

JA Prem/a3871/001

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent** 03 November 2016 17:41  
**To** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject** PREM/38771/001

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to object to the granting of a license to JD Wetherspoon for the Elinor Lupton Centre. I write as a concerned local resident and member of Headingley Neighbourhood Forum.

Councillors will be aware that a Cumulative Impact Policy covers Headingley and Hyde Park. The onus is on the applicant, JD Wetherspoon, to prove that the license will not contravene licensing objectives. It seems clear that the development of a huge 'vertical drinking establishment' in the former ELC is completely contrary to licensing objectives for the following reasons:

1 The prevention of public nuisance the sheer scale and size of the proposed pub will have an adverse effect on local residents, who live, work, cycle, go to school and pass along Otley Road/Headingley Lane regularly. There are two local primary schools nearby.

2 Public safety Headingley Lane is one of the busiest and most congested roads in Leeds. ELC is on the route of the infamous 'Otley run' pub crawl. Drunken people weaving across the traffic will exacerbate the problems that are already familiar to residents (and drivers resident or through traffic). There are already informal taxi ranks in locations on Otley Road (outside The Box and The Skyrack). It is highly likely that informal taxi ranks will form either on the already congested area of Headingley Lane or surrounding residential streets.

3 Prevention of crime and disorder As above, plus customers in the numbers anticipated by JD Wetherspoon will add hugely to the existing daytime and evening problems of drunken people in Headingley. This proposed pub is situated in a residential area abutting the main road.

4 The protection of children from harm there are two primary schools in close proximity to the proposed pub. The bus route which passes the proposed site carries several hundred young people to and from Lawnswood High School and to and from Notre Dame 6th Form College. When buses are delayed in heavy traffic through Headingley (almost a daily occurrence) groups of drunken people, mostly but not always students, often behave aggressively and unattractively to people on the buses.

For the above reasons, I request that the Licensing Committee refuse this application.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,  
Christine Beels

