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**Entertainment Licensing**

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**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** OBJECTION TO PREM/03871/001

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to application PREM/03871/001. To be clear, my objection is to a Premises License for the sale by retail of alcohol at the former Elinor Lupton Centre, Headingley Lane, Headingley, Leeds LS6. [REDACTED] the Elinor Lupton Building. I am an owner-occupier and live here with my two young children (4 and 6). I am really upset at the thought of a massive pub so close to my house and how the development will change the character of this quiet family neighbourhood- Young families and older people quietly enjoy this area and we have a good balance with the students who live here too and who (according to my student neighbours) see this as a quiet family area and choose it for that reason.

The Elinor Lupton building is located in the Cumulative Impact Policy Area 2 which, as I understand it, is a policy expressly designed to prevent an excess of drinking establishments in the area in question. The Elinor Lupton building is on Otley road and will be a stopping point on the Otley run. Students and other young people who live in more densely student areas (and multiple occupancy houses) in Hyde Park will inevitably walk through the Buckingham to reach and to return from the proposed pub. The antisocial behaviour associated with drinking will make living here feel unsafe and unbearable for my young children and me. I do not want to walk my children to school surrounded by vomit, urine and litter. I do not want my children and me to have our evening peace (and indeed sleep) disturbed by drunken people returning home. I chose the area as a safe place to live with young children in the city. This development would change our ability to quietly enjoy our home. I don't think my children would be safe from harm with a giant pub - and all that we know that entails - right on our doorstep.

I am shocked by the findings of the Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decision. I am completely unconvinced by the argument by the planning inspectorate that there would not be a noise impact because this is already a noisy place. It is not. The neighbourhood where this pub is proposed is incredibly peaceful and quiet. Please take a walk around and you will see. Meanwhile, surely it is obvious (from walking around the centre of Headingley in the evening) that a pub of this size will

mean a great deal of drunken noise in our quiet neighbourhood. Moreover, I am sure I am not alone in finding drunken people en masse quite threatening. I would not feel comfortable raising my children here if this conversion goes ahead. I am sure I am not the only family householder that would want to leave.

Any suggestion that this is a family-friendly development is disingenuous. Families do not go to giant pubs late into the evening and Headingley does not need any more establishments catering to evening drinkers. This part of Headingley is a quiet, family area outside of the centre and should not be allowed to become another drinking destination. The suggestion by the planning inspectorate that the area is already noisy is frankly outrageous. This is a quiet neighbourhood and the peace and quiet and safety of these family houses in the Buckingham's would be irrevocably ruined. The proposed opening hours are not family friendly and the impact on families will be harmful. If you do not refuse this application you will be encouraging families to move away from this area; signalling that it is not for them.

I really hope that you will refuse this application and uphold the council's stated vision of Leeds as a child friendly city.

Best wishes

 Nancy Thumim