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**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2015**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Agenda Item 6 – Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Northern Guitars/Guitar Café, 41 Call Lane, Leeds, LS1 7BT

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Our ref PW/TB/BAG001-1-8/2134

Your ref

27 November 2015

Dear Sirs

**Northern Guitar, 41 Call Lane, Leeds, LS1 7BT**

We write with reference to the matter listed for consideration on 7 December 2015.

Please find enclosed the completed Notice of Intention to attend the hearing. Please also find a brochure for the premises and a number of letters of support.

We would be grateful if the sub-committee could be made aware that our clients intend to amend their application on each day of the week as follows:-

- For all authorisations to commence at 10:00.
- For the terminal hours for sale of alcohol 22:30.
- For the terminal hours films, recorded music, live music and late night refreshment 23:00.
- For the premises to be closed by 23:00.

We would be grateful if the attached documents and information can be placed before the licensing sub-committee.

Yours faithfully

**Woods Whur**

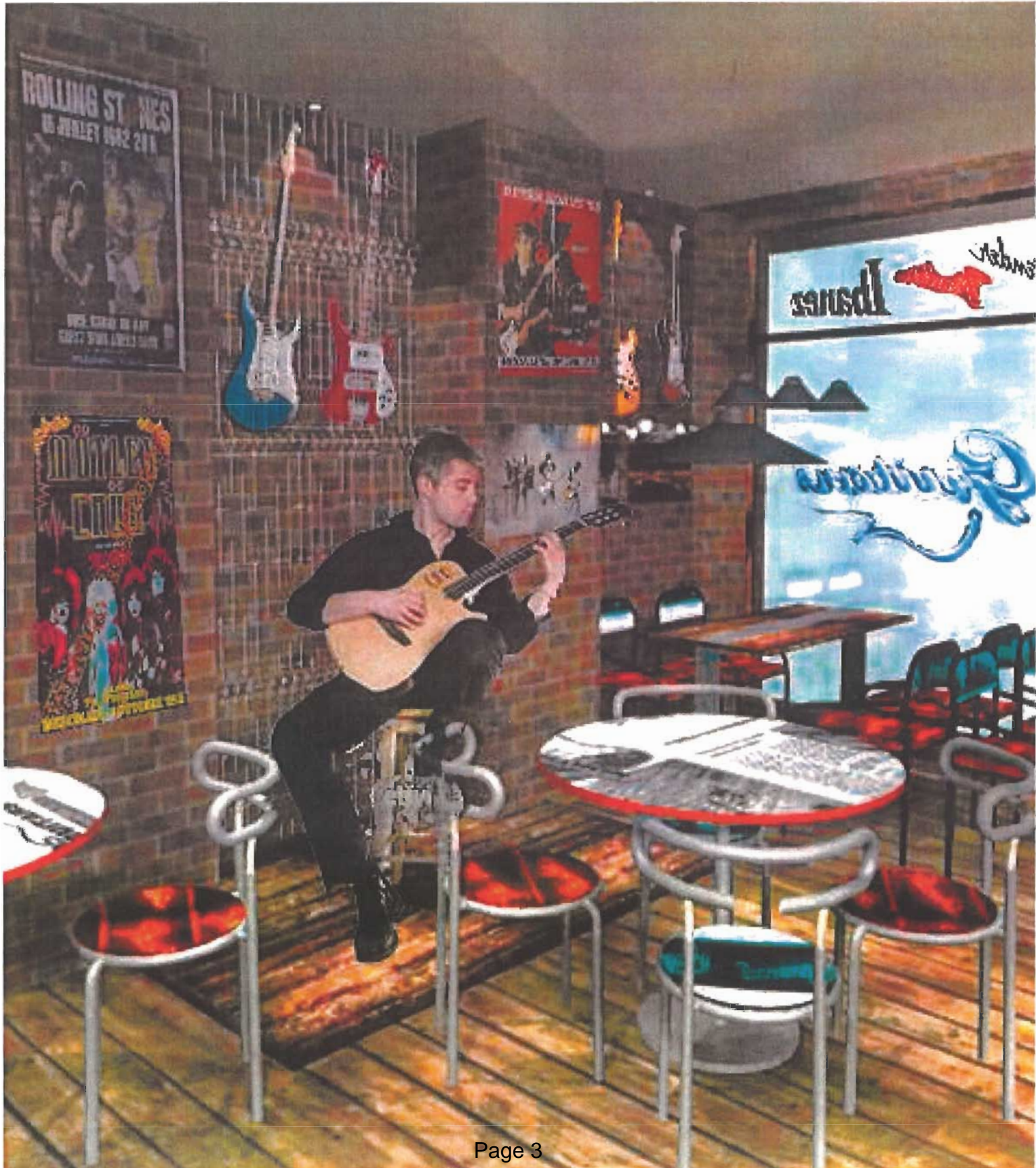


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# Guitar Café

Call Lane, Leeds

# NORTHERN GUITARS



## Aim

- To safeguard the future of Northern Guitars business by supplemental income from integral café bar offering.
- To attract more musicians and touring bands to the guitar shop by enhancing the retail experience.
- To generate new business from non musicians via food and drink sales.

