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 To Entertainment Licensing
 Subject Objections re PREM/03871/001



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I write as a local resident to object to the application for a Premises Licence (reference **PREM/03871/001**) that would allow the sale by retail of alcohol at the former Elinor Lupton Centre, Headingley Lane, Headingley, Leeds, LS6

The application should be rejected because granting it would have a negative effect on each of the licensing objectives by which it should be judged, as I set out below

1 The prevention of public nuisance

The Elinor Lupton Centre (ELC) is located in a heavily residential area and is outside Headingley town centre. The granting of a public license is likely to lead to high levels of public nuisance to residents in the area. The opening of this pub would result in more footfall through quiet residential streets late at night, which is likely to result in significant levels of noise and disruption for residents.

2 Public Safety

The ELC is situated on the A660, which is one of the busiest main roads in the city. Given the size of the proposed pub there will be a significant increase in the number of pedestrians crossing the A660 at a point where there is no official crossing. The bend in the road at this location also increases the danger of road traffic accidents as many motorists will be unsighted as they approach the site.

The site is located on a gap in the "Otley Run", a beer crawl route along the A660 popular with many students. This unofficial beer crawl is already a significant threat to public safety because it encourages young people to drink excessively. This results in loutish behaviour and large groups of people walking along the road in big groups, which often infringe upon the highway endangering their own safety and that of others.

If the license is granted the effect of this "Otley Run" will only be extended and exacerbated. The pub would be situated on the opposite side of the road to the other pubs and after the many pubs within the Headingley town centre have already been visited. This means there will be a significant increase in the number of heavily inebriated pedestrians crossing the busy A660, often late at night in the dark. The proposed license therefore creates significant public safety risks.

3 The prevention of crime and disorder

A Cumulative Impact Policy is in place, covering the Headingley town centre. This policy recognises the fact that Headingley already has a very high concentration of establishments that sell alcohol. This has an inevitable impact on the levels of crime and disorder in the area due to the number of people in the area consuming alcohol, often to excess. This means the onus should be on the applicant to prove crime and

disorder will not be worsened by their proposed pub

Given the high level of pubs and bars in Headingley town centre, the granting of this license would inevitably result in the crime and disorder that takes place in the town centre spreading across a wider area into more residential streets. This crime and disorder is likely to take the form of vandalism and other anti-social behaviour as well as more serious crimes such as assaults and other violent crimes

4 The protection of children from harm

The ELC is located near to Spring Bank primary school. A large pub on the scale proposed by the applicant will inevitably result in an increase in the level of drunkenness in the surrounding streets. This will pose a danger to children passing through the area on the way home from school.

Above I have set out clearly how the proposed application contravenes the core objectives by which licensing decisions must be judged against. Furthermore, people wanting to consume alcohol in Headingley already have a large variety of establishments to choose from and granting this licence would serve no public benefit.

For all of these reasons I urge you to reject this licence application.