

# Appendix I



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### Applications for new alcohol licenses in Armley

Cllr James McKenna, Chair of the Armley Community Forum has asked me to write to you on behalf of the forum members to object to the two most recent applications for alcohol premises licenses in Armley:

PREM 03662 001- 20 Branch Road  
PREM 03647 001 – 4 Branch Road

The Armley Community Forum is a public meeting attended by 25-35 local residents each month. At every meeting, residents complain about alcohol related anti-social behaviour, particularly around street drinking during the daytime. Despite the DPPO and additional police patrols, street drinking remains a serious issue in the town and is putting people off visiting Town Street as they feel threatened and vulnerable. Over the page I have included extracts from previous minutes to demonstrate the strength of feeling on this issue.

At the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015, members of the forum were advised of two new applications and the Chair asked me to write to you on behalf of the residents to object to the applications based on the negative impact on the town.

- a) Persistent anti-social drunken behaviour on Town Street
- b) Evidence of human waste and other litter in places where street drinkers congregate
- c) The existence of a high number of licensed establishments already selling alcohol on Town Street.

Recently, Rachel Reeves MP co-ordinated a survey of local residents about Town Street. 648 responses were received which highlighted the following issues:

#### Do you think there are any problems with Armley Town Street?

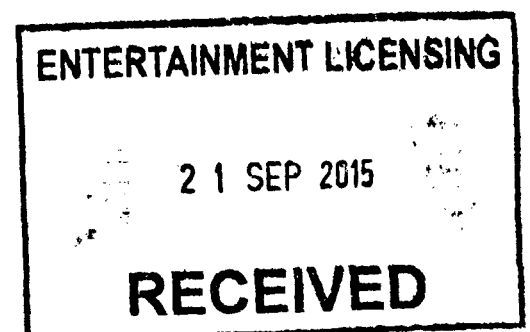
YES – 86%  
NO – 14%

#### When do you use Armley Town Street?

DAYTIME – 73%  
EVENING – 24%  
WEEKDAYS – 67%  
WEEKEND – 44%

#### What are the main problems on Armley Town Street?

TRANSPORT – 5%  
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – 72%



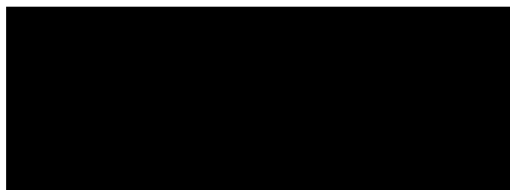
CLEANLINESS – 59%  
LACK OF SHOPS – 46%  
PARKING – 13%

**Have you witnessed any criminal activity on Armley Town Street?**

YES – 47%  
NO – 53%

Hopefully this will provide evidence to support the objection, if you have any questions or need further clarification, please give me a call.

Yours sincerely,



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**Communities Team West North West**  
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Extracts from Armley Forum Meeting minutes:

July 2015

Q: As a shop owner on Town Street, the street drinkers are putting people off entering my business. Could the benches outside William Hill be removed?

A: The police acknowledge that this is one of the few businesses that filled in a diary which is very helpful. Cllr McKenna and Cllr Lowe hold the view that the benches are important for older people and were installed following requests from residents. A vote was taken to ascertain whether people thought they should be removed and around two thirds of those at the meeting voted to keep them.

Councillors advised that they will continue to work with the police to keep this issue as a priority and re-iterated the officer's plea for more residents and businesses to make statements.

May 2015

PC Davey welcomed questions from the floor:

Q: Street drinking is still a problem on Town Street and around the back streets, sometimes they are there before 8am.

A: The police and partners are still working on securing injunctions for the worst offenders. The police can only take enforcement action when the law is being broken. If they drink alcohol in the DPPO alcohol control zone on Town Street, their drink will be confiscated. One of the issues around securing the injunction is the lack of statements from the public and business owners.

Cllr McKenna advised that the Councillors through the Community Committee have given funding for an alcohol outreach project and asked for an increased police presence.

February 2015

Police and partners will be putting a lot of work into enforcing the Armley Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) to stop street drinking in the area. Five or six of the main drinkers will be targeted; shops have been given diaries and asked to complete them over a six week period. It is hoped that the evidence gathered from these diaries can then be used to try and seek an injunction against the main protagonists.