## Currently

- The only independent retail guitar shop in Leeds.
- The only surviving retail shop of any kind on Call Lane.



# Proposal



Mock-up of interior

- The retail guitar shop to be moved to the first floor; the ground floor as a guitar show room retaining string and accessory sales with cafe seating and tables.
- Food will be 'Yorkshire street food', pie and peas, stew, burgers with vegetarian options. This will be prepared fresh daily and will be served at the table.
- There will be a fresh coffee machine, tea and cake.
- Alcoholic drink will focus on local bottled craft ales and premium bottled beers from around the world, with the aim to provide draught ales from local micro breweries. Food and drinks will be served at the table.



Mock-ups of interior





- The window display of guitars is to be retained with additional guitars hung on the walls.
- The service counter will be designed to resemble a row of guitar speaker cabinets. Guitar strings and accessories will be for sale from a display behind the counter.
- The decor will feature photographic work from local artist Neil Chapman a trustee of the Leeds Music Trust with these profits going to the Leeds Music Trust charity. Other music related art will be exhibited on the walls.
- We intend to showcase local acoustic musicians playing on selected evenings and weekends.



Right Photos taken of 'Sticky Fingers', Middlesbrough

# Summary

We intend to capitalise on the reputation of the independent guitar shop we have run since 1989. During this time we have sold over 10,000 guitars and have become internationally respected. Notable musicians that have visited the shop include Status Quo, Noel Gallagher, Kaiser Chiefs, Motorhead, Saxon, Hawkwind, Imelda May band as well as many international touring bands.

We are the last remaining retail business on Call Lane and with the addition of the Guitar themed cafe/bar we wish to maintain Leeds' position as a cultural, shopping and music centre.

By incorporating a cafe environment we feel this will give us a distinctive edge to move the guitar business forward.

The cafe will feature jazz/blues/country rock aimed at an over 30s crowd which we see as an extension of the guitar retail business. We specifically do not want a young clientele of stag parties and the like and instead would very much look to complement the clientele visiting our neighbours Arts Café and Rolands.



Above Photos taken of 'Sticky Fingers', Middlesbrough

# Sample Menu *locally sourced where possible*

## Hearty Mains

### Selection of Yorkshire Pies including...

Growler served with Yorkshire guacamole £4.50  
(otherwise known as Sykes House Farm  
Pork Pie with mushy peas and mint sauce)

Spinach, Feta & Roasted Pepper (v) £4.00

### Chilli

Chilli con carne served with garlic ciabatta £4.90

Chilli con veggie served with garlic ciabatta (v) £4.20

### Stews

Beef stew in red wine £4.90  
served with sweet potato and chick peas

### Soups

Seasonal variations £3.00

...as well as **daily specials** and further  
**vegetarian options** on the chalk board.

## Sides... posh bread

### Focaccia slice

Sunblush tomato, red onion, olives £1.50

### Bread and Oil

Country white loaf, balsamic, olive oil £1.50

## Dessert

### Ice cream

Northern Bloc ice cream from Leeds' £3.50  
very own manufacturers

### Cakes

Various cakes and pastries. Individually priced

## Beverages

from £2.00

### Coffee

Mocha, Latte, Cappucino

### Tea

Yorkshire tea, green tea, fruit tea.  
...I absolutely love tea.





Date: 3 November 2015

To whom it may concern

During the build for the First Direct Arena we looked to a local guitar shop to supply instruments to decorate our 'Green Room' VIP area. We contacted [REDACTED] at Northern Guitars and asked him to source guitars to our requirements which he duly did.

I would like to lend my support to [REDACTED] proposal to add a cafe bar element to his existing guitar shop.

Northern Guitars is an established business and the addition of an in-store Guitar Cafe Bar would be an excellent focal point for local musicians and a welcome compliment to the Leeds music scene.

The First Direct Arena has placed Leeds on an international stage but grassroots initiatives like the Guitar Cafe are vital in sustaining the local musical network.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

first direct Arena, Arena Way, Clay Pit Lane, Leeds. LS2 8BY  
first direct Arena is managed by SMG (UK) Ltd company no 821116





Being based in Leeds as Divisional Manager for the UK's leading venue operator, Academy Music Group, I see first hand how vital both music and venues are in making Leeds a major destination city.

The idea of preserving the Northern Guitars outlet, whilst at the same time developing it into an accessible space which will appeal to all those interested in guitar based music, is an original and exciting concept – this development would further cement Leeds place as a great musical centre.

  
Academy Music Group



After 25 years of running gigs , venues and festivals in Leeds I can't believe someone hasn't thought of this already!

Northern Guitars is a Leeds Music industry institution and developing The Guitar Cafe there is a great idea! It is such a positive way of nurturing the music scene of the city and adding something unique to the retail environment too.



UK Centre for Events Management  
Leeds Beckett University.

# LEEDS MUSIC TRUST

Old Chapel Music Studios is Leeds' longest running music rehearsal studio business, established in 1982 as Parkside Studios in Armley and in 1992 moving to the The Old Chapel at Czar Street, Holbeck.

