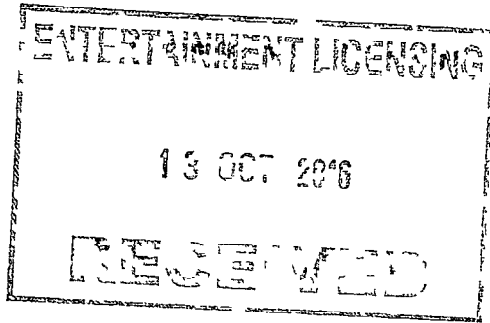


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Appendix E



Entertainment Licensing Section
Leeds City Council
Civic Hall
LS1 1UR

Wednesday 12 October 2016

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to submit an objection to an application that has been made for an Alcohol License by The E Den which is due to open on 3 Church Walk, LS2 7EG in October 2016. The application made would allow the business to serve alcohol and provide entertainment until 6am in what is an established and respected business destination.

[Redacted] strongly opposes this application for the following reasons:

- 1 The opening hours and sale of alcohol poses a serious threat to the security of our office premises and safety of our staff, especially those working beyond normal office hours
- 2 Late night access can only be gained via a gated, secure car park that is currently locked in the evening at 7pm and doesn't re-open until 7am. This is in place to protect the commercial premises that are empty outwith normal office hours including the offices of Beattie Communications. The potential change to the car park rules gives us extreme security concerns.
- 3 The new bar will be in close proximity (10 metres) to Twinkles, a nursery for babies, toddlers and pre school age children.
- 4 It will be directly opposite a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre (Forward Leeds, Kirkgate).
- 5 The park area in front of Church Walk has been plagued with alcohol and drug users resulting in major anti-social behaviour. Police worked very hard to combat this during 2014 and 2015 with the support of local politicians. Opening a late night bar opposite this park threatens to undermine this work.
- 6 There are already a number of pubs and restaurants in the area serving alcohol such as Lamb and Flag, The Palace, Crowd of Favours and Wapentake.
- 7 The name "The E Den" has incredibly negative connotations that could have a negative impact on our reputation. Whilst the new cafe bar is being billed as a gaming parlour, the name could be associated with the illegal class A drug ecstasy. We have a concern that the bar will attract drug users to the venue.

8 The nightclub at the rear of Church Walk lost its license very recently due to major anti-social problems <http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/politics/troubled-leeds-nightclub-to-stay-shut-until-new-management-team-is-found-1-6468106>

In light of the above concerns we urge a full review of the application. Please note that this letter has also been passed to local councillors Patrick Davey, Mohammed Iqbal, Elizabeth Nash and Hilary Benn, as well as Network Rail.

Yours faithfully

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From:Entertainment Licensing
Sent:17 Oct 2016 15:21:07 +0100
To:Amin, Imtishaam
Subject:FW: Licence Application for: The E Den, Church Walk, LS2 7EG

FYI

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 October 2016 15:16
To: Entertainment Licensing
Cc: Iqbal, Cllr Mohammed; [REDACTED]
Subject: Licence Application for: The E Den, Church Walk, LS2 7EG

THIS EMAIL HAS BEEN SENT ON BEHALF OF CLLR MOHAMMED IQBAL

I would like to object to the above licence application for the following reasons:

- The opening hours and sale of alcohol could be a threat to nearby offices especially those working late in the evening.
- The premises will be very close to Twinkles (which is a nursery for babies, toddlers and pre-school age children).
- The premises are directly opposite a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre.
- The park area in front of Church Walk has a history of alcohol and drug users which has resulted in anti-social behaviour. Myself and Ward Colleagues, along with the Police have worked very hard to combat this behaviour and opening a late night bar opposite this park will increase this behaviour.

- There are already a number of pubs and restaurants in the area and further bars are not needed.

- Finally a club at the rear of Church Walk recently lost its license because of anti-social problems.

I trust you will take note of these comments when considering this application.

Thank you.

Councillor Mohammed Iqbal

City & Hunslet Ward

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Entertainment Licensing Section
Leeds City Council, Civic Hall
Leeds, LS1 1UR

Monday, 24th October 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in connection with the application made by 'Your Eco Solutions Ltd.', under section 17 of part 3 of the Licencing Act 2003 for the grant of a premises licence for the premises known as 'The E Den', Arch 3, Church Walk, Leeds, LS2 7EG.

As a childcare setting we have very strong objections and genuine concerns to this application for the following reasons:

Arches 1 – 8 on Church Walk, Leeds is a location where business proposals should be considered very carefully:

Opening 'The E Den' in one of the arches will affect the character of the area and can cause severe damage to other businesses based at the same location, including Twinkles Nursery.

Selling alcohol and late night refreshments next to a children setting is particularly ill – considered. It can result in increased incidents of drunkenness and disorderly conduct near our premises.

'The E Den' name could be associated with Ecstasy, an illegal drug and the bar would be located near a drug and rehabilitation centre, which could attract substance misusers.

We have already experienced a high number of incidents that have been drug and alcohol related and that have affected the nursery directly. These incidents have ranged from drug exchanges taking place in the car park to families being accosted by individuals. The park in front of the nursery is constantly used by undesirable individuals. On a few occasions our customers expressed dissatisfaction or even reported this to the Police.

All childcare provisions have a legal obligation to protect and safeguard the children in their care therefore this is our main concern and our main priority especially as our families use the pathway to access the nursery and our staff will take children out on walks.

The key businesses along this parade have chosen the Church Walk location for the security of having locked gates between 7pm and 7am. With this new business proposal we will no longer be able to maintain control over our security.

'The E Den' could possibly become an extension of night life in the Call Lane area, other local pubs serving alcohol and undesirable environment near the bus station.

Please note that a nightclub at the rear of Church Walk has recently lost its license due to escalation of anti – social behaviours.

Finally, the nature of the business is a threat to the character of the area and community. Arches are located next to the park / green area and opposite a historical Parish Church, which are enjoyment for tourists and local individuals looking for peace and relaxation, dog walkers etc.

We would really like you to take our strong concerns into consideration and closely review 'The E Den' business proposal in one of the Church Walk Arches.

Yours faithfully,

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