

Entertainment Licensing

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I wish to object to the granting of a licence to J.D. Weatherspoon at this site.

There are several reasons for objecting, the first is public nuisance. Headingley already has a problem with the anti social behaviours of those people using the existing licensed premises in the area. What is disturbing is that this centre is located near two schools. Parents and children going and coming from these schools will be subject to banter and other less pleasant behaviours from the people leaving these premises. How do you explain to a primary aged children why it is permissible for a group of young men to dress as penises, when you are trying to encourage them to develop a responsible attitude towards sex?

Such a large drinking establishment will attract in many more drinkers to the area and add to existing problems.

It is also near the two major universities in Leeds, do we really want to entice more and more young people to enter into the drinks culture. There is already an increasing problem of alcohol related illnesses in the young. It is irresponsible to take any action that will increase this problem.

Their building is situated in a largely residential area and will pose a considerable noise nuisance problem for residents. I was so relieved when my children left school, as no longer would their education be threatened by the irresponsible behaviour of the drunken young people returning home from the Headingley nightspots. As a parent there is nothing more unpleasant to having to collect a tearful child from school, because the drunken late night behaviours of your neighbour's had prevented her from sleeping and had left her in a distressed state.

It probably goes without saying that crime and disorder take place in the vicinity of such places. The victims are the young of both sexes, but women are particularly vulnerable. As a father of two young women, I am aware of the measures they have to take to ensure their safety, which is continually watching out for the others in the group. This is not surely the culture that we wish our young people to experience. Excessive drinking encourages criminal behaviours, most of which go unrecorded by the police. Having had a daughter who worked in Headingley's nighttime economy, she told me of the many violent incidents that occurred there at night. It was not so long ago that a man was killed in a violent assault at the Skyrack.

I am asking the panel to refuse this application for a licence.

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