We recently expanded to offer a classroom, recording studio, guitar repairs and music education through Leeds Music Trust and Cloth Cat Studios.

We have always tried to nurture young talent in the city and in 2009 we set up Leeds Music Trust as a registered charity with the help of Leeds' most successful band, Kaiser Chiefs to help disadvantaged groups and communities access the same facilities and support networks as the established Leeds music scene. The charity now owns and runs the studios which operates as a Community Interest Company.

We have had an excellent relationship with Northern Guitars since they opened in the late 1980s, and with [REDACTED] in particular as he has been very willing to assist aspiring musicians, sourcing quality instruments and giving good honest advice. Kaiser Chiefs were just one among thousands of bands that have been helped along the way by this gem of a shop in the heart of the city.

I have no doubt the business would benefit from this application and give it a new lease of life in difficult times, adding a different and more mature venue to the area. Many of Leeds' established bands are excited to have a relaxed venue still centred around music making and instruments. We have discussed with [REDACTED] the idea of adding to that feel by assisting with the photographic music art gallery, sales from which would feed back into Leeds Music Trust to support more aspiring local musicians.

Both Old Chapel Music as a business and Leeds Music Trust as a charity would endorse the application to allow food and drink sales and develop the trade at the shop at it's current site, which has a good well established reputation for honest trade and support of the local music scene.

We believe the hard work and dedication shown by Northern Guitars as a small business should be allowed to develop naturally and in a way that would enhance the locality, bringing a more mature customer base to the area and in turn supporting other venues and workers in the city.

[REDACTED]

Leeds Music Trust, CEO

Leeds Music Trust is a company registered in England number 6660387, registered office 19 Cookridge Street, Leeds, LS2 3AG. Registered Charity Number 1128587 (where a list of directors and members may be inspected).

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Northern Guitars Licensing Application  
Date: Tue, 6 Oct 2015 20:53:35 +0100

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Having been a publican and a concert promoter in Leeds for over 38 years, I can see the advantage of a cafe/bar dedicated to musicians and the like. To my knowledge, many national and international 'names' have visited Northern Guitars... I've pointed a few of them in that direction myself.

A small bar, where people in the music business can get together to exchange ideas and talk about their equipment requirements over a coffee or a beer, appears to be a good idea, and it could be of benefit to the image of Leeds as a progressive city.

Northern Guitars was established on Call Lane over 25 years ago, long before the area came alive with the recent bars and eating establishments. When the guitar shop initially opened, there were two other musical instrument retail outlets on Call Lane; it was the 'go to' area for musicians. Because of the influx of bars replacing those retail outlets, it's reasonable to assume that not as many people are attracted to Call Lane to buy instruments. In order to survive, it's essential for Northern Guitars to move onwards.

At a time when most people are buying online, it looks like a dedicated bar, with a retail unit on the upper floor, would be a positive step to help keep this established business afloat.

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This year I celebrate 34 years of promoting, mainly in and around Leeds. The Grand Theatre, Leeds Poly, The 'F' Club at the Ace of Clubs, Roots, Brannigans, Wakefield Unity Hall, the Futurama Festivals, The Leeds Queen's Hall, The Warehouse, Leeds University, The Fforde Grene, The Bierkeller, Tiffany's (Leeds & Bradford), Stafford Bingley Hall, St. George's Hall, Southport Theatre, Hull Tower, Deeside Leisure Centre, Ritzy's, Eros Huddersfield, Leeds Irish Centre, Leeds Astoria, Harrogate Baths, City Varieties, Leeds Town Hall, Halifax Victoria Hall, The Duchess, York Fibbers, Rooftop Gardens, Huddersfield Town Hall, The Cockpit, Blackpool North Pier, Blackpool Opera House, The New Roscoe, Leeds Uni Stylus.

Some of the acts I've brought to Leeds:

The Police, U2, Human League, Joy Division, New Order, Radiohead, Coldplay, Nirvana, Oasis, Blur, Muse, Manic Street Preachers...and many, many more.



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16<sup>th</sup> October 2015

## In support of Northern Guitars

Northern Guitars is a well-established and respected retailer of musical instruments in our industry and I am writing in support of their application to change the format of their retail proposition.

The addition of a café/bar to a retail music shop is an excellent idea for small independent music retailers in these difficult times. The decline of the high street means that it is a pragmatic and prudent move to diversify by adding a unique hub for local and national musicians to meet and relax.

Many great bands have formed from meeting in café/bars, so a location that enables them to come together can only be good for the future of live music.

Leeds is seen as one of the Country's top music destinations with the new Arena, the O2, and the university venues, also Leeds Music Collage, to name but a few.

We therefore conclude that this proposition can only be a good thing for both the business and the community and hope you are able to support this, accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



# John Hornby Skewes & Co. Ltd.

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## To Whom It May Concern

John Hornby Skewes & Co Ltd has enjoyed a terrific business partnership with [REDACTED] at Northern Guitars in Call Lane, Leeds, for over 25 years.

During that time we've seen [REDACTED] business, which has been at the centre of the real music Leeds scene, adapt to the times as the ebb and flow of the music our industry supports has changed through a myriad of styles.

