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Sent: 14 Aug 2023 15:36:17 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Formal Representation against Application by Square Burgers Limited for Grant of a Premises Licence

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Entertainment Licensing Authority
Leeds City Council
Leeds,
LS1 6LH

Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing to formally object to the application made by Square Burgers Limited under Section 17 of Part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the grant of a premises licence relating to the following activities from the premises:

Late night refreshment: Mon–Sun 23:00–03:00

My objection is rooted in deep concerns over public safety, public nuisance, and the prevention of crime and disorder, all of which are key licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003.

Concerns Regarding Anti-Social Behaviour:

The proposed hours of operation for late-night refreshment coincide with peak drinking hours within the Leeds city centre area. This time frame unfortunately also sees heightened instances of drunken and drug use behaviour, both of which are highly unpredictable and can lead to serious disturbances and anti-social activities.

Evidence of Disturbing Behaviour:

I have in my possession an unlimited amount of CCTV evidence illustrating the disgusting behaviour we witness almost daily. This evidence can be made available to the Licensing Authority if required. It paints a distressing picture of the current situation, one that could likely be exacerbated by the introduction of another late-night establishment.

Serving a Highly Intoxicated Demographic

Having a store open until 3 am will, in all probability, serve a demographic of highly intoxicated individuals. This could contribute to a range of social issues, from noise pollution to more serious criminal offences. The operation of such a premises during these hours may further aggravate an already concerning situation.

Comparison with Other Late-Night Food Establishments:

It is pertinent to note the similarities between the proposed operations of Square Burgers Limited and other well-known food franchise hotspots within Leeds city centre. Namely, the McDonald's at the bottom of Briggate, the McDonald's store on Albion Street, and just about any other food establishment in the city centre area open past midnight.

These establishments, though legitimate in their operations, regrettably attract a demographic that often exhibits unruly and disruptive behaviour. This has led to a pattern of problems within the city centre, characterised by noise disturbances, vandalism, and other forms of anti-social behaviour. The area already struggles with these issues, and the addition of another late-night food establishment may likely contribute to the same problems.

By comparing the operational similarities between Square Burgers Limited and these existing establishments, one can predict the potential repercussions of granting this premises licence. It is essential to consider these parallel situations in assessing the application and the broader impact it may have on the community.

I request that my representation be taken into account in the decision-making process, and I would like to be informed of the hearing date for this application. I am available to provide further information or attend the hearing in person if required.

Thank you for considering my views on this critical matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

