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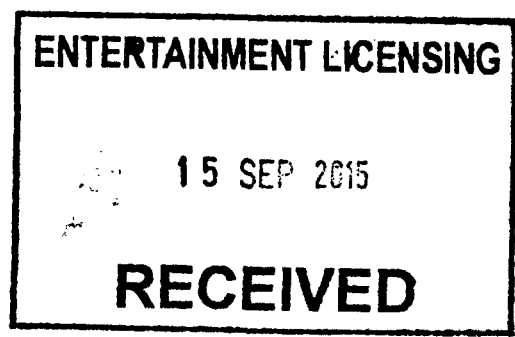
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**Sent:** 15 September 2015 17:11  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** PREM/03654/001 The Greek Orthodox Church Harehills Avenue Harehills Leeds LS8 4EU  
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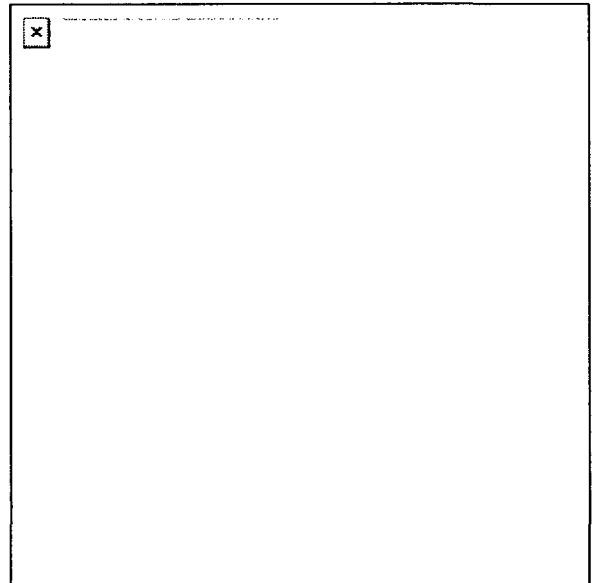
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Please find the attached 'qualified objection' letter in respect of the above-mentioned premises.

Regards.

Gurdip Mudhar (Environmental Health Officer)  
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Contact: Mr. Mudhar  
Tel: 0113 3951270  
Our reference: PREM/03654/001  
Date: 15 September 2015

Dear Sir

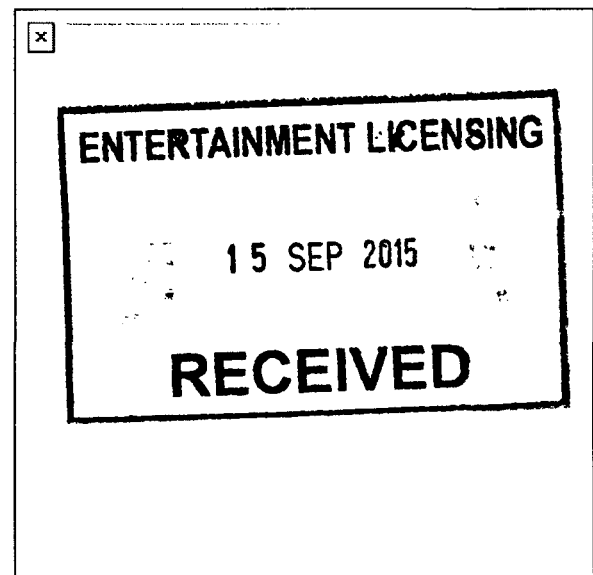
**Licensing Act 2003**

**Name and Address of Premises: The Greek Orthodox Church, Harehills Avenue,  
Harehills, Leeds, LS8 4EU,**

We refer to your licensing application for the above premises. We believe you have not given enough information about how you intend to meet a licensing objective, which is to prevent public nuisance. We therefore submit a formal objection to your application that includes information specifically associated with the premises and the area .

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general enquiries 0113 222  
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You could meet the objective by agreeing to certain measures that we suggest are reasonable and relevant to your application. Please see part 1 of the enclosed document.

