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Sent: 2 Aug 2018 14:05:49 +0100

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Subject: Objection

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As Ward members for Gipton & Harehills we are opposed to the application from Bewar Food Store on Harehills Road on the following grounds:

Harehills is an area to the east of Leeds city centre. It is an area that crosses two wards – Gipton and Harehills and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill. This area has many streets of terraced houses which offers cheaper housing. The area is cultural and ethnically diverse. It is situated in the country's top 5% of areas of deprivation. Unemployment is high at 9%.

Harehills is a deprived area with a high crime rate. Along Harehills Lane and Harehills Road there are a high number of off licensed premises, far more than is usual. In the last 10 years 24 new off licences have been granted, with 10 being surrendered or lapsed. For a primarily residential area this is a high turnover of applications.

The predominant nuisance problems in the area are around neighbour and youth nuisance. Anecdotally street and back yard parties are common, noisy and disruptive with the peak time for nuisance being in the evening.

There were 1710 recorded crimes between 01/12/2016 – 30/11/2017 which was a 26.7% increase from the previous year and violent crime accounts for 37% of recorded crimes in the area.

Residents have been active in trying to improve the area for many years but there is concern that with an increasing crime rate, and unrestricted licensing possibilities the problems being experienced in Harehills will only increase despite their best efforts. One resident, who has lived in Harehills for 23 years describes the problems they experience:

In recent years there has been an exponential rise in the number of businesses selling alcohol in the Harehills area. From specialist off-licences to corner shops, big name supermarkets and independent general stores, within an area covering less than 2 square miles, approximately 70% of shops are selling alcohol of some kind.

Drunkness and anti-social behaviours associated with drinking alcohol are increasingly affecting the daily lives of local residents. Whether it be putting up with lewd, bawdy and salacious behaviour from large groups congregated round these shops and local green-spaces, protecting children from having to listen to foul and inappropriate language, witnessing violent interactions taking place in your street and


having to deal with the subsequent damage to property such as demolished walls and damaged cars, to clearing up cans and broken glass from discarded bottles before tyres are punctured and children and pets are hurt or hosing down sick and urine spattered pavements and garden walls, the results of uncontrolled alcohol consumption are having an extremely negative affect on the local area.

These are the depravities being experienced on a daily basis by local people who are trying hard to provide a wholesome and safe environment in which their children can develop into responsible and respectful adults. Would you want to bring children up within sight and sound of this type of behaviour? Would you want to watch an adult man unzip his flies and urinate into your neighbour's garden? Would you want to clean up human excrement from the pavement outside your gate deposited in broad daylight in full and shameless view of your children?

Please do not disadvantage our community even more by swamping us in a sea of alcohol and the ensuing tsunami of antisocial behaviour that it brings. Decent people are being put off from moving into this area, desperate people are moving out and those who can't are living out their lives in resigned despair. Vulnerable people are being lured into addictions, debt and crime and young people are being exposed to negative influences. We are a community in crisis and we need Leeds City Council to assume some responsibility for the decline of this area by reviewing its licensing policies to support us in trying to improve our area and build a better future.

Bearing this in mind, as Ward Members we would like to make representations to the Licensing Committee on behalf of ourselves and residents to oppose this application when the date is set for a meeting.

Kind regards,


Gipton and Harehills

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ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING

From

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To

Cc 02 AUG 2018

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Hi Emma,

Please find attached a further representation

Thank you,

Councillor Salma Arif
Gipton and Harehills

Begin forwarded message

Hi Salma, hope you are well

Please find attached my representation for Bewar Food Stores

Thank you,

Please except this email as an objection to the application for an alcohol license for Bewar Food Stores 39 Harehills Road

I have been a resident of Harehills for over 18 years but the recent decline has left me very concerned

As an active member of Harehills Residents Group Harehills Community Watch and the [REDACTED] think I can accurately comment on the problems that I face on an alarmingly regular occurrence I see what is happening on a daily basis as I also work from home, so nearly every day, Monday to Friday, I either walk to Harehills Lane to buy my lunch, or I go to Morrisons or the chippy This means that I see with my own eyes how the consumption of alcohol is an everyday sight, especially on Harehills Lane, where it is drunk openly, without a second thought, completely ignoring the Public Space Protection Order, that is in place to stop this exact act

