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Deighton, Charlotte

From: McKenna, Cllr James

Sent: 07 January 2019 11:13

To: Holden, Susan [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Heron Foods, 25 Town street, Armley

Hi Susan,

As a local councillor for Armley, I strongly object to Heron Foods application to sell alcohol from their premises. As you will be aware, there are almost 20 retail units selling alcohol along Armley Town Street and this encourages street drinking and anti-social behaviour from habitual drinkers, Homeless people and street beggars.

Local people are afraid to shop on their own local high street because of harassment from these undesirable people who often suffer from multiple health and alcoholism issues.

Please record my objections and I would wish to speak against this application if it goes to a hearing.

Regards

Cllr. Jim McKenna

Armley Ward Councillor



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Musson, Martyn

From REEVES, Rachel [REDACTED] CD
Sent 08 January 2019 10 56
To Entertainment Licensing
Subject Licensing Application PREM/04291/001 - Heron Foods Ltd, 25 Town Street, Armley

Good morning,

I am writing to object to the application by Heron Foods to license their premises, which includes the provision for sale by retail of alcohol everyday 08 00 - 19 00 for consumption off the premises

Since May 2016, Armley has been subject to a legally enforceable Cumulative Impact Policy, which requires new applicants to prove that a new license application will not make matters worse in Armley

Given that street drinking and alcohol dependency are such significant concerns for local people living and working in Armley, a zero-tolerance policy must be maintained. The links between easily available alcohol and anti-social behaviour on Armley Town Street have created an atmosphere which is turning away people who would otherwise want to go there.

There is no doubt that the link between the high number of off-licenses in the Armley Town Street area selling strong alcohol at a cheap price, has been the main driving force for why problems due to street drinking has been a chronic problem for local residents. While efforts are made to ensure current licensees follow the law and police advice by not selling to under 18s and people who are clearly drunk, we must act now to ensure no more off-licenses open on Town Street in the foreseeable future.

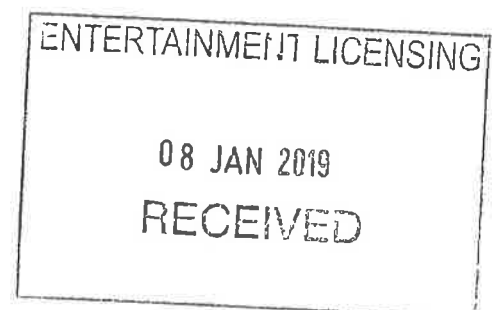
The Cumulative Impact Policy on Armley Town Street is intended to take into consideration the high levels of street drinking and anti-social behaviour recorded by public health and the police. It must further ensure residents have a greater voice in local decisions that have a direct impact on their livelihoods, wellbeing and general experience of Town Street.

In 2018, Krol Mini Market, which is based at 2 - 4 Town Street, Armley, and Lashkiri Nabi, who owns a business at 13 - 15 Town Street, Armley, were both refused a license to sell alcohol daily for consumption off the premises, due to the ongoing issues with alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, which continue to affect residents and shoppers on Town Street. There are already eighteen licensed sites in Town Street alone which contribute to anti-social drinking issues, and twelve of these are off-licenses.

Armley Town Street must become a place where local people can enjoy their community. Therefore, I hope that the licensing committee will continue to support the efforts of the police, local community and Leeds City Council in addressing these issues by properly applying the Cumulative Impact Policy and preventing any new alcohol licences from being granted on Armley Town Street.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Reeves
Member of Parliament for Leeds West



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From: planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk
Sent: 09 January 2019 12:09
To: Deighton, Charlotte
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application PREM/04291/001

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Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

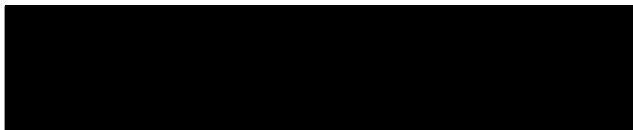
Comments were submitted at 12:08 PM on 09 Jan 2019 from [REDACTED].

Application Summary

Address: 25 Town Street Armley Leeds LS12 1UX
Proposal: Premises Licence - New Application
Case Officer: Miss Charlotte Deighton
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Customer Details

Name:
Email:
Address:



Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:
Comments: 12:08 PM on 09 Jan 2019 Armley Town Street already has many outlets selling alcohol and it is well-known that there are numerous anti-social problems caused by alcohol. Armley Town Street is no longer a place where I feel safe and would want to shop. I object to adding another outlet to supply alcohol. There is supposed to be a restriction on granting further alcohol licences in this area.





Representation

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Section 1 – Licence application details

Please indicate as appropriate :

- ☒ I wish to object to the following application:
☐ I wish to support the following application:

Applicant premises name and address:

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Heron Foods, 25 Town Street, Armley, Leeds, LS12 1UX,

Section 2 – Your personal details

Title Councillor

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Other _____

Surname Lowe

First name(s) Alison

Address (incl postcode):

[REDACTED]

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Please note that a full copy of your representation (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at the hearing. If this is a concern please contact Entertainment Licensing and we will go through your options.