Stores selling musical instruments have, by their very nature, always been a meeting place, a melting pot for the participants in what is essentially a very social activity, important to individuals, groups, the community and society as a whole.

The concept of transforming traditional music stores into more of a destination venue, offering a true meeting place for musicians in Leeds, supported by bar/café style facilities, is unique to the city, but becoming ever more popular around the UK and the world.

This very sensible, organic change to the business model of a traditional music store is conducive to growing business and providing an enhanced service to musicians.

We support the concept wholeheartedly.



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Dave Baguley  
Northern Guitars  
41 Call Lane  
Leeds.  
LS1 7BT

7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Dave,

Thank you for sharing your exciting ideas with me.

Adding a facility such as a café/bar to your premises is a very ,very wise move in these changing times. As the 'High Street' decline continues its ideas and plans like yours will help sustain business in store at a time when 'Internet' shopping is rapidly rising.

The footfall established by such a plan will undoubtable increase sales for guitars and accessories and safe guard your traditional business going forward.

May I wish you every success in this venture.

Yours sincerely





6<sup>th</sup> October 2015

To whom it may concern,


I am writing this letter in support of Mr. David Baguley's recent application for permission to open a café/bar at 41 Call Lane, Leeds LS1 7BT, presently Northern Guitars.

I have known Mr. David Baguley for over thirty years and can personally vouch for his commitment, during that time, to the support for the aspiring musicians of this city providing the best possible value for money. From the humble beginnings of the Rock Shack guitar shop in Queens Road, Hyde Park he has been providing advice and retail support services for guitarists of all abilities, beginner and professional alike. This enterprise led to the brave move to establish Northern Guitars in the heart of our city of Leeds.

Northern Guitars is now a nationally known example of the type of music shop that used to flourish throughout the 1960s to the 1990s, and the fact it has thrived and survived to this day is testament to the utility and service that is ongoing there now. Mr. Baguley is committed to retaining the Northern Guitars establishment on the upper floor of 41 Call Lane whilst offering refreshment in a relaxed environment on the ground floor. This would represent a true example of the Leeds city centre diversity. It would offer a shopping facility for folks in society with the smaller budget, combined with a focal point for all musicians in Leeds to socialise and patronise the hospitality that the proposed café/bar would have to offer.

I do hope that the application will be looked on favourably as I feel that it would prove to be an asset to this area of Leeds city centre.


Yours sincerely





4.11.2015

To who it may concern,

My name is  I am a semi pro guitarist , I have been playing guitar for 50 years, I have played in many bands over the years including the Everly Brothers backing band in the 1970s , I have played all over America , recorded in Sun studios , supported some of the top blues bands in the country ,I now front a 3 piece rock and roll band , guitars are my life's passion.

I think the idea of a cafe/bar/guitar shop is a brilliant idea for Leeds and I fully support the idea of a unique place for guitarists and bands to meet and socialise .

Like Austin in Texas , Leeds is becoming the music capital of England with the o2 , the new Arena and the university that has a long history of great bands.

Northern Guitars is a well known and respected guitar shop , also one of the few independant guitar shop to survive. Without shops like this you lose the identity of a city and end up with shopping malls with national chain stores.

Guitarists like myself do prefer to deal with people who know what they are talking about , so the idea of a dedicated cafe/bar for musicians can only enhance the music scene in Leeds.

It would be the kind of place I would like to play as would many musicians.



From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 23 October 2015 13:50  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Letter of support

To whom it may concern,

I write as a Professor of the Arts and Director of a Research Institute at Manchester Metropolitan University with a long history of developing a city through cultural regeneration and also as a Leeds' musician and artist with his lyrics in tiles in a Leeds' underpass design and painting in Leeds City Galleries. I write to support the idea of permitting the creation of a Guitar café on Call Lane. It is in just such a meeting place, like the coffee bars of yester year, where new cultural industries grow and through meetings of minds and talent over a cup of tea, new bands and vitality is grown from the city's cultural soil.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



# **Mac Amplification**

Musical Instrument Amplification Specialists

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6<sup>th</sup> October 2015

To whom it may concern,

Mac Amplification is a small, family business dealing with the repair and maintenance of instrument amplifier equipment. We are lucky to have a broad clientele base ranging from internationally renowned musicians to those starting out. We are proud supporters of the Leeds Music Trust. We have worked in partnership with Northern Guitars for 30 years.

Northern Guitars are a reliable and honest business. They are long established and well respected by the people of Leeds, and further afield, giving a trustworthy and honest service to those in the music industry. They have a down to earth attitude to provide quality equipment at affordable prices. Advice and help is always freely given and their shop has always been a meeting place for like minded people to share their knowledge.

We fully support Mr. Baguley in his application for the sale of food and drink and the provision of a venue for the more mature musician and those seeking help along the way to gather in a relaxed social atmosphere. It is in our opinion that his business would become an even more valuable facility to the musicians of Leeds at their present well known location on Call Lane. Mr Baguley has worked hard to build his business and should enjoy continued success and future security as a trader in Leeds whilst providing this essential service to the public.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Northern guitars new look!  
Date: Mon, 21 Sep 2015 12:02:51 +0100

To whom it may concern

I have been a customer of Northern guitar for many years and I have always appreciated their knowledge and effort in their approach to how they run their music store. I am a music industry tour manager and through my work I have travelled the world many times. I also own a music equipment rental company which hires equipment to many international acts so I know what my clients like and what their tastes are like. As I am based in Birstal i often end up taking bands down to Northern guitars to look at their interesting stock as it is totally different to any other music store in the area.

