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Dear Licensing Authority,

APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

PREMISES: BOOZE 4 U, 220 Roundhay Road, Harehills, Leeds, LS8 5AA

Please accept this formal representation by an officer on behalf of the Licensing Authority. I am the Senior Liaison & Enforcement Officer with Leeds City Council's Entertainment Licensing Section responsible for the Leeds 8 area postcode.

The authority is of the view that should this application be successful it would have a detrimental impact upon the surrounding area of the premises and is likely to undermine one or more of the following licensing objectives; the four licensing objectives being:

The prevention of crime and disorder
Public Safety
The prevention of public nuisance, and
The protection of children from harm

This application is made following the recent revocation of the premises licence in February of this year. The licence was brought to review by West Yorkshire Police following a large quantity of illicit cigarettes being found on the premises.

This application for a grant of a premises licence is made by Sagoo Properties Limited, the application made is essentially a shadow licence for the previous licence which is currently being appealed by the previous licence holder.

The subject premises are located within an area of Leeds currently subject to an assessment of cumulative impact, as detailed in the present Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2027. The following statement is taken from the Council's policy;

The current policy in this area is that it would be inconsistent with the council's duty to promote the licensing objectives to grant new and variation applications for any premises licence which seeks off sales and late night refreshment to operate during the peak hours described in the cumulative impact assessment for Harehills.

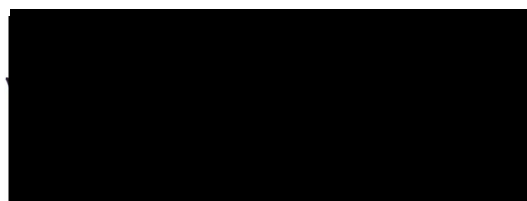
The Council has assessed the crime statistics for this area and has determined that this is an area that is suffering from the cumulative impact of off-licensed premises and consequently, this is leading to problems which are undermining the licensing objectives. Specifically the area around Harehills Road and Harehills Lane is particularly suffering from the cumulative impact of too many off licences. In this area the nature of the problem is alcohol related violent crime and nuisance being suffered by people living in this mainly residential area.

The two wards in which this cumulative impact area sits, are described a Priority Wards under the council's Safer Stronger Communities Plan. These wards are amongst the most deprived in the country, with a high number of vulnerable children. An enormous amount of intervention work is underway to address people drinking in the street, not only people with alcohol dependency but social drinkers who think it is acceptable to socialise all through the night. The evidence provided by Leeds Antisocial Behaviour Team and the Safer Stronger Communities Team is compelling.

In considering the types of applications affected by this assessment, the Council is of the opinion that it should remain the same. That is that any application which seeks off sales and/or late night refreshment is within scope. As the crime report from West Yorkshire Police does not provide a temporal analysis, all hours should be considered peak hours. Therefore any application received which would increase the cumulative impact of licensed premises in this area can expect to receive representations from West Yorkshire Police and the Licensing Authority, and applicants should consider potential cumulative impact issues when setting out the steps that will be taken to promote the licensing objectives.

In view of the issues referred to we respectfully ask the Licensing Sub Committee, in it's determination, not to grant the Premises Licence. Under the circumstances we believe it is a proportionate measure in the promotion of the licensing objectives. However the Licensing Authority is aware that all options are open to the Committee.

Yours sincerely



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