I am involved in litter picks through the Harehills Community Group and Keep Harehills Tidy campaign We have recently spent our Saturday cleaning Banstead Park I was shocked at the amount of bottles, cans, food, dog fouling and broken glass scattered throughout We filled over 12 bags with litter, mainly alcohol cans and bottles Bewar Food Stores is only slightly further down the road I urge you to visit our Facebook page, Harehills Community Watch, to see the photographs for yourselves

We had a community picnic in the park a few weeks ago and the bins were overflowing and there was litter in abundance More alcohol sold equals more litter, especially if the bins are already full I regularly clean Ashton Park play area in my own time and alcohol bottles and cans are the most common item, same in Banstead Park

I have recently been speaking with the owner of a shop on Harehills Lane who faces a daily battle with drunk people on his doorstep, drinking alcohol purchased single cans in super strength bought from local shops I now know several other shop owners on the lane and you hear the same stories over and over One shop owner said trade this year was down 40% because people were scared to visit and he doesn't know how long he can continue The famous butchers, George Stephenson, recently closed after over 130 years for the same reason, this is catastrophic for the area What will this empty shop now turn in to alcohol shop, quite possibly the way things are going?

I have spoken with parents whose children have been affected by drunken behaviour, witnessing violence and incredibly this is often in the early morning, say 7am to 8am when they on their way to school there are already drunk people causing problems, utter madness There are many schools within the area Men congregate outside many of the shops on Harehills Lane drinking alcohol I saw this yesterday morning at 9.45am a bottle of Budweiser being consumed I attend our PACT meetings and the increase in Anti-social behaviour and violent incidents has alarmed and frightened the whole group The previous 6 weeks crime stats have been astonishingly bleak with no end in sight Incidents of public urinating have flown through the roof I have witnessed it on numerous occasions as of many of my neighbours A recent unsavoury incident involved under-age drinkers, violent and drunken behaviour, the stories are endless, while the amazing residents try to battle their way through it all we need support please help us

I was quite confused at the slap dash approach taken in the completing of the application by the owners It doesn't look like a cohesive plan to me contradictory answers given Can all their promises be realistically met?

We have grown so much over the past year that it has been great to see More residents than ever before are involved in the direct action of reporting unacceptable behaviour of any kind to the relevant authorities It has been amazing to see but for us to continue to succeed in bringing stability back to Harehills we all have to be in this together with the same vision

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

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White, Emma

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Hello

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Representation for Bewar Foods Harehills Road

Objection letter for Bewar Foods Harehills Road docx

31 JUL 2018
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Please find attached my representation for Bewar Foods, Harehills Road

Emma, Please be aware all three Harehills councillors will be making the representation on behalf of local residents / Harehills Community Watch

If I have omitted any important information please do not hesitate to contact to me so I can add or amend my letter

Kind regards

[Redacted signature]

31st July 2018

Please accept this letter as a written objection to the application for a license for 'Bewar Food Stores' 39, Harehills Road

As a resident in Harehills I have great concerns over the availability and sale of cheap alcohol and the impact this has on our community I will state my objections based on the likely effects the granting of the application may have on the promotion of the licensing objectives

The prevention of crime and disorder

Harehills is an area that has a high crime statistics I know this from attending the 6 weekly PACT meetings held at the Compton Centre The statistics reported through these meetings are shocking with many of the crimes relates to alcohol consumption The following statistics will give you an indication of the number of reported crimes in the last **12 weeks**

Affray 5, Assault 218, Criminal Damage 124, Domestic 359, Public Order 87

I know from attending the PACT meetings many residents witness groups drinking on the street on a daily basis Indeed, the PCSO s report that whilst they are aware of the issue their capacity to disperse these groups and confiscate alcohol is restricted as their resources are already stretched This does not bode well for granting another alcohol license to 'Bewar Foods' if the police cannot cope with the problems and issues that present in Harehills already

What is most concerning is that Harehills has a Public Space Protection Order so somehow the figures are at odds with what the Public Space Protection Order is trying to achieve Surely in an area where drinking alcohol on the streets is prohibited the means in which to purchase alcohol also needs to be restricted The granting of an alcohol license would only perpetuate the existing problems

In recent months there has been several reported incidents of violence on Harehills Road One case resulted in murder This is extremely worrying It is now widely accepted that there is a strong correlation between the availability and sale of cheap high strength alcohol and violence Granting an alcohol license to 'Bewar Foods' will, in my opinion encourage drinking on Harehills Road and contribute to the already escalating assault figures for the Harehills ward

