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Dear Mr Sharif

**Krakus, 54 Harehills Road, Harehills, Leeds, LS8 5LE**  
**Application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003**  
**Licensing Authority Letter of Representation**

Thank you for submitting your application for a premises licence for the above premises.

I note that your application is for a grocery store and is for the sale of alcohol from 7am to 6.59am every day. Your opening hours will be 7am to 6.59am every day. You have offered staff training, CCTV, adequate lighting, refusals log, incident log, public notices, litter collection, deliveries 7am to 7pm, a challenge 25 scheme and you have stated you will not sell alcohol to people who are drunk and disorderly.

The area in which the subject premises is located has been assessed and is due to be part of the council's Cumulative Impact Assessment when the new Statement of Licensing Policy is approved and effective from January 2019. The council has gathered crime data and evidence from residents living within this area regarding the accumulation of licensed premises and the impact these premises are having on the licensing objectives and the residents living in this area.

The updated evidence can be found at [www.leeds.gov.uk/lpc](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/lpc). This includes more information on the problems being experienced in Harehills. Specifically we have identified the following:

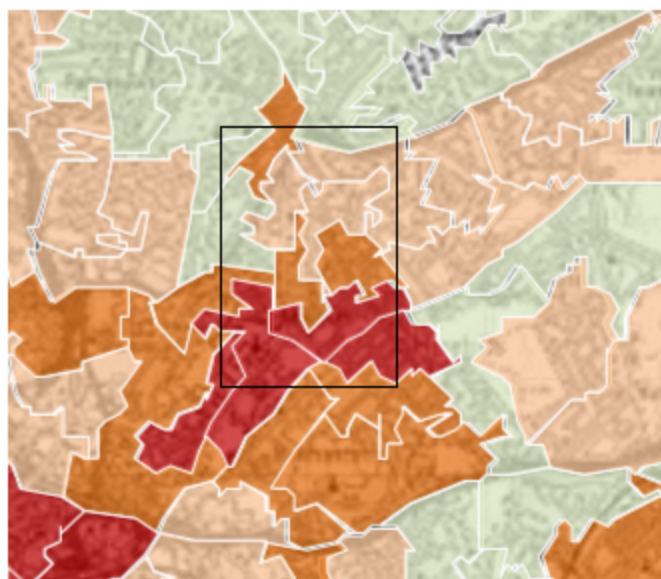
### **Alcohol Licensing Data Matrix**

Lower Layer Super Output Areas are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales. An LSOA is a designated area in which 1500 people live. Public Health have produced and maintain a licensing matrix which rank LSOAs (lower level super output area) against each other.

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By entering the relevant postcode the matrix displays its ranking against specific alcohol related data sets. This allows responsible authorities and the licensing authority to establish the problems being experienced in the area.

This map shows the Harehills area. Dark red denotes the 15 highest ranked LSOAs, followed by dark orange, light orange and green being the lowest ranked LSOAs.



The Licensing Authority has reviewed the postcode where this premises is situation, LS8 5LE.

LS8 5LE is within the Shakespears, Bexleys, Bayswaters LSOA. Overall, it is ranked 10 of all 482 LSOAs and is considered very high, in the top 97-100%. This area is ranked as follows:

Deprivation score	42
Alcohol Specific admission all ages - any hospital	33
Alcohol Related admission all ages - any hospital	19
Population 16 and under	43
Audit-C scoring >7 more - increasing risk (GP recorded)	357
Looked After Children	24
Young people Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET)	158
Youth offences	155
% DID NOT achieve grade 9-5 in Eng and Maths Leeds schools	145
Alcohol Licensing - Off licensed premises density	22
Alcohol Licensing - On licensed premises density	102
Alcohol related anti-social behaviour	30
Alcohol flagged Total Crime - Excluding violent crime	18
Alcohol flagged Violent Crime	14
Drunk and disorderly Or Over Prescribed Limit	27
Clients who use alcohol services	20
Licensing risk scores	86

This table shows that this area is highly ranked for alcohol related and alcohol specific hospital admission and clients who use alcohol services. This shows there is a high population of dependent drinkers living in this area. The area is highly ranked for off licence density and alcohol flagged violent crime.

