

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Entertainment Licensing](#)
Subject: No 2 Bar. 2A Church Street, LS27 8LY
Date: 27 August 2024 13:31:42

Hi,

I'd like to make a complaint about the new licensing proposed for the No 2 bar.

Whilst we understand and appreciate the desire for alcohol and music at the venue, I would like to complain about the hours that are being proposed. The Bar is in a residential area with flats above and houses around all sides, including planning permission for sheltered accommodation across the road. As a family with young children we bought in a residential area for the peace and quiet away from hubs of late night activity such as the town centre or Morley Bottoms.

Limiting the opening hours to 11pm latest (and ideally earlier) for all days seems like a sensible time, where the guests of the bar can still enjoy an evening, but minimises disruption to the local residents. It also reduces the number of late night drunken antics that could happen from the guests of the bar.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Dated: 21-08-2024

[REDACTED]

Dear Leeds City Council (Entertainment Licensing)

Regarding Premises Licence **PREM/05376/001**

We are writing to register our objection to the application for a premises licence No.2 Bar, 2a Church Street, Morley, Leeds, LS278LY.

Our representations are based on the prevention of private nuisance, public nuisance, and public safety.

The main basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will significantly impact our mental health, wellbeing, overall quality of life and significant financial loss.

The application proposes that;

Alcohol will be sold Mon-Thurs 12:00pm-11:30pm Fri-Sun 12:00pm-12:30am

Live Music can be played Mon-Thurs 4:30pm-11pm, Fri 4:30pm-11:30pm, Sat & Sun 1:30pm-11:30pm

Recorded Music can be played Mon-Thurs 8am-11pm, Fri 8am-12am, Sat & Sun 9am-12am

NOISE NUISANCE

Having [REDACTED] we have seen changes to the shops below, only in later years have things become problematic.

[REDACTED], we already suffer noise nuisance during the day due to the shop not having any sound insulation whatsoever. The sound system installed has an additional base unit and all speakers are located in the corners of the ceiling, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the lack of any sound proofing and the sound system, the base is heard, and resonance is felt at all sound levels. The empty ceiling voids only acts to amplify any sound from the shop.

We are woken 6 days a week by the general opening sounds of the metal door being scraped open, chairs/tables being moved around, opening of the blinds, then the music from 9am. Until 4pm we have the constant noise of the base, knocking noises of the coffee machine, the blending of their shakes, even the voices of those talking in the shop can also be heard, sometimes clearly enough to hear conversations. [REDACTED], when people are sat or stood outside the shop, we can hear everything very clearly and we can smell the cigarette smoke.

Currently the noise with the café needs improvements to make it more tolerable but taking into account the age of the building and [REDACTED] it is extremely unlikely that any amount of sound proofing would be adequate enough for the proposed music to be played every day-15 hours per day, especially with the addition of Live Music.

We have had several disputes with the previous shop owners due to the noise during the day and them having late night parties, unfortunately this then led to [REDACTED]. As a self-employed couple with 3 businesses, it is vital that we have a peaceful home to relax and recuperate.

As a bar, there is a high probability of the need of bottle bins to be collected, this alone will create noise late at night and early morning, which will disturb all the surrounding homes.

As the only access to the cellar is at the [REDACTED] through the [REDACTED] all deliveries would need to go through this way, creating more noise to the connected residents.

There are reasons why we have not reported the noise and nuisance of the shop prior to now;

- Our main concern was that there would be a record of the noise complaint which could affect selling the property in the future, unfortunately we now have no choice but to air our concerns.
- [REDACTED] is our free holder and kindly allows us access to a parking space next to our building.
- We are business owners ourselves and so understand they are trying to make a living and presumably they are unaware of the impact the shop has on us.

SMELLS

In addition to the sound issue, all smells including chemicals used at the time of renovation and now food preparation, regularly fills our flat. This may be due to lack of food extraction/ventilation.

In addition to the constant smell of cooking [REDACTED]. Because our [REDACTED], we have been forced to open all windows and [REDACTED] to allow the smoke to disperse.

We can only presume that this café has not been fitted with the appropriate food extraction system to prevent food smells and smoke polluting any other connecting property.