As a member of the constituted Harehills Residents group I am aware that several residents have reported to the police via 101, members of the public who have been urinating against their house and garden walls This is now becoming a common occurrence in Harehills One resident has video evidence of this The person in question was inebriated and an arrest was made Our local PCSO also reports that this has become an increasing problem on the streets of Harehills In my opinion making the sale of alcohol freely available for people to drink on the street has contributed and encouraged this most disgusting behaviour

Public Safety

As mentioned above the scope for violence from the consumption of cheap freely available alcohol is tremendous, as statistics for reported crime in Harehills so clearly shows The possibility of people drinking on the street, near such a busy road is concerning, especially with the added continuing confusion of the ongoing roadworks on Harehills Road Drunk people and traffic chaos will result in accidents on that road People step into the road and jay walk at all points on this road

The prevention of Public Nuisance

This is one of my greatest concerns for approving the license application for 'Bewar Foods

A shop selling cheap alcohol will invariably lead to an increase in litter – I see for myself on Harehills Lane and Harehills Road the piles of empty alcohol cans and bottles dumped in every corner and crevice of the streets. It is at epidemic proportions and blights the area. I have taken photographs of the piles of alcohol cans to report to the street cleansing teams. Please note that where these photographs were taken there were public bins nearby. Inebriated people do not consider putting their empty cans in a bin, they get thrown on the street. I have reported on numerous occasions drifts of empty alcohol cans and bottles to eneaction@leeds.gov.uk. I am sure they will have my reports on file should you need further evidence.

I have also been involved in litter picks through the 'Harehills Community Group' and 'Keep Harehills Tidy' campaign. One of these litter picks was in Banstead Park. The amount of broken beer bottles and dumped alcohol cans was appalling. Broken glass in a park is dangerous for children, adults and animals.

'Bewar Foods' is on a busy main road but it must be recognised there are residential streets very close by. Encouraging people to buy alcohol and then drink on the streets will result in anti-social behaviour. Noise from people drinking and congregating will be inevitable. The people living in these streets do not want to be exposed to yet more antisocial behaviour.

I notice the application states there is a bin outside the premises with ashtray! It is almost like the applicant expects people to drink on the street and has even thought about the handy placement of an ashtray should the drinkers wish to supplement their drink with a cigarette! This is not acceptable.

The Protection of children from harm

Harehills Road is a road that cuts through a highly populated residential area. It is used by families and school children for catching the bus and also runs by the popular Banstead Park. Children and young people are exposed to people abusing alcohol in Harehills. We need to do everything in our power to protect them from seeing adults under the influence of alcohol and the inevitable poor behaviour and choices inebriated adults make. I have often seen drunk people hanging around bus stops on Harehills road. They are not good role models for children and can often be aggressive and intimidating especially if they are in groups.

The application from Beware Foods seems to have been a 'run of the mill' tick sheet. On close inspection the applicant has just ticked the boxes without any due care or attention. There is even confusion on the application regarding the trading hours of the premises. This does not give me confidence in the applicant's ability to ensure policies and procedures are in place and enforced. There is no doubt in my mind that granting a license will only add to the daily occurrences of anti-social behaviour caused by inebriated individuals and escalation of litter. We, as responsible residents deserve better. I urge you to take all of my concerns onboard and to question whether another business selling cheap cans of alcohol is needed or wanted. My answer would be most definitely not.

Kind regards,



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Objection to another off-license on Harehills Rd

To Whom It May Concern

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I wish Councillor Salma Arif to put forth these objections

I'm surprised we would have to make an objection against yet another off-license on Harehills Rd, surely this licensing practice would not be tolerated in more affluent areas of the city! That might seem like an unfair comment, but **Chapel Allerton, Headingley, Woodhouse, City Center and Horsforth** have a **Cumulative Impact Policy** which places a limit on the number of new licensed premises in those areas? and although to be fair, as far as I am aware it is not in place in Harehills at the moment, some in the licensing committee would like it to be, from Yorkshire Evening Post "Members of Leeds City Council's licensing committee want to push forward with plans to introduce a Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) in Harehills" I suggest this be hurried along rather than approve yet another off-license

