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To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Application ref: 15/00043/FU - Northern Guitars, Call Lane

Importance: High

Dear Sir

I am writing further to previous correspondence with the planning department regarding the above application, which I understand is to be considered by the Licensing Department, to offer my support.

Northern Guitars is now the only independent guitar shop in Leeds and has a proud 25 year history. However, business is difficult and the owners have decided to put in an application to add an eating and bar facility to try and improve viability. It would not be practical for the owners to seek alternative premises as the existing location is established and nationally renowned.

I understand that the shop's location means that it is part of the red line area where the Council's policy is to refuse all applications because of existing problems/saturation, although you are prepared to consider applications in exceptional circumstances.

I do hope that you might be able to look at this application in that light, given that it seems to me that they are trying to offer something that is different from other establishments in the immediate area.

I would be grateful if you could take these points into account in making a decision.

Hilary Benn MP

Rt Hon Hilary Benn
MP for Leeds Central