Over the past few months Dave has been talking about his idea to open his store with a fresh new look and with options to bring in new clientele by offering a cafe type environment and service. I have seen this idea work in many major US cities and i feel his idea could work by offering a service to many different groups of musicians. Having the ability to sit and have a coffee while you look at instruments would work for me!

I feel his idea would attract a more mature type of client who when purchasing higher end instrument they would feel more comfortable and relaxed when viewing and examining more expensive instruments.

Over the last few years I have seen the demise of the music store in Leeds and if there are no new stores opening there will be a knock on effect for the live music scene as well. Having a new idea like this will encourage people to want to play more. I would gladly sit and have a coffee or sandwich while my my friends look at instruments whether it be buying or just looking at collectable vintage guitars.

When music ground was over the road it was often used as a museum type store due to the quality instruments on show. Northern guitars could offer the same but with a slight difference if allowed. It would attract a lot of interest for the musician rather than the typical party goer who frequents all the other bars on the same street.

I hope the city can appreciate the opportunity that Northern guitars can offer here and how this can benefit the youth and the older client in his search for his dream instrument.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 02 November 2015 15:46  
To: dave baguley  
Subject: Proposed guitar shop cafe/bar

To Leeds Licencing.

Having had a lifetime passion for live music, and also promoting it in Leeds for the last 28 years (currently roots, folk and blues) I think the proposed addition of a cafe/ bar to The Northern Guitars shop is a great project - run for musicians by musicians - a wonderful idea.

Knowing a lot of musicians across the city and elsewhere I am sure they would also welcome the creative meeting place it could provide in the city centre, easily accessible for all.

Being of pensionable age I look forward to somewhere I could go for a drink and bite to eat in a relaxed atmosphere with the bonus of possibly hearing the birth of an exciting new musical partnership.

I certainly give my support to this project and hope you find fit to approve it.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 5 Oct 2015 22:48:25 +0100

Subject: cafe/bar licence

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

It is my pleasure to support Northern Guitars (Call Lane) appeal for a cafe/bar license. The proprietor, Dave Baguley, is a well known and respected business man who has been a loyal supporter of local music and artists over several decades.

I have no doubt this new venture will add something new and positive to this already economically vibrant quarter of town. And will be welcome by many.

yours faithfully

[REDACTED]



12 November 2015 20:00

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 November 2015 17:29:27  
**To:** dave baguley  
**Subject:** Re: letter of support for license

To whom it may concern,

Freestyle Music Ltd is a distributor of musical instruments and accessories, and have been supplying Mr Baguley at Northern Guitar Centre for many years, with instruments and associated products particularly aimed at the young aspiring musicians, that rely on Northern Guitar Centre to provide good value for money products, combined with excellent service, help and advice.

This store is so relevant for those musicians who seek the expertise and knowledge that Northern Guitar Centre can provide, and many musicians that have passed through its doors, with the help and guidance given, have gone on to achieve great success within the industry.

I do believe that combining a venue for the musicians of the area with a retail outlet, is a vision of Mr Baguley that has much credence in today's society, and could not only be an addition to the local live music scene, with a city centre live music relaxed venue, but also keep the essence of what Northern Guitar Centre has been doing for many years, helping the local musicians find their way through the difficult path of choosing the right equipment, and with the additional benefit to showcase their talent in the new venue, it can only help them progress further.

With the added facility of the licensed venue, it can only help to keep the business progressing in challenging times, and remain a part of Leeds famous music history.

Freestyle Music Ltd would endorse the application of Mr Baguley for such a license.



Missing Plug-in



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015

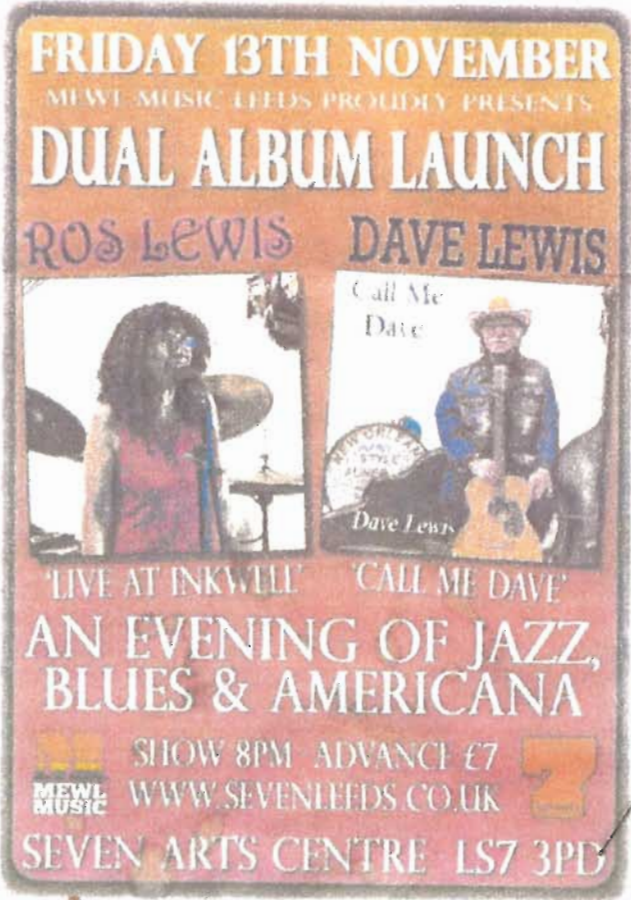
Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Plans for Northern Guitars, Call Lane