Amount of shops is not meant to be a valid reason for objection but the current situation with off-licenses on Harehills Road alone (not including any other part of Harehills!) is that there are to my count 5 Now according to the measurement on Google Map Harehills Rd is roughly 3000ft or 915m in length, meaning if they were evenly spread there would be an off-license every 600ft, and that would go to 500ft if the current application goes through Again I know that amount of shops is not considered valid, but this should at least be known and stated

Also if the number of shops if not a valid reason then explain this comment please

"Council officer Susan Holden said When you have a high density of licensed areas, that will have a significant impact on that community For example, Lower Briggate is a high crime area, but you can't point to a single bar (as being responsible) -- it is the sheer number of these places that causes it "

More specifically (again another comment from Council Officer Holden)

"Harehills is a densely populated area -- there is a corner shop on the end of every terraced street The thought of each one of them becoming a licensed premises is really worrying "

What I see are the 5 Off Licences/places that sell alcohol on Harehills Road ALONE (there may be more but as a non-drinker, these are the ones I'm aware of)

- 1 East European Foods
- 2 KB Off Licence
- 3 Harehill Mini Market Off Licence
- 4 Dahrri's Newsagent & Off Licence
- 5 BK Store - Sell's too and which by the way was reported by YEP to sell to underage kids in the past

Having said that let's begin with some other objections then, or as many as I have the energy to type and I'm not going to post tons of evidence because this isn't an essay and it will get too long

List Of Objections

Objection 1 Anti Social Behavior & Littering

If you take places I have personally witnessed to see antisocial behavior KB Off Licence & BK Store would be two examples, there is video footage of a guy opp BK Store drunk, swearing at people, stood in the middle of the road and attempting to punch cars. As for KB stores, people are often drinking outside, littering sunflower seeds, I have smelt marijuana walking past on a number of occasions too.

As another example in the PACT meetings for the ward drunks urinating in public has been brought up a number of times.

Objection 2 Alcohol-Related Violence in Harehills

As someone who has looked into the subject of criminology and done some basic analysis on Harehills, "violent crime and sexual offenses" has the highest volume of crime, please note that Alcohol-Related Violence among other crimes come under this category. I can't go further into details on the statistics because police.uk data does not provide that information. For your information though, if you take the months Dec 2016 to Dec 107 the highest volume which accounts to 31% of crime was under "violent crime and sexual offenses". I can't say more in terms of details further than that, but I don't think approving more off-licenses is going to help this number.

Objection 3 Drink Driving

People actually living in Harehills have seen multiple cases of reckless driving, if you would like some evidence for a connection to Alcohol then I hope a conviction by Leeds Crown Court is acceptable. <https://www.leeds-live.co.uk/news/leeds-news/drink-driver-carrying-knife-caught-14751855>

Objection 4 Danger To Youth

Another negative factor people talk of is underage teens getting access to alcohol, as I said above BK Store was caught selling to underage kids, on the road that you want to approve another off licence. This was even reported by Yorkshire Evening Post it became so blatant.

As far as I am aware it is illegal for people under 18 to buy alcohol in an off-licence, yet this story of a violent attack in Harehills says "The two men had stopped at the shop when two teenagers, aged 16 and 17, pulled up in a taxi to buy alcohol." Unfortunately the story goes on to say these youngsters were attacked as well as another gent that came to help them.

Objection 5 Contributing To A Waste Of Police Resources

Due to the amount of disturbance, the number of off-licenses are producing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) have had to be used, and in the PACT meeting, (for this ward again to be clear) police have said they do not have the capacity to enforce this. So adding another off-license would not be the best idea.

Objection 6 Reduction In Harehills Local Economy

There have been plenty of comments online stating that due to the street drinking they avoid shopping in Harehills now due to the fear for their safety, and others have said they do not want their young daughters and kids to walk in the area anymore due to the handing out of these licences resulting in large amounts of

people drinking on the street! Here is a quote from Yorkshire Evening Post on this issue as an example "The YEP also spoke to traders in Harehills Lane, where similar problems with street drinking are partly blamed for a massive slump in trade. Among those affected is Mark Atkinson, who has run his Direct Discounts household goods store for 17 years. He said his trade had dropped by up to £4,000 a week and street drinkers were a big problem, although not the only one "

We already have issues related to crime in this ward, to approve another off-license and thus adding another place for people to buy alcohol would be incredibly irresponsible. I have said all I can in one email and can only hope you take heed of the advice, I leave the responsibility on your shoulders.