If you agree with the measures please complete and sign part 2 of the enclosed form and return it to us as soon as possible. Once we receive the form we will take it that you wish the licensing authority to amend your operating schedule to include those measures as conditions on the licence. If you disagree with the suggested measures then please complete part 3 and return it to us as soon as possible.

If you feel we should consider anything else or you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

If the opening hours you propose under this application differ to those on the current planning approval then you should also apply to Planning Services to vary the hours. If you operate without planning permission you may have not met the relevant planning condition. You can contact Planning Services on 0113 222 4409.

Yours faithfully

Gurdip Mudhar  
Environmental Health Officer

## **PART 1**

### **To be completed by the responsible authority**

#### **Leeds City Council's Environmental Action Service**

#### **Proposed Controlled Measures under the Licensing Act 2003**

**Name and Address of Premises: The Greek Orthodox Church, Harehills Avenue, Harehills, Leeds, LS8 4EU.**

The application premises comprises Greek community hall / function room which is mostly used for the community's own events and on occasions it is also hired to the third parties to hold private parties and wedding receptions etc. The premises are situated within a predominantly residential area hence surrounded by dwellings to all sides. The access into the hall is through the side entrance and the patrons could egress and ingress into the building either from the Avenue crescent or the Harehills Avenue.

There is no dedicated car park for the customers hence the vehicles are parked in the surrounding residential streets. There are two external fire exits / doors to the front elevation of the building (facing the residential properties on the Avenue Crescent) which leads to the external area. These fire exits are accessed from the function room via a set of internal double doors thus forming the intervening lobbies between the function rooms and the main fire doors. The access into the sanitary facilities is gained via the intervening lobbies. The above-mentioned external fire doors and the internal doors (including the automatic door closures) are old and ill-fitting and leave considerable gaps in the middle and the bottom the doors when they are shut. These doors are, therefore ineffective in preventing the noise escaping from the function room. ....

It is not known if the space between the suspended ceiling to the function room and the main roof is acoustically treated (by mineral wool) to prevent any entertainment noise breaking out

through the ceiling. The windows to the building are singly glazed and the function room is not air conditioned. It is, therefore my concern that the customers will have the tendency to open both the external doors and the windows to maintain comfortable temperature in the function room during the summertime.

There is a history of sporadic noise nuisance complaints made by the local residents by way of loud music breaking out from the function room and noise (raised voices, shouting and screaming) from comings and goings of the customers, and customers congregating immediately outside the premises after the event. The residents have also complained about the excessive noise caused during the loading of sound system into the vehicles after the event.

Recently late night events have taken place at the premises which were granted under the Temporary Events notices issued under the Licensing Act 2003; some of these events have resulted in noise nuisance complaints from the residents.

In view of the above concerns, we are objecting to this application being granted to carry out licensable activities until mid-night in the densely populated residential area. We, therefore consider that the following measures are relevant and reasonable in order to meet the prevention of public nuisance objective of the Licensing Act 2003. In addition to the following conditions, we have also made some recommendations which may go some way to reducing the noise impact.

#### **Noise , Litter and movement of patrons.**

1. The Opening hours of the premises to carry out any licensable activities shall be restricted between the following times daily:  
  
12:00 hours (mid-day) - 23:00 hours.
2. Noise from a licensable activity at the premises will not be audible at the nearest noise sensitive premises at the Avenue Crescent.
3. There shall be no external loudspeakers.
4. Bottles will not be placed in any external receptacle between 11 pm and 7 am the following day to minimise noise disturbance to neighbouring properties.
5. The Premises Licence Holder / Designated Premises Supervisor will ensure patrons use external areas for smoking purposes in a manner which does not cause disturbance to nearby residents.
6. The designated smoking area shall be for 'smoking only' and the premises licence holder or nominated person will take reasonable steps to prevent the consumption of any drinks in this area.
7. Clear and legible notices shall be displayed at exits and other circulatory areas requesting patrons to leave the premises having regard to the needs of local residents, in particular emphasising the need to refrain from shouting, slamming car doors, sounding horns and loud use of vehicle stereos and anti social behaviour.