LATE NIGHT OPENING

Licensed premises open during the early hours act as a magnet for groups, if the last drinks are to be sold at 12:30am people will not be leaving the building until 1am in the morning, and after shutting down the bar this could mean noise until 1:30am. With the newly proposed opening/closing times, the only time we will be free of any noise/smell pollution is between 12-1:30am and 8am, 7 days a week.

PARKING ISSUES / ROAD SAFETY

2A is situated on the corner of Church Street with no actual parking. Cars are parking on the pavement causing obstructions to pedestrians and making it dangerous for both pedestrians and vehicles. Parking on the pavement obstructs the view of those leaving the houses behind the shops and near misses have happened. This includes pedestrians being narrowly missed as well as other vehicles. The road is located on a blind corner with no pedestrian crossing.

FIRE SAFETY

Bearing in mind this property was never originally planned to be a café/bar, its unlikely to have any fire regulated building specification, ie fire plaster boards on walls and ceiling.

SUITABILITY

No.2 2a church street was purchased as the original use of café/coffee shop. Most likely the property was never proposed to change to a late-night bar previously because of the lack of suitability of the property.

The cellar is not accessible directly from the shop. The only the access is to leave the property and walk to the rear of the building through the residential communal corridor. Not only is this unsuitable

for the daily running of a bar, it is also dangerous to leave a bar un-staffed for any extended period. Not only does this have the potential to ensue rowdy behaviour but also presumably goes against current fire regulations.

If a late-night bar was the initial interest when purchasing the café, surely purchasing a bar or property more suitable would have been more appropriate.

Currently there is 1 bar that is open/trading and 3 properties that have building regulations with full approval from LCC to sell late night alcohol for sale just 3 minute walk from 2a. All 4 properties have no residential properties above, are located next to safer roads with pedestrian crossings and are situated away from built-up residential areas.

OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN

Due to the shop only having 1 toilet, we have concerns that the secluded cobbled path and courtyard adjacent to the shops may be used as a place for customers to urinate. This courtyard has 5 residential houses, homes to both adults and children.

The new owners have mentioned on their social media, they will be adding evening hours for the benefit of the local community. Currently there are 9 bars situated only 3 minutes away from this property, adding an additional bar would offer no additional facilities these current bars are not already offering.

If permitted, it would set a precedence, and all three retail units below our home could end up becoming bars. This will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

████████████████████ and having experience of the previous late night noise levels, we categorically know, if this application was accepted, it would be impossible for us to live in this property and it would also significantly affect the tenants in the additional two houses. It would also be unlikely that anyone would be interested in buying our properties.

This would obviously leave us in an impossible situation where we would have to vacate our home, unable to sell and we do not have the funds to be to afford a second property.

In view of all the above, we urge the Leeds City Council Licensing Alcohol & Entertainment Authority to refuse the application.

If this application was to go ahead, we would have multiple improvements that would need addressing.

We welcome any inspection of our home to further substantiate our concerns.

Yours faithfully,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Entertainment Licensing
Date: Representations for PREM/05376/001
27 August 2024 12:28:26
Attachments: [No2 Objection.pdf](#)

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Dear Leeds City Council - Entertainment Licensing.

Please find attached our written representations regarding **PREM/05376/001**.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 Sep 2024 10:49:12 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Objection to the Licence Application for No 2, Queen Street, Morley

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Dear Sir

We wish to object to the application for No 2, Church Street, Morley LS27 8LY for a Premises Licence for Regulated Entertainment and the sale and Supply of Alcohol.

My objection is based on my concern that this new licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many dwellings nearby, including my own.

The premises has only recently reopened as a cafe but the owners have now applied for a Premises licence. The hours they have applied to open seem unreasonable considering this is a residential part of Morley and will generate noise in the evenings from customers and because they have also said they are planning live music events into the early hours. There are bars at the bottom of Queen Street in Morley but this is largely a non residential area whereas there are several residents in the proximity of No 2, including myself, so the noise will affect us.

In addition I am concerned about the amount of traffic this will cause. The bars on Queen Street already mean there are parked cars up the hill towards No 2 and even along the road in front of it. With an additional bar will bring extra traffic and there is no parking facility with the premises or indeed anywhere near it so people will park on the street as they have no other alternative. On a personal level this can also cause us problems to drive into our house which is offset from the main road and although there is a sign on the road saying "No Parking" people still do park across the sign and this then means we have no vehicle access to our house.

I would be grateful if the Licensing team would consider my objection.

Regards

[REDACTED]