Sources

- * Under-age alcohol stores shamed - <https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/under-age-alcohol-stores-shamed-1-2574276>
- * Facebook Video "Anti social behavior on Harehills Road is becoming increasingly high " - <https://www.facebook.com/Khaans786/videos/10213733412072975/>
- * Crime related to alcohol targeted in Leeds <https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/crime-related-to-alcohol-targeted-in-leeds-1-9234307>
- * Armley Town Street Alcohol licensing rules 'should stay in place' westleedsdispatch.com/armley-town-street-alcohol-licensing-rules-should-stay-in-place/
- * Drink driver carrying knife caught asleep at the wheel in Harehills Police found father-of-six Lee Lewis asleep in his car next to an open can of lager <https://www.leeds-live.co.uk/news/leeds-news/drink-driver-carrying-knife-caught-14751855>
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- * Leeds communities wage war on drink-fuelled hooliganism <https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/politics/leeds-communities-wage-war-on-drink-fuelled-hooliganism-1-7676799>

This message was from of a member of Harehills Community Watch on Facebook (with over 1100 members) no one in the community is willing to remain silent either if the area is continued to be treated badly, the overall support is now in the thousands, and all contribute in there own ways to make this place better, we can only hope you are on our side in this endeavor

Kind Regards



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Fwd: Objection

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Formal Objection to Alcohol licence Harehills Road docx, ATT00001 htm

Hi Emma,

Please find attached a further objection

Thank you,

Councillor Salma Arif
Gipton and Harehills

Begin forwarded message

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Hi Salma,

This is our support towards your representation against Bewar Stores on Harehills Road recently applying to sell alcohol. We do not think their application shows any regard or consideration towards the four criteria and we are quite shocked that it has got to this stage. [REDACTED] will message you the highlighted documents with our identified concerns. This is a major concern to us.

Thanks,

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Objection to Alcohol Licence

There has been a licence made for a small food shop that sells food from Poland, Romania and Slovakia. Currently their opening hours are 8am until 10pm. We would like to make an objection against the approval of this alcohol licence for the following reasons:

1. On the application it states that the shop will sell alcohol between 9am and 11pm. In this case, are they also putting in a request to change their opening hours?
2. Several other shops on Harehills Road, and other areas of Harehills currently have an issue with large groups, often men, congregating outside from half seven in the morning. There is concern that this shop will create the same issue, this creating a situation whereby many residents will feel intimidated and ill at ease.
3. The formal application form appears to have been completed in a rushed manner. The applicant has ticked several random boxes. For example, regarding the use of door staff and security personnel. Considering this is a small shop, are they intending on employing security staff? This is confusing.
4. The applicant has ticked n/a regarding the drugs and weapons policy but then continues to state that they are going to put a policy in place for these issues. This is also confusing.
5. Responsible sale of alcohol, The applicant has ticked 'yes' on the question about the policy for collection of glass and bottles and also for the removal of these from their property. As it is a small shop/potential off licence is this necessary? They have continued in answering questions that are clearly aimed at bar applicants such as their use of receptacles. Are people going to be drinking outside? Harehills is under a Public Space Protection Order. The applicant has ticked to say that they understand this, and then have ticked to state that they are going to provide drinking glasses. This does not put much faith in believing that this shop will be managed with public safety in mind.
6. On the following page our concerns continue as they have ticked that plastic or toughened polycarbonate cups will be used in outside areas. This has been ticked with a large tick. It does not make it clear that this application is being taken seriously and they are planning to purely become an off licence.
7. In the 'exclusion from the premises' part of the application, for the question whether they exclude persons that are known to cause problems they have ticked 'yes' to 'is this your own system' and also the box below which asks 'a system run by local licensees body'. We would like to know which this is or whether they even know themselves.
8. The Dispersal policy, The applicant has ticked that they have agreed with WYP that all door staff will be trained on this policy. Is the applicant just ticking random boxes? The applicant has also ticked the box to state that door staff will belong to a recognised body or Pub Watch scheme. They have stated that they are not a restaurant, but then have ticked the restaurant box to say that they are going to be predominantly food led.
9. The applicant has interestingly ticked the box to say that the activities of persons using the external areas will be monitored after 2300 and will be reminded to have regard to the needs of local residents and to refrain from shouting and antisocial behaviour when necessary. This surely would be going above and beyond as this is after the shop will have closed according to the opening hours. We would like to know how this is going to happen unless they are continuing to sell or entertain after closing hours. This seems suspicious.

