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Dear Licensing Committee

I write to you in strong support of the application submitted by Left Bank Leeds for an entertainment licence that includes provision to sell alcohol on the premises (PREM/03158/001). Left Bank is a true asset to the people of Headingley and the events held at it include artistic installations, music events, 'steam punk fairs', weddings and all manner of celebrations. These have cemented its place in the cultural environment of Headingley and Hyde Park.

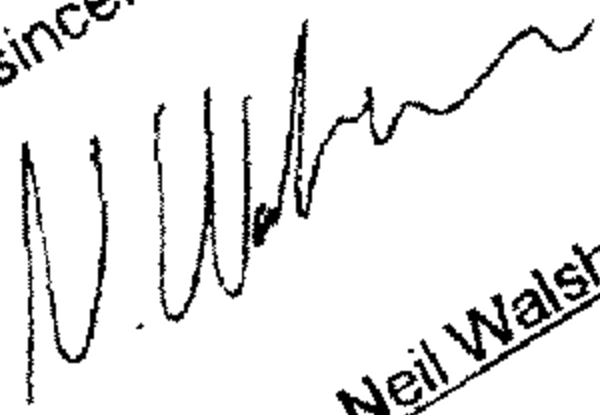
The move to obtain an entertainment licence with provision to sell alcohol is a logical step in its move to achieve financial sustainability which is an important step forward for the organisation. As you are well aware elected members of all the main political parties in Headingley often act to prevent the spread of 'vertical drinking establishments' in Headingley and thus limit the damage caused by the alcohol economy. However, it is clear to me that Left Bank will not operate in such a manner and will not contribute negatively to this issue in Headingley.

It should also be noted that Left Bank has consulted the local residential population and received no expressions of concern regarding late night noise or traffic problems. Indeed events already operate at Left Bank, such as wedding receptions, without causing problems for residents.

In terms of declarations of interest my wife is a wedding planner and operates as 'Love to Marry'. She is currently planning a wedding to be held at Left Bank on the 30th June 2012 but it should be noted that this is a 'bring your own' event and would be unaffected by any decision with respect to this licence application.

I urge you to grant the licence without strict conditions.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Neil Walshaw