



## Representation

### Section 1 – Licence application details

Please indicate as appropriate :

- I wish to object to the following application: OBJECTION TO PREM/05046/002  
 I wish to support the following application:

Applicant premises name and address: Thornleigh News, Shop, 25 - 27 Thornleigh Mount, Cross Green, Leeds, LS9 8QW,

### Section 2 – Your personal details

Title Mr  Mrs  Miss  **X Other Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward Councillors**

Surname(s) **Farley, Khan, Manaka**

First name(s) **Luke, Asghar, Nkele**

Address (incl postcode): C/O The Labour Group Office, Leeds Civic Hall, LS1 1UR

**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 the hearing. If this is a concern please contact Entertainment Licensing and we will go through your options.**

On what basis are you making this representation:

- Resident  
 Business  
 Someone representing a resident or business:

### Section 3 – 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   
 Prevention of public nuisance   
 Protection of children from harm   
 Public safety

Please select :

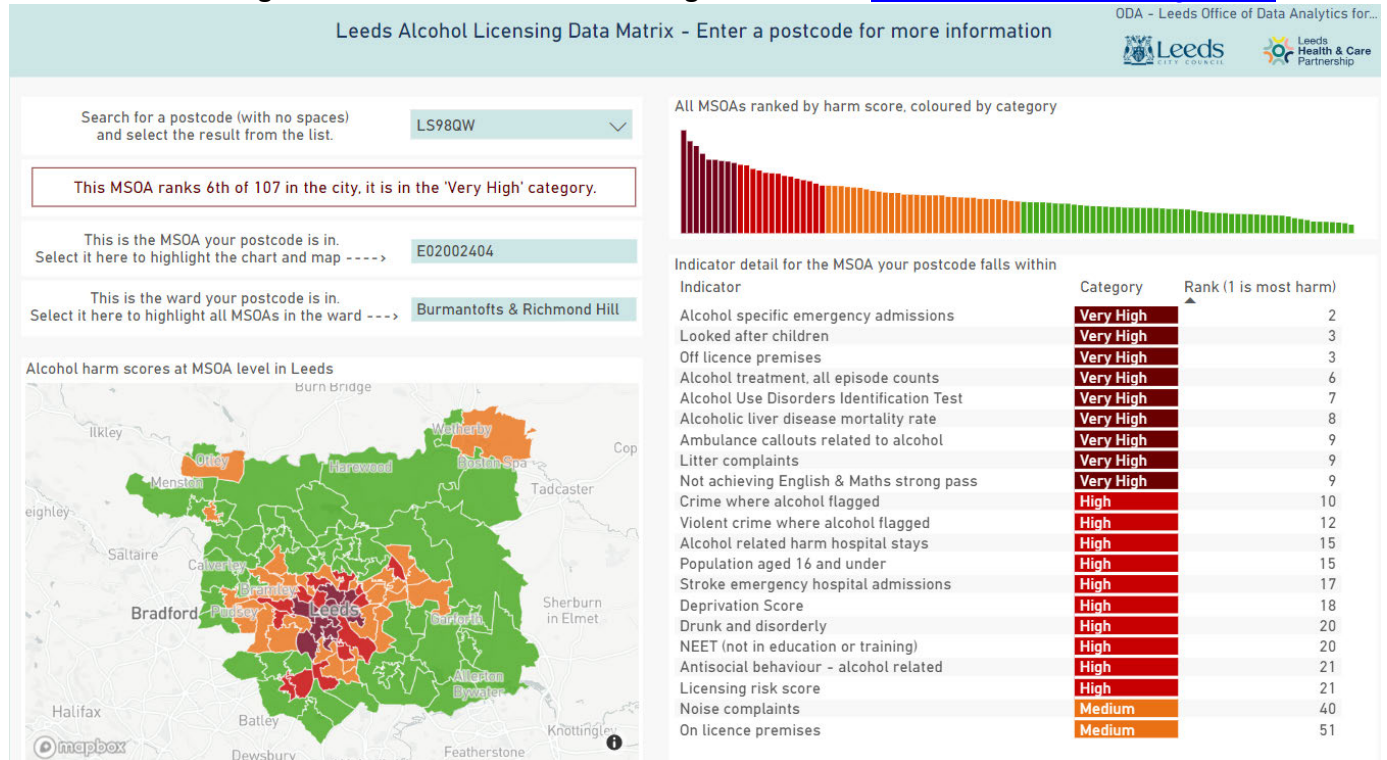
- We object to the application being granted at all  
 I object to the application being granted in its current form

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

As ward councillors for Burmantofts and Richmond Hill we are writing to object to the application to vary the times this shop can sell alcohol for consumption off the premises. The applicant is asking to sell alcohol 24hours a day 7 days a week. This is a significant increase from the current license conditions which are 8am to 9pm.

Residents in Richmond Hill, Cross Green and East End Park already have to put up with more than their fair share of antisocial behaviour and are often affected by drunken noisy gatherings in gardens, on the street and in peoples' houses. We are deeply concerned that a 24hour off license in this location will inevitably lead to increased alcohol related noise nuisance and public disorder.

