



Ms Rae
The Carousel
108 The High Street
Lowestoft
Suffolk
NR32 1XW

Your ref:
Our ref: NJW – 1/26
Date: 26 January 2026
Please ask for: Nicola Wotton
Customer Services: 03330 162 000
Direct dial: -
Email: DemocraticServices@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

Letter sent via post and email

Dear Ms Rae,

Petition about ‘Stop the closure of The Carousel, Lowestoft’

I refer to the petition which was recently posted on the Change.Org website regarding ‘Stop the closure of The Carousel, Lowestoft.’

I refer also to the East Suffolk Council’s Petitions Scheme.

In accordance with the Petitions Scheme, please accept this letter as acknowledgement of the petition.

The subject of the petition is the request for East Suffolk Council to reconsider the decision to close The Carousel Pub in Lowestoft. This was after the Licensing Sub-Committee met on Friday, 9 January 2026 and considered the matter in detail and decided to revoke the premises licence in accordance with Section 52 4(e) of the Licensing Act 2003.

Section 4 of our petitions scheme relates to items that are excluded and cannot be accepted by the Council. Paragraph 4.1.2 states that: Any matter relating to a licensing decision, including licensing applications under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005. As your petition is about a Premises that has been the subject of a Licensing Sub-Committee meeting where the licence has been revoked, it is an Excluded Matter and, I am sorry, but it is not covered by the Council’s Petition Scheme and your petition cannot be considered.

Under Schedule 5 Paragraph 2 of the Licensing Act 2003, the applicant/licence holder or anyone who has made a representation regarding The Carousel for the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting on 9 January 2026, has the right to appeal to the Magistrates’ Court within 21 days of receiving notice of the decision. Therefore, you have until 30 January 2026 to appeal to the Magistrates’ Court

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Please note that the details of this petition will be referred to on our website together with this response. These can be viewed at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk and by entering the word “petitions” in the search bar. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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