Dear Licencing and Entertainment

We are writing to you as a group of 12 residents who have come together, concerned about another shop wanting to sell alcohol.

Application for Off-Licence, 254 Dewbury Road, Leeds LS11 6JQ, an application to sell alcohol everyday 07:00-23:00.

We live in and around Beeston Hill, Tempest Road and Dewsbury Road; this is a heavily residential area. Within the area are lots of lots and off-licences already selling alcohol. We live in a deprived area which has lots of issues – prostitution, alcohol and drugs are just some of the visible issues. The impact of alcohol is present and felt here.

In addition, we see crime levels increasing – damage to cars form frunk people, public urination, begging on the street so they can get enough for one can of beer and rough sleeping. Drunken people being disorderly and walking in the middle of the road.

There is litter in the area from empty beer cans and bottles, which is horrible to see and is a safety hazard for our young children.

Its not safe going to our local parks – Cross Flatts Park or Trentham Street because there are drunk people there and they can shout at you.

It has become a 24 hour community, there is no peace. At 3-4 am we often hear shouting in streets from drunk people.

All this makes us scared within our own community and for these reasons, we wish to object to another off-licence. This will not help our community and we feel it would add to the problems already here.

Please refuse this licence application.

We also wish for our names and addresses to be kept confidential from the applicant please.

Yours Sincerely,



The group of people signing this letter requested help with making an objection. Public Health facilitated a conversation, whereby I listened to the opinions, comments and thoughts and then offered suggestions on constructing the letter. I then read the letter out and made any adjustments they wished to make. Nicola Kelly-Johnson – Public Health.