8. The activities of persons using the external areas shall be monitored after 11 pm and they shall be reminded to have regard to the needs of local residents and to refrain from shouting and anti social behaviour etc when necessary.
9. Ensure all doors and windows are kept closed to reduce noise nuisance from the premises when regulated entertainment takes place. The external fire doors must not be opened unless there is an emergency. The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person shall ensure that self-closing doors are not wedged open during regulated entertainment.
10. The Premises Licence Holder / Designated Premises Supervisor shall ensure that litter arising from people using the premises is cleared away regularly and that promotional materials such as flyers do not create litter.

## **Recommendations**

1. Alarms shall be fitted to the external fire doors to alert staff when they are opened without authorisation.
2. A noise limiting device shall be fitted so that all regulated entertainment is channelled through the devices. The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person shall ensure that the noise limiting device is sealed and secured after commissioning, so that sound operators cannot override the system during the performance of live and recorded music.
3. An ineffective automatic door closures to the internal double doors (doors leading to the external fire doors and the sanitary facilities) shall be renewed.
4. In order to improve the sound attenuation of the premises the external fire doors and the internal doors shall be renewed.
5. The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person shall ensure that announcements are made (in a responsible manner) prior to closing requesting patron's co-operation in leaving the premises and vicinity as quickly and as quietly as possible.
6. The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person shall ensure sufficient door staffs are positioned at the exits from the premises to remind departing patrons of the need to avoid causing nuisance or disturbance to local residents.
7. The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person shall carry out observations in the vicinity of the properties at the Avenue Crescent and the Harehills Avenue. Live music, karaoke or DJ's playing recorded music is taking place to establish whether there is a noise breakout from the premises. If the observation reveals noise breakout at a level likely to cause disturbance to the occupants of properties in the

vicinity then the volume of music shall be reduced to a level to comply with the licensing condition.

Signed:

Gurdip Mudhar (Environmental Health Officer)

Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**PART 2**

To be completed by the applicant's representative

**Leeds City Council's Environmental Action Service  
Proposed Controlled Measures under the Licensing Act 2003**

**Name and Address of Premises: The Greek Orthodox Church, Harehills Avenue,  
Harehills, Leeds, LS8 4EU,**

I / We .....

confirm that I am / we are the applicant / the applicant's representative (*delete as appropriate*)  
for the premises as stated above.

In signing this document I / we agree with the measures proposed by Leeds City Council's  
Environmental Action Service, and we provide our consent for the licensing authority to  
incorporate the said measures into the operating schedule for the stated premises.

Signed:

Dated:

**PART 3**

**Name and Address of Premises: The Greek Orthodox Church, Harehills Avenue,  
Harehills, Leeds, LS8 4EU,**

I / We .....

confirm that I am / we are the applicant / the applicant's representative (*delete as appropriate*)  
for the premises as stated above.

I / We formally advise that we are not prepared to accept the proposed measures as  
suggested by Leeds City Council's Environmental Action Service.

In this instance we understand that Leeds City Council's environmental action service will  
maintain their representation to my /our application, which will now proceed to a hearing  
before the licensing sub-committee.

Signed:

Dated:

Please return this document to:

Environmental Protection Team  
Leeds City Council  
Millshaw Park Way  
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LS11 0LS

## White, Emma

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**From:** Mudhar, Gurdip  
**Sent:** 25 September 2015 12:19  
**To:** White, Emma  
**Subject:** RE: Greek Orthodox Church

Emma

Given that the applicant's representative for the above-mentioned premises have accepted our conditions, I can confirm that Environmental Health Services are no longer objecting to this application in relation to public nuisance concerns, subject to the agreed conditions being imposed on the operating schedule.

Regards.

Gurdip Mudhar (Environmental Health Officer)  
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**From:** White, Emma  
**Sent:** 25 September 2015 09:46  
**To:** Shaun Ward  
**Cc:** Mudhar, Gurdip  
**Subject:** RE: Greek Orthodox Church

Good Morning Gurdip,

Please see the email below.

Kind Regards

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