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**From** Jane Williams - [REDACTED]  
**Sent** 29 October 2016 17:15  
**To** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject** Objection to Wetherspoons application for licence

Dear Licensing Panel

**Re J D Wetherspoons application for Licence to serve alcohol at Elnor Lupton Centre - Headingley**

I write requesting that you refuse this application. I have been a resident of Headingley since 1985 and in that time have seen the steady decline of our community due to the high number of transient residents (mainly students) and the consequent dominance of alcohol led and fast food outlets to cater for that population - at the expense of a more diverse offer that supports the permanent community. My family was forced to move from a previous house due to the level of anti-social behaviour caused by the development of three new pubs in Headingley in the 1990s - please do not underestimate the level of disruption already caused in Headingley by the plethora of existing pubs.

Headingley has become synonymous with the Otley Run - bringing groups of drinkers into the area for stag and hen dos, student parties, and other groups on a regular basis. The planned premises are located on this route - and clearly wish to capitalise on this extended pub crawl.

To mitigate the further negative impact of this trend and the behaviour that ensues in terms of anti-social behaviour and noise - Headingley and Hyde were successful in establishing a cumulative impact policy. This policy would not exist if the issue of alcohol outlets was not already recognised. This application is in breach of that policy and should not therefore be supported.

The proposed Wetherspoons' pub is in a large building and will therefore accommodate large numbers - bringing them into what is a residential area. Extending the centre of Headingley even further out - to the detriment of the residents in that area. The site is on a busy main road - and we already have problems with large numbers of drunken people crossing the road or stepping randomly into the road on frequent occasions - the potential for accidents is even greater on this stretch where the traffic is moving faster.

The last thing Headingley needs is more alcohol outlets - when we are working hard to rebalance the community by attracting more families to live in the area and make their permanent homes here - we need diversity of offer not a mono culture of drinking - something that provides little benefit to the community, its residents, and for those people encouraged to drink more and more to the detriment of their long term health. Please don't make a mockery of the cumulative impact policy which is there for obvious reasons.

I urge you to REFUSE this application.

Jane Williams

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