

## Interested Party Representation (Form IPR1)



### Section 1 – Licence application details

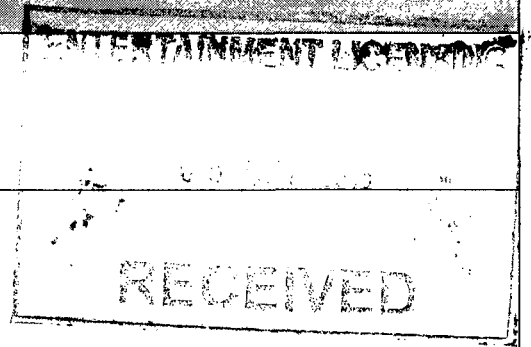
Please indicate as appropriate :

I wish to object to the following application:

I wish to support the following application:

Applicant name (if known):

Applicant premises name and address: **Tatra, 20 Branch Road**



### Section 2 – Your personal details

NB : If you are acting as a representative, please go to Section 3.

Title Mr  Mrs  **Miss X** Other \_\_\_\_\_

Surname **Smart**

First name(s) **Alice Ellen Schofield**

Address (incl postcode): **[REDACTED] The Calls, Leeds, LS2 7EW**

**Please note that a full copy of your representation (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at any hearing of this matter.**

Please refer to our Guidance Note – GN-M Guidance on making representations for further information and alternative options.

### Section 3 – Representative details

If you are representing someone else please complete details below

Name of Representative/  
Organisation **Armley Ward Councillor (Leeds City Council)**

Full postal address  
(incl postcode)

Please indicate capacity :

- Representative of Residents Association  
 Parish Council  
 Trade Association

**Ward Councillor**

MP

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 4 – Representation grounds

The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:

Please tick relevant box(es)

Prevention of crime and disorder	X
Prevention of public nuisance	X
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public safety	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please select :

I object to the application being granted at all

I object to the application being granted in its current form\*

\*If you choose this option remember to tell us in the next section what changes you would prefer to see.

### The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

Since being elected to represent Armley last year, I have become all too aware of the deeply ingrained problems of street drinking and anti-social behavior which plague Armley town centre.

Every month, I attend the Armley Forum which is usually attended by around fifty local people. Street drinking is raised at every single meeting and there is always a strong feeling that in order to stop the street drinking we need to increase police presence and reduce the availability of cheap alcohol in the town centre.

Over the summer the Armley councillors conducted a survey about Armley Town Street with Rachel Reeves the MP for our area. Over 600 local people responded. Anti-social behavior came out as the biggest problem with Armley Town Street and the majority of the comments mentioned street drinking. Many of the comments revealed that local residents felt unsafe using their own town centre and had been driven away by street drinkers.

Teachers at local schools have raised concerns with me about the fact that many of their pupils see street drinkers on a daily basis when they are walking to and from school and they are worried about the impact this has on the children's aspirations.

The people of Armley have made it crystal clear that they want the Council to prioritise eradicating street drinking in their Town Centre above all else. I have never been at a public meeting or surgery in my ward when I have been given any reason to believe that this isn't the number one issue facing the people I represent.

There is a direct link between the number of off-licenses in an area and problems caused by alcohol. Armley has a very high proportion of off-licenses in our town centre and we have a serious street drinking problem which has only got worse as the number of off licenses has increased. Sadly Armley also has some of the highest rates of suicide and domestic violence in the city- both are issues which are often linked with alcohol use.

All three Armley councilors and the local MP share our constituents concerns and have told residents time and time again that we will do everything in our power to tackle this problem. The police are offering us a great deal of support on this issue along with the inner west area support team but if we keep filling the town centre with more and more off-licenses our work will be meaningless.

In my mind, it seems completely ridiculous that so many branches of Leeds City Council are reaching out to help eradicate Armley Town Street's problems while licensing is allowing more and more businesses to sell alcohol in our town centre and straight into the hands of street drinkers.

You need to complete this box as fully as possible. If you do not the Licensing Authority may not be able to assess the relevance of your representation.

Please attach supporting documents/further pages as necessary – please number all additional pages.

Try to be as specific as possible and give examples, e.g. on 1 February I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises open until 2am this will cause a nuisance to me and other residents of the street.

**Signed:**



**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015**