I have recently heard about the plans for the above premises, to change it into a coffee bar/cafe as well as guitar shop and I think this is an excellent idea.

Musicians love to gather to chat and exchange ideas, so what better could there be than to provide food and drinks in the surroundings that are the meat and drink of their professional life?

I urge you to support this unique project.



To whom it may concern

My name is [REDACTED], I was born and raised in Leeds and have worked as a professional musician and teacher since qualifying from the citys college of music in 1991 .

It was around this time ( 90 to 91 ) that i first became aware of Northern Guitars and was immediately struck by the difference between them and other "chain" music stores. Northern Guitars was somewhere you could buy , trade and sell instruments , somewhere to meet other musicians , somewhere to go for advice or just to hang out and play some tunes .

The informal and personal service was and indeed still is unique in this city in my opinion and i have personally seen many fine young musicians come through its doors over the years .

In more recent times i have been saddened to see the business falling off somewhat , due to all other retail units on call lane becoming bars as far as i can see

As i understand it the owners are applying for a licence so they can supplement the shops income with a cafe bar and live music space . This to me is a genius idea. With the number of small venues closing ever rising, adding a new one whilst retaining a rare and unique music shop seems like a fine solution .

I would ask whoever is responsible for the granting of licences to throw their support behind this idea , as i am , or we face losing the last remaining independent guitar trader in our city .

Leeds has a rich musical history which only adds to the cultural strength and diversity of a city I am very proud to come from and remain in living and working. Please dont let Northern Guitars become another piece of history.

[REDACTED]



Title: Northern Guitars license application

Prepared By: [REDACTED]

Date: 21/07/15

To whom it may concern.

I am the owner of a digital consulting company and creative industries specialist with extensive experience of both the music industry and regeneration projects such as the Digital City supercluster in Middleborough.

I am writing to express my support for the license application currently in progress for 41 Call Lane, Leeds LS1 7BT.

I believe that the addition of a licensed premises in Call Lane would greatly benefit the area. I also feel that the intention of the owners to create a space to serve the music scene that exists in Leeds and Yorkshire is not only a fantastic idea but also much needed.

Having worked in the music industry for some years I fully understand that music scenes do not simply happen, they are the result of extensive networks and ideas that are formed over time in physical spaces where vital connections are made. Spaces exactly like what is being proposed at 41 Call Lane.

Put simply the granting of the license will not only enhance the city's music scene, it will also benefit the musicians and artists that make up that scene. Ultimately delivering fundamental value at both an economic and cultural level.



Silbo (UK) Ltd  
www.silbo.co.uk



To whom it may concern

Ref Northern Guitar Centre planned Café business.

Having been a musician for some 25 years Northern Guitar Centre has been a regular haunt of mine. It's a fantastic shop run by enthusiasts.

Its increasingly rare for an independent music retailer to exist, especially in a large city centre environment like Leeds.

As the larger national retailers squeeze margins ever tighter, and online sales bite I would imagine its very tough to maintain the business as a profitable concern.

I think the idea for them to diversify their business into a café combined with retail sales is fantastic.

Not only is the viability of the business likely to be secured (meaning Leeds does not lose one of its favourite and unique shops) but the additional footfall through the premises is sure to inspire and nurture the local music scene.

Live music is a wonderful thing, to see it being driven further away from the city centre by increasing numbers of "club" bars and food outlets has been a real concern over recent years. Too many small venues closing and nothing replaces them. To have a location where live music and performance is a priority, combined with advice and rotating varied retail stock would be a wonderful thing for the live music fans and performers in the area.

It would be a terrible shame if the owners of Northern Guitars were not given the opportunity to realise their plans.

Regards



23 November 2015 16:52

Re: Letter of support for the Guitar Bar

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Hi [REDACTED]

Do something others dont' and do it well...

I actually think it would be really cool, very unique in terms of the offering on that street... unique, tasty and cool!

[REDACTED]







Leeds Licensing

I am the owner of Graze Deli next door to Northern Guitars . I understand they have applied for an alcohol licence in order to run a cafe bar within their existing guitar shop.

I have no doubt Call Lane would benefit from this new addition and it would only enhance the area, it is innovative ideas like this that keep Leeds vital and fresh.

Therefore I would like to register my support for their licence application.



Letter of Support

To Whom it may concern

For the last twenty years distinctiveness and independence of ownership were more often than not characteristics of the best bars in the Leeds nighttime economy.

