

Interested Party Representation (Form IPR1)



Section 1 – Licence application details

Please indicate as appropriate :

I wish to object to the following application:

I wish to support the following application:

Applicant name (if known): **Andy Abbott (Ref CPREM/0029)**

Applicant premises name and address: **Wharf Chambers Co-operative Club
Ground Floor 23-25 Wharf St
Leeds LS2 7EQ**

Application for a	Premises Licence	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Club Premises Certificate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Application to vary an existing	Premises Licence	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Club Premises Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 2 – Your personal details

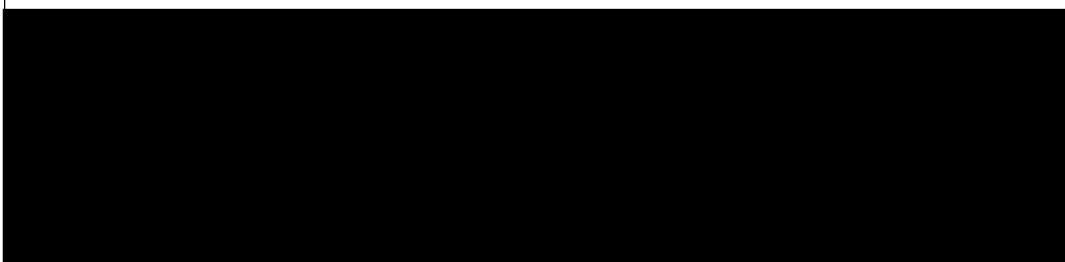
NB : If you are acting as a representative, please go to Section 3.

Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Surname	
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First name(s)	
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Address (incl postcode):



It is essential that you provide your full residential address (or business address if you are objecting from a business). The Licensing Authority needs to be satisfied that you live or have business on the vicinity of the premises. Without this information your representation will not be accepted.

Please note that a full copy of your representation (including your name and address) will

be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at any hearing of this matter.

Please refer to our Guidance Note – GN-M Guidance on making representations for further information and alternative options.

Section 3 – Representative details

If you represent residents or businesses in the vicinity please complete details below

Name of Representative/
Organisation

Full postal address
(incl postcode)

Please indicate capacity :

E.g. Representative of Residents Association
Ward Councillor
Parish Council
MP
Trade Association

Other (please specify) _____

Section 4 – Representation grounds

The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:

Please tick relevant box(es)

Prevention of crime and disorder x
Prevention of public nuisance x
Protection of children from harm
Public safety x

Please select :

x I object to the application being granted at all

I object to the application being granted in its current form*

*If you choose this option remember to tell us in the next section what changes you would prefer to see.

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

We would like to object to the granting of a Club Premises Certificate for Wharf Chambers Cooperative club 23- 25 Wharf St Leeds LS2 7EQ. These premises were formally trading as The Common Place. The Common Place was run by Leeds Social Centre Ltd (Company No 05276006) who are currently in the process of being struck off (as advertised in the London Gazette on the 23rd Aug 2011). The newly established Wharf Chambers Cooperative Club is operated by the recently formed Wharf Chambers Ltd, (Registered on the 2nd of June 2011 Company No IP031273).

We believe the organisation behind these groups to be one and the same, and there is a substantial

amount of evidence to corroborate this.

The concept for the new business is very similar to that of The Common Place. They both espouse the same visions and objectives as well as offering the same facilities.

The Common Place advertised themselves as an "Anti – Capitalist" Members Club hosting Club Nights, Café, Meeting Space, Gigs, Films, Event Space. In an article written about the new Cooperative posted on the Guardian website (27th Sept 2010), Jesse Harrison a member has stated "We are a group of activists who want to do something for Leeds and reclaim a piece of the city centre."

The Common Place had its Club Premises Certificate/ licence withdrawn by licensing two to three years ago.

We object to the granting of a new Certificate/Licence on the grounds of Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

The Common Place/Leeds Social Centre Ltd are due to appear in court on the 7th September 2011(Ref 10/39392/E_C W I) after being prosecuted by Environmental Health for not disposing of their waste and causing Health & Safety issue resulting in a threat to Public Safety.

Our interest is that we own [REDACTED] and share a communal access driveway with 23-25 Wharf St. The occupants of 23-25 Wharf St have a right of way over our land to access their rear yard. Our building is currently occupied by two companies - [REDACTED]

Our [REDACTED] for years have endure the disgraceful state in which the common place left this communal access and their rear yard. Our [REDACTED] and their clients have arrived on many occasions to be greeted by broken beer bottles and cans, waste food, litter, urine, sick, faeces and syringes.

We have also had to endure, rats, homeless people living outside in make shift shelters, and drug use in the rear yard of 23-25 wharf St. This is highly intimidating especially on dark evenings.

On the 14th October 2010 we met one of the property owners [REDACTED] at the premises 23/25 Wharf St and he agreed that the refuse which was not being collected and was attracting vermin was being generated by The Common Place. The refuse consisted of food, Cans and bottles along with general waste. (We include photographic evidence of the above marked B).

We wrote to [REDACTED] of the Common Place on the 3rd November 2010 requesting they clean up the mess. (Copy of letter attached marked C)

On the 16th of December 2010 having received no reply to our request we contacted Environmental Health about the increasing health issue caused by the mounting refuse. (Ref No 2.4000 40835) Environmental Health were not surprised as they had received complaints from members of the public and visited the venue in previous years.

[REDACTED] in behalf of The Common Place finally responded to our letter two months later on the 11th January 2011.

Defending their position he stated:

"We can not control access to our yard when we aren't there";

"Whatever the source of the excrement, it seems a little unfair for us to be blamed, but obviously understandable.";

"We actively discourage heavy drinkers from using the yard, they have been abusive and threatening at times and leave a lot of mess.";

"I don't know of any recent reports of drug use.";

“There’s also regular vandalism including spray painting on the walls and upending of bins, removing items from bins, pushing over crates of returnable bottles etc.”;

“ I am not aware of homeless people constructing shelters for sleeping in the yard but am not surprised if it has happened on occasion.”;

“ We are in discussion with our waste disposal contractors LPR as to why there haven’t been any recent collections.”;

Clearly The Common Place are incapable of controlling their venue and their customers. If the problems we have had to endure were caused by Right - Wing groups (as suggested in their letter dated 11th January 2011, Copy attached marked D) we would like licensing to be furnished with the police reports of the incidents.

We would also like to point out that the premises are in a Cumulative Impact Area and if granted will lead to more crime and disorder in the area.

In conclusion we feel that granting any form of licence to this company to be totally unsuitable and would result in an increased risk to public safety, nuisance, crime and disorder.

You need to complete this box as fully as possible. If you do not the Licensing Authority may not be able to assess the relevance of your representation.

Please attach supporting documents/further pages as necessary – please number all additional pages.

Try to be as specific as possible and give examples, e.g. on 1 February I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises open until 2am this will cause a nuisance to me and other residents of the street.

Signed



Date: 06/09/2011