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Subject: FW: alcohol licence application - White's, 9 Otley Road

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Dear sir

I would like to object to the application by Whites at 9 Otley Road, Headingley, to extend their alcohol licence to midnight.

The city council has a policy of no further alcohol licences in Headingley, and no extensions. Only in exceptional circumstances should permission be given to increase the total number, the size or the trading hours of Licensed premises. I would be grateful if you could point out what are these exceptional circumstances. The only way that Headingley can in any way be a reasonable place to live is if the hundreds of drinkers on the Otley Run move to the town centre at 11pm leaving the streets in peace.

This application runs counter to the objectives of the Headingley Renaissance Plan, the Cumulative Impact Policy and the four stated objectives of Licensing Policy:

- With the growth of the night time economy (and quite specifically, the extension of alcohol trading hours) comes a rise in CRIME AND DISORDER, and an increase in anti-social behaviour and PUBLIC NUISANCE.
- Drunken and anti-social behaviour during the late night hours causes a risk to PUBLIC SAFETY, not only on the roads as drunks meet with vehicular traffic, but as drunks incite reactionary behaviour from outraged residents.
- The detritus of late night revelry is left all over our streets for our children to wade through on their way to school and the public high-street promotion of alcohol sales outside bars, supermarkets and convenience stores is promoting an activity which will cause HARM TO OUR CHILDREN.

I am also concerned that the Licensing Authority no longer draws the attention of the resident community to Licence applications by causing the prominent display of notices. The notice for this application (like the previous application for a full on-licence) is hidden in a corner of the applicant's window, instead of being mounted prominently on a street lamp post.

I hope you will see fit to refuse this application.