- 10 Litter, The applicant has ticked 'no' to the question asking if they sell take away food etc that will produce litter or waste. As the shop is not a take away and has no licence for outside service shouldn't have an issue with this if customers are taking goods home. They go on to tick the box stating they will give instruction to staff to periodically clear litter from the street surrounding the premises. This would be great, as it supports Keep Harehills Tidy, however, as customers are taking goods home there shouldn't be much waste. They have also ticked the section to state there will not be any litter.
- 11 The applicant has ticked the box to say that they have a procedure to ensure that local residents and other businesses are not disturbed by customers entering or leaving the premises. We are not convinced that they have taken this section seriously as they have also ticked the boxes to state that registered door staff will be used where queues are likely. This is very confusing.
- 12 Underage sale of alcohol, The applicant has ticked to say that they sell (or wish to sell) alcohol. They have also ticked to say that under 18's will not be permitted. This seems a bizarre box to tick for a shop. Are they just ticking every box?
- 13 'Entertainment and facilities specifically provided for children, The applicant has ticked all the 'no' boxes but then have ticked that they are willing to put in the suggested measures for children. Is the applicant reading these questions or just ticking to get through the paperwork quickly? Are they taking it seriously? They have also ticked all of the child protection measures, which is great, but they have previously, as you recall, ticked that they will admit no persons under 18 years of age.

It is clear that either the applicant has no idea what they are doing or they do not seem to care about any policy and procedure in obtaining an alcohol licence and have just rushed through the application believing it will be passed without question. As many others seem to have been in the area)

We continue, also to be confused by the applicants attempts to promote the four licensing objectives as in the prevention of crime and disorder. The majority of the steps talk about CCTV. For public safety they have just mentioned fire safety. For prevention of public nuisance they have offered a bin outside for litter and cigarettes. For prevention of harm to children they have mentioned Check 25 and needing to see ID.

[REDACTED] and myself both worked in pubs and clubs during our student years and [REDACTED] was a bar supervisor. We really do not feel that the person that has filled this application form understands the responsibility and complexity involved with the sale of alcohol, an intoxicating substance. This is before our concerns about groups congregating which seems almost promoted by the promise of providing ash tray and refuse facilities outside the shop. It is almost as if they are planning to set up a bar with all the outside disturbances such as urinating on the streets, smashed bottles, anti-social behaviour, which unfortunately are now typical of the area due to the many shops that have now been granted licence to sell alcohol to be taken off site, further up and lower down Harehills Road and all too frequent on Harehills Lane.

There are far too many inaccuracies and contradictions in this application. As a result we have no faith in this establishment to responsibly sell alcohol and therefore request that this application be rejected.

[REDACTED]

Please accept this letter as a written objection to the application for a license for 'Bewar Food Stores' 39, Harehills Road.

I currently suffer noise disturbance from patrons of a 24 hours licenced premises on Rounday Road. Granting a licence for at the above property will mean [REDACTED] Cars and drunken groups often use my street, as such, I rarely get a whole nights sleep. As I am a woman living alone, this is extremely frightening, I cannot confront such groups. Speaking with my neighbours, this problem is compounded by the fact they have small children. This means that decent, thoughtful residents are flocking from the area, allowing rouge landlords to flourish.

I feel that granting such a licence sends out a very dangerous message – that alcoholism is now an acceptable lifestyle choice. At a time when support services are coming under increasing council cuts, adding to their workload is just a foolish thing to do. Equally, with Policing budgets being cut from central government, there will not be the resources available to adequately police the area.

Already here in Harehills, there is a growing number of asb problems, I fear that this will only add to the current problems. Gangs can be seen on Harehills Road every evening, with recent shooting, arson and stabbings there can be no tolerance of extended licencing, which will undoubtable fuel greater disturbance.

Harehills is currently going through a community renaissance, with increasing numbers seen at PACT and other community focused groups. More and more people are becoming involved in community activities, from Harehills in Bloom to ad hoc litter picking days. Allowing this licence wouldn't just impede the efforts of those of us involved, it would be the equivalent of sticking two fingers up at us.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Harehills Resident.