## Police Evidence

West Yorkshire Police have produced a statistical report titled "Cumulative Impact Policy Harehills Analysis – December 2017" dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 which has been referred to when reviewing this area. The key findings of this report are:

- There were 1710 crimes recorded in 'Harehills' during 2016-2017 (01/12/2016 – 30/11/2017).
- The 2016-2017 total crime figure was a 26.7% increase from the previous year.
- Violent Crime accounts for 37% of recorded crimes in the examined area.
- Violence without injury and Public Order offences increased by 123 and 53 offences respectively in 2016-2017.
- There were 361 Nuisance incidents recorded in Harehills during 2016-2017, an increase of 35.2% on the previous year.
- The peak times for Nuisance incidents in the last twelve months was 17:00 – 23:00.
- The number of recorded alcohol related incidents reduced from 30 to 28 in 2016-2017.
- The peak times for alcohol related incidents in the last twelve months was 15:00 – 23:00.
- There were 81 crimes recorded with an 'Alcohol Involved' flag in the last 12 months, a decrease from the 87 recorded the previous year.
- Most offences with an 'Alcohol Involved' flag were Violent Crimes.
- The peak times for crimes with an 'Alcohol Involved' flag in the last twelve months was 18:00 – 23:00.

## Public Concerns

As part of the consultation on the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy the council received 12 consultation responses from residents who live in Harehills. These responses describe what it is like to live in Harehills with problems relating to crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

Specifically one resident states:

*"The problem drinkers who are struggling with alcohol addiction need professional support but selling alcohol 24 hours a day in so many shops across the area isn't helpful, it isn't healthy and it isn't necessary. The long opening times mean there isn't a cut-off point. Those who live nearby don't get any peace and quiet overnight which is necessary for a good night's sleep so that adults can function properly in the day and children will be well rested enough for school.*

*Instead they hear the customers coming and going 24 hours a day and alcohol fuelled arguments and fights. You might expect this if you lived in a flat in the city centre but first and foremost Harehills is a residential area with a large proportion of young families. For some reason this isn't enough to prevent the sale of alcohol for such long periods or in a growing number of cases, 24 hours a day! "*

Another states:

*"I'm a resident of Harehills and I'd like to voice my concerns regarding the amount of shops in my neighbourhood which sell alcohol for extended periods of time each day.*

*I would like the number of shops selling alcohol for extended hours to be reduced because I'm sick of the antisocial behaviour my family and I are faced with on account of them, including drunkards arguing and shouting around the clock, public urinating/vomiting and beer cans littering the streets.*

*This is my formal request that the shops with extended licenses be reduced."*

Another states:

*"As a concern citizen I have to take issue with the proliferation of 24 hrs off licence in the area, these are a health hazard. There is a school near the main drag where theyo congregate and the children have to walk around them. Also the use of the bus shelter is a no no. I would like the council to take stock. Most of the shops sell alcohol, and must stop these 24/7 outlets as it denigrate the local area. This also happens on the weekend when they are outside the shop arguing who is going to pay, or the car pulling up with the loud music blaring out while they wait to get serve, if it disturbed me what impact is it on the children?"*

Bearing in mind the severity of the problems being experienced in the area, with this area suffering from issues with antisocial behaviour, and the high ranking this area has which indicates a high number of people with alcohol dependency problems live in this area, and the very high level of alcohol flagged violent crime the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that your application does not contain sufficient information about how granting your licence would not add to the impact already being experienced in the area.

The licensing authority is particularly concerned with the use of a hatch after 23:00 hours which will add to public nuisance from customers remaining on the street after 11pm, congregating outside the premises and shouting through the hatch, as is the case in other parts of the city where a hatch is used.

Therefore the licensing authority submits a formal representation to your application on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and protection of children from harm and will recommend to the licensing sub-committee that this application is refused.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours faithfully



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