The fact that the Guitar Cafe would support an existing retail business is an exceptional consideration. The Record Cafe in Bradford's North Parade is a recent similar, successful example with a cafe supporting a record shop in this case.

I think the proposal for the Guitar Cafe has a great deal of merit

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chicago  
Illinois  
23.11.15

To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a professional musician and record producer currently living in Chicago. While I was a student at the University of Leeds Fine Art department we formed the Mekons, one of the longest running bands of the new wave movement of the 70s. Recently the documentary Revenge of the Mekons which chronicles our 38 year career premiered in the UK and USA and was released on DVD to massive critical acclaim. I also played with the legendary rock trio called the Three Johns in the 1980s and that's how I met Dave Baguley. He worked for us as a tour manager and became involved in the Northern Guitars shop after the band split up and I moved to America. He has always been a huge supporter of local Leeds musicians and the music scene in general. I'm really pleased he's expanding the shop and diversifying. Northern Guitars is already a great destination for touring musicians hopping off the bus or walking over from the station to check out all the gear and pick up vital supplies. This can only be good for that area of the city centre and will be a great resource for the music community in West Yorkshire.

Yours

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**To Leeds Licensing Committee**

**I am a semi professional bass player , I studied at Leeds Music Collage in the early 1990s , I have played in many bands nationally and locally , I have been a customer of Northern Guitars for over 20 years , it is one of the last independent guitar shops in the country that is run by musicians who know what musicians need.**

**A cafe bar with a guitar shop would be a dream come true for guitarists , this would create a great place dedicated to guitarists to meet up. I would certainly support their license application.**



**HOT RIGHT NOW...**



**MOVIE MAGIC**

**EVERYMAN LEEDS:** To get you all in the mood for Halloween, a special late-night screening of Ghostbusters will be held in Leeds. The movie classic will be shown at Everyman cinema at Trinity Leeds on Saturday, October 24. For details or to book, visit [www.everymancinema.com](http://www.everymancinema.com). The cinema will also host a Halloween-themed night - see our 'Top 5' for details.



**NEW IN TOWN**

**REVOLUCION DE CUBA:** This new Cuban restaurant and rum bar is finally opening its doors to the public next week. The £1.5m venue on Call Lane takes over the former Baracoa Luxe bar site and will be set across two floors, with a 'showpiece' main bar, two upstairs bars, a stage for live music and room for up to 700 customers. We can't wait!



**MUSIC BATTLE**

**THE LIGHT:** Five Leeds bands will perform at The Light in the Battle of the Bands final. The event from 5pm to 10pm tomorrow includes a pop-up bar by Tiger Tiger and performances from last year's winner Issimo and runner-up Benson. The winner will get to play at a VIP event at the Leeds arena and £1,000 in cash.

# City Buzz



## New Guitar Café plans hope to strike a chord

MUSIC FANS in Leeds have been somewhat deprived of cool places to socialise recently. With The Cockpit gone, Fab Café closed and Carpe Diem shutting for good last month, the city centre is rapidly running out of alternative live music venues.

Plans are underway to create a new Guitar Café on Call Lane, complete with a guitar shop, guitar-themed café and bar area and a stage.

The idea is to give local musicians a place to perform and socialise with other like-minded music fans.

Northern Guitars is behind the concept, and hopes to adapt their shop on Call Lane for the project.

The shop has been there for more than 25 years and has proved hugely popular - gaining fans as far away as New Zealand.

Speaking to City Buzz, owner Dave Baguley said: "This would be a unique type of venue."

"We aim to be a café/bar/guitar shop run by musicians for musicians, with good food and craft beers in a relaxed atmosphere - not for the party crowd."



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**Dave Baguley, Northern Guitars owner.**

**TUNING UP:** The Guitar Café aims to offer music fans a new place to socialise.

There are plans for a small food menu, as well as coffee, cakes and craft beer.

Dave believes there's very much a market for it, and told City Buzz that when bands come to the city to perform, many of them make time to stop by the shop.

"Guitars and bands are a lifestyle," he says.

"We have been in the music business all our working lives in various ways."

"With the new arena and the O2, we get the touring bands calling in looking at guitars and this would be a cool, relaxing place for them to hang out."

Members of Status Quo have visited Northern Guitars in the past, and the business has sold over 10,000 guitars since it launched.

He added: "Over the years many great bands have formed from meetings in cafés and bars."

"We have done our market research, spoken with our customers, local promoters, studios and other people in the music business who all think it's a unique idea."

Explaining why he feels a change is needed, he said: "We have been selling guitars successfully on Call Lane for

25 years as an independent retailer and we want to move with the times."

"A café/bar would complement the guitar shop and the other music bars on the lane."

He added: "I could go on for hours about what we want to do. Guitars and music are our passion."

The shop has seen a lot of change over the 25 years. When it opened, most of the businesses on the street were retailers - and three of them were guitar shops.

However, it's stood the test of time and managed to stick it out through the recession.

But it now finds itself surrounded by bars and clubs and is the only shop still standing.

Being a daytime retailer surrounded by what is now predominantly a night-time trade must be tough, and the fact they have survived amongst all this change speaks volumes.

