as I'm in shock that this pillar of the Failsworth community is unable to run right now.

Kind regards

John