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Appendix E

18/07/2018

Dear Sirs/Madams.

I would like to object, strongly, to the granting of a license for events at Kirkstall Abbey on several grounds.

Firstly, noise. The Abbey sits in a valley, the sloping sides of which make for a natural auditorium where the sound is much greater higher up the slope than it is in the Abbey grounds itself. The noise generated by groups at events like Kirkstall Festival is horrendous. We cannot have doors or windows open and can still hear them. Nor can we sit peacefully in the garden. As this type of event only occurs once or twice a year we put up with it but for it to happen on a more regular basis will be unbearable.

Secondly, the parking problems. There is just not enough parking areas for traffic attending events now. Although the council has provided yellow lines on the opposite side of the road to our house this has resulted in even more people parking on our side of the road and blocking visibility for us and our neighbours coming out of our drive. The junction of Orris Lane, Spen Lane and Abbey Walk is a notorious black spot for accidents, probably because traffic coming down Spen Lane, after negotiating the mini roundabout at the railway bridge, tend to speed up as they travel round the bend which prevents them seeing traffic waiting to turn right and definitely not seeing us trying to get out of our drive. It is dangerous in normal situations and we have had several near misses. It is increasingly dangerous for us when cars park on either side of our drive as it means traffic from both directions have only one side of the road to drive on. We have to edge out so carefully as we cannot see cars coming down Spen Lane in particular and have to hope they see our car nudging out before they hit us! It really needs double yellow lines on our side of the road from the entrance to Kepstorn close and the end of our cottages at least. And this is only once or twice a month, a hazard which will only increase with more events.

Thirdly, anti-social behavior. For example, drunks shouting and screaming as they walk home and litter dropping – plus, on one occasion we caught someone urinating against the hedge in our drive, causing stains, who then got into the car at the side of the drive.

May I say the long term residents of this area of Kirkstall are getting a raw deal these days. Commendable though it is to provide entertainment surely there are more suitable venues which will not affect the local residents. We have an increasing number of

days when local roads are closed forcing us to take longer circuitous routes to get where we want, ie a 5 minute trip to Bramley took 40 minutes .

Lastly, events on a regular basis like the ones proposed, with the attendant problems which I have mentioned will really affect the value of property in the area detrimentally.

So please do not grant this licence which seems a good idea to people who can pack up and go home, but not to people who have to live with it. If you want to know what it is like I am willing to park my car at the end of your drive and play my radio full blast with the windows open for 8-12 hours.

Thank You

Yours

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ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING

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Dear Sirs

When walking round Kirkstall Abbey today, I was horrified to read of the planned alterations "being proposed" to the currently beautiful and peaceful Abbey. No objections to the craft/deli fair and 'occasional' then now becoming more frequent - other entertainments.

However what is being planned is truly a nightmare - almost turning the Abbey into a theme park.

Not only is this going to cause more traffic problems on the already fairly congested A65, causing

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more traffic, pollution but this plan will mean the Abbey will show signs of becoming over stressed by overuse, this is already becoming apparent in summer; plus the attendant vandalism & damaging "plastic" litter. We are all being urged to care for the environment & papers are constantly warning of the disaster of holding large rock concerts - Glastonbury etc - & the detrimental effect on the countryside & wildlife

However what with the Burby Rugby club recent pitch improvement & the refurbishment of the Keeper Gate pub nearby who are no doubt hoping for this planning application

to go thru, it already looks as if the
deal is "in the bag" so to speak.

Let's just hope more people will
express their own concerns of
this extremely working proposal.

Yours sincerely

