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Our reference: PREM/00604/005

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Dear Mr Mohmand

**Licensing Act 2003** 

Name and Address of Premises: 86 Elland Road, Holbeck, Leeds, LS11 0AB

## Letter of Representation - Full Objection.

We refer to your licensing application for the above premises. We believe that your application does not give enough information about how you intend to meet an important objective of the licence, which is to prevent public nuisance. We therefore confirm that we are submitting a formal objection to your application.

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The premises comprise a ground floor grocery shop with an off Licence and the upper floor levels are believed to be used for storage. The premises are joined to another shop selling second hand goods. There are more off licence shops in the area, (including the United Bar public house) and I believe that these outlets are not allowed to sell alcohol beyond 23:00 hours. The shop in question is located in the densely populated residential area which is shown on the attached map at appendix A.

The current opening hours of the premises (for the retail sale of alcohol) are as follows:

8:00 hours – 23:00 hours (Monday – Saturday) 10:00 hours – 22:30 hours (Sundays).

The applicant has now seeking to sell alcohol for 24 hours. The main shop door will be open till 23:00 hours and thereafter the alcohol will be sold through the serving hatch that will be installed to the front wall.

## Impact on neighbouring properties (Late night noise and disturbance)

Given that there are residential properties situated close to the application premises, the Department has some concerns that the extended hours of the sale of alcohol will generate noise nuisance complaints by way of comings and goings of customers, noise from customer's vehicles (car horns, banging doors, car stereos, engines revving etc).

The shop will also attract local youths who will congregate outside the shop during the night and early hours, particularly during the summer making noise and disturbing the local residents. The serving hatch puts the point of purchase out in the street, which could also cause noise disturbance to the residents.

In my opinion there are no other shops in the area that have been granted late night licences to sell alcohol after 23:00 hours, and should the application premises be granted 24 hour licence, it will provide a focal point for the customers and could also set a precedent encouraging other shops in the area to follow suit.

In view of the above concerns, Leeds City Council's Health and Environmental Action Service (HEAS) fully objects to this application as there is a greater potential for public nuisance to noise sensitive occupants which will undermine the prevention of public nuisance objective of the Licensing Act 2003.

Yours sincerely

Gurdip Mudhar Environmental Health Officer