It's good to see independent businesses take some initiative and expand their offering. We wish them the best of luck.

● Visit [northernguitars.co.uk](http://northernguitars.co.uk) or search for 'Northern Guitars' on Facebook for more.



## Pop-up wine bar at Trinity Leeds

ANGELICA IS known for its cocktails, its rooftop bar and its impressive views across the city centre.

But now the venue is branching out with a brand new offering.

A pop-up wine bar has arrived at Angelica, aiming to bring a taste of the Val de Loire to Yorkshire.

Visitors who don't fancy a tittle from the bar's extensive cocktail menu can instead

try an exclusive selection of wines from the region, which is known for producing characteristically fruity wines with crisp flavours.

The vineyard pop-up bar is open until Saturday, October 24 and features six different wines.

Each one has been carefully chosen by expert tasters to highlight some of the lesser-known wines from the acclaimed French valley.

Highlights of the menu include the Menetou-Salon Cuvée le Charnay, the Domaine du Petit Métris, Clos de Midion, Anjou Villages, and the 1749 Rosé d'Anjou, Sélection Pierre Chainer.

No, we're not familiar with those either, but we will be!

Prices start from £6 a glass or £22 a bottle.

For more information or to see the full menu, visit [www.angelica-restaurant.com](http://www.angelica-restaurant.com).



**RAISE A GLASS:** The pop-up wine bar is open now at Angelica.

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### Bar and restaurant groups see success

IT'S ALWAYS good to hear when local businesses that blaze a trail in Leeds go on to expand to other cities.

Take Red's True Barbecue, for example. The company started with a couple of local lads who opened a venue next to the Corn Exchange in Leeds city centre back in 2012.

Just a few years on, the fast-growing smokehouse company has restaurants in Headingley as well as London, Manchester and Nottingham.

And they have recently secured a deal with Sainsbury's to stock its barbecue sauces, following on from a previous nationwide deal with Asda.

Now there's another Leeds company that could be expanding across the country too. The Jones Bar Group, which is behind the new cheese restaurant at LAB, Roxy Ballroom, Roxy Lanes and Brooklyn Bar, to name a few, are planning to open a new Roxy Ballroom in Liverpool.

Strangely enough, they seem to be opening close to the new Red's restaurant as well.

We're sure it's not the last time we'll be hearing about these two companies and hope they'll proudly fly the flag for Leeds.

● For the YEP's latest review of Roxy Ballroom, turn to p22.



Stuck for stuff to do this Halloween? Don't panic - we've chosen five fun ways to spend October 31 in Leeds city centre.

- 1 **CALL LANE:** 'Nightmare on Call Lane' will see the street's bars host events from 'Day of the Dead' and fancy dress parties to a 'rave cave'.
- 2 **NORTH BAR:** This popular bar on New Briggate will host a 'Fright Night' with fancy dress, DJs, circus performers and a free photo booth from 7pm.
- 3 **TIGER TIGER:** The bar on Albion Street will have six themed rooms, a make-up artist, fancy dress prizes, DJs and drinks deals from 9pm.
- 4 **EVERYMAN:** A Ouija session with a spirit medium will be held at the cinema at Trinity Leeds before a spooky screening of *The Exorcist* at 11pm.
- 5 **ROYAL ARMOURIES:** Sagas, Myths and Legends is a family-friendly event complete with storytellers, armour, and warrior combat skills.

## Raymond Blanc joins diners at restaurant

TOP CHEF Raymond Blanc will join diners at a special event in Leeds.

The French-born chef will host a dinner at his Brasserie Blanc restaurant on Sovereign Street on Thursday, November 5.

Guests will enjoy a glass of bubbly, a specially-created three course menu and a signed copy of his book 'Kew on a Plate'.

The mouth-watering menu

will include grilled mackerel with pickled turnips and apple, roast rack of lamb in white wine jus with pearl barley risotto and roast carrot, and a baked apple tart with almond cream.

The special dinner will be held in the newly-refurbished restaurant, which now boasts a new riverside bar.

The venue closed in September whilst work was carried out.

Other features of the restaurant include a unique cheese counter and a large 'French Feast' table for bigger groups.

A breakfast menu has also been added for the first time in the restaurant's eight-year history.

Speaking previously about the refurbishment, general manager Marta Gonzalez said: "After eight successful years in Leeds it's time for

something different. We have a similar menu but in lovely new surroundings and of course the bar area - something our customers have been asking for."

We are always flying the flag for the city's dining scene and it's great that such a quality chef is coming to Leeds and will only help shine more of a spotlight on the industry.

For more information or to book, call 0113 220 6060.



TASTE: Chef Raymond Blanc will visit his new-look restaurant.

### TWEETS

The MOBO Awards at Leeds Arona is just 12 days away, and Rita Ora has been named as one of the performers - here's what you had to say about the news.

- @FayfayJohnson. yesssss girl!
- @Lndrew. CAN'T WAIT
- @Glasgow0RA. WOOOOG!!!! Good luck.

ON THURSDAY: WOW24/7 - FILMS, MUSIC, EATING OUT, NIGHTS OUT AND ARTS