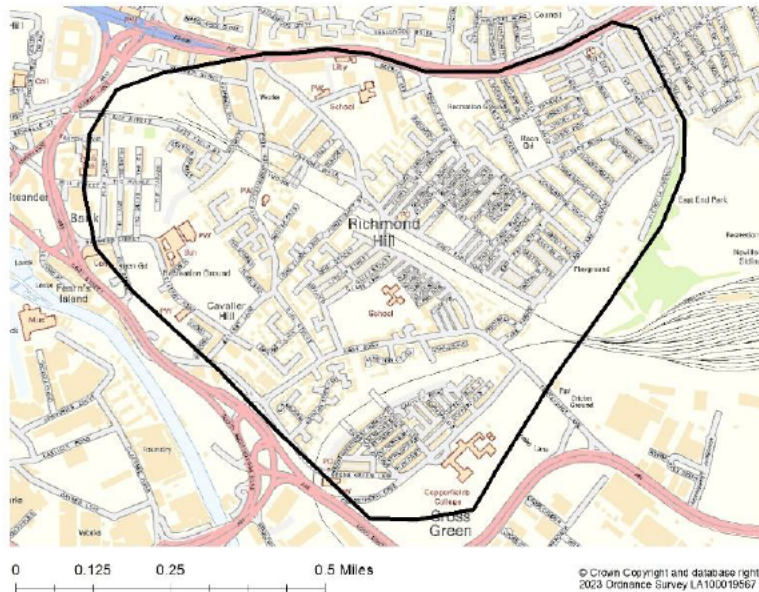
The area itself is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the city for alcohol related harm – and second for hospital admissions due to alcohol according to the council's alcohol licensing data matrix. [Leeds Alcohol Licensing Matrix](#)



Numerous residents have talked to all three of us about their experiences of drink related antisocial behaviour, abuse and violence on their doorstep.

Indeed, it would seem that the application has been submitted on the basis of profiting from this misery endured by residents, offering easily available alcohol in an area already impacted by the individual and social damage done by alcohol misuse, antisocial behaviour and criminality.

Crime, particularly violent crime and disorder are high within the catchment area of Thornleigh News. Figures for recoded crime (which we know is far lower than actual crime due to underreporting) show that with the boundary below from December 2022 – November 2023 there were 1565 separate offences.



HOCR Group	Total
Violence against the person	757
Theft	177
Public order offences	172
Arson and criminal damage	142
Vehicle offences	80
Burglary	69
Sexual offences	58
Drug offences	44
Misc. crimes...	36
Possession of weapons	16
Robbery	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>1565</b>

Source: Safer Leeds Intelligence Team December 2023

While it is unclear if alcohol is involved in all violent crime or disorder, we know that from talking to residents it certainly is a contributing factor in many cases.

In addition to our concerns relating to crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour, the area in which Thornleigh News sits is one of the most deprived neighbourhoods in The City. With this many vulnerable and impoverished children and adults living around the shop, it is clear that the consistent sale of alcohol 24 hours a day, 7 days a week will be detrimental to their lives, pose severely negative influences on behaviour and impact stability at home, especially where alcohol problems are already present.

As ward councillors, we hope you will consider the concerns raised above and come to the decision that will protect residents from yet more alcohol related harm.

We ask for the subcommittee to fulfil its obligations to protect our residents from antisocial behaviour and criminality, to help ensure public safety, and to prevent our children being exposed to greater harms

in the community.

We are asking for a full rejection of this application.

**Signed:**

[Redacted Signature]

**Date: 21.12.2023**

# Objection 02

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to extended hours for Off License Alcohol Sales Application PREM/05046/002  
**Date:** 02 January 2024 17:16:40

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Dear Licensing team,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed change of activities / licensing application at Thornleigh News Shop 25-27 Thornleigh Mount, Cross Green, LS9 8QW ref PREM/05046/002.

I am chair of trustee of the charity Community Unity (charity no. 1157737) and regularly volunteer in Cross Green. The charities volunteers and I work with vulnerable local people in Cross Green LS9, including people that have addictions and struggle with substance misuse including alcohol. I am really concerned about this change and feel that increasing the availability of alcohol locally, and for 24 hours each day, is not helpful in the community and could have long lasting detrimental effects on our area which we are working hard to improve and support.

Extended hours may contribute to increased noise, disturbances, domestic violence and potential safety issues in the local area. It could also encourage excessive alcohol consumption, possibly leading to public nuisances and compromising the fragile well-being of this local community. I work with vulnerable people that our housed very close to this shop and I feel the increase with have a negative effect on their health, alcohol consumption and network of relationships.

I kindly request you consider the impact on this area and maintain the current licensing hours and reject this proposed change of activities.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]  
Chair of Trustees  
Community Unity  
[REDACTED]

# Objection 03

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** PREM/05046/002 Thornleigh News Shop  
**Date:** 02 January 2024 12:21:49

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Dear Councillor Khan

I would like to express my thoughts on the above licensing application. I believe it would not be in the best interest of the local community. I feel it will attract anti social behaviour during the night and possible gathering of undesirables purchasing alcohol. This could also increase noise overnight and traffic coming into the area.

The shop is already open until 9pm which I feel is more than adequate for the area. Since the opening of the shop the litter has increased and this will only get worse with more opening hours.

Please take my comments into consideration and do not permit the extended hours.

Yours sincerely

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Sent from my iPhone