On what basis are you making this representation:

- ☐ Resident
☐ Business
☒ Someone representing a resident or business:

Section 3 – Representation grounds

The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:

Please tick relevant box(es)

- Prevention of crime and disorder ☒
Prevention of public nuisance ☒
Protection of children from harm ☒
Public safety ☒

Please select :

- ☒ I object to the application being granted at all

☐ I object to the application being granted in its current form

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

You need to complete this box as fully as possible. If you do not then the Licensing Authority may not be able to assess the relevance of your representation. Try to be as specific as possible and give examples, e.g. on 1 February I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises open until 2am this will cause a nuisance to me and other residents of the street.

I am a local Councillor in Armley. For several years we have been blighted by the scourge of street drinking. This problem has increased in line with the rise in numbers of off licenses on Town Street and surrounding streets. There are already nearly 20 licensed premises on Town Street selling to street drinkers who go on to create alarm, harassment and distress.

Since May 2016, Armley has been subject to a legally enforceable Cumulative Impact Policy, which requires new applicants to prove that a new license application will not make matters worse in Armley. I contend that this and any applicant will struggle to show that any new application would not make things worse as alcohol misuse remains the highest area of concern for local people and businesses operating on Town Street. There are a plethora of existing alcohol establishments on Town Street, including 24 hour ones. Access to alcohol is the major issue for local people and is a major cause of the continuous ASB and crime experienced by my constituents.

Forward Leeds has a Drug and Alcohol Hub a mere few hundred yards away and many substance misusers come on to Town Street from their offices to abuse alcohol as it is easy to access and cheap to buy as many of the alcohol retailers are Eastern European with access to cheaper drinks. The fact that heron is a supermarket does not change my objection, they are a relatively low cost retailer and this application, if granted, will lead to more easy to access alcohol.

There is no doubt that the link between the high number of off-licenses in the Armley Town Street area selling strong alcohol – often at a cheap price - has been the main driving force for why problems due to street drinking is a chronic problem for local residents. While efforts are made to ensure current licensees follow the law and police advice by not selling to under 18s or to people who are clearly drunk, this has not been effective in ridding Town Street of this terrible problem and so we must act now to ensure no more off-licenses open on Town Street in the foreseeable future.

The Cumulative Impact Policy on Armley Town Street is intended to take into consideration the high levels of street drinking and anti-social behaviour recorded by public health and the police. It must further ensure residents have a greater voice in local decisions that have a direct impact on their livelihoods, wellbeing and general experience of Town Street. Armley Town Street must become a place where local people can enjoy their community. Therefore, I hope that the licensing committee will continue to support the efforts of the police, local community and Leeds City Council in addressing these issues by properly applying the Cumulative Impact Policy and preventing any new alcohol licenses from being granted on Armley Town Street.

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Musson, Martyn

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From: Deighton, Charlotte
Sent: 11 January 2019 12:27
To: Musson, Martyn
Subject: FW: Objection to licensing application for Heron Foods, 25 Town Street, LS12 1UX

-----Original Message-----

From: Smart, Cllr Alice
Sent: 11 January 2019 12:23
To: Deighton, Charlotte [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Objection to licensing application for Heron Foods, 25 Town Street, LS12 1UX

Hi Charlotte,

I would like to raise my serious objection to the Heron Foods licensing application.

Armley town centre has a longstanding problem with Street drinking and anti social behaviour which is made worse by the high volume of licensed premises in the area. Local residents have told us repeatedly that they don't want to see more off-licenses on Armley Town Street and that they don't feel safe shopping on their local high street because of the street drinkers.

Armley Town Street has a Cumulative Impact Policy which requires new applicants to prove that a new application will not make matters worse in Armley. Controlling the number of off-licenses in the area is essential to making Town Street a place where local people can enjoy their community and feel safe.

A great deal of work has been done in by the local councillors, MP, police and local residents to address the ongoing challenges of street drinking and anti social behaviour. Having yet another licensed premises on Armley Town Street would only exacerbate these serious challenges.

If a hearing goes ahead, I would be happy to attend and speak against this application.

Kind regards,

Cllr Alice Smart



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From: planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk
Sent: 20 January 2019 10:02
To: Deighton, Charlotte
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application PREM/04291/001

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Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 10:02 AM on 20 Jan 2019 from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: 25 Town Street Armley Leeds LS12 1UX
Proposal: Premises Licence - New Application
Case Officer: Miss Charlotte Deighton

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

[REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:
Comments: 10:02 AM on 20 Jan 2019 The premises sit within an area covered by the cumulative impact policy and this application should take this into account. Town Street Armley has been subjected to above average incidences of alcohol related anti social behaviour and alcohol dependency rates in the immediate area are high. I object this application as it brings no benefit to the area.



Dear Licensing,

PREM/04291/001 Heron Foods, 25 Town Street, Armley, Leeds, LS12 1UX,

Whilst Heron Foods is a valued premise on Town Street, the head office's decision to seek Armley as a pilot for selling alcohol is erroneous: Town Street already has a CIP introduced to combat all the drink-related asb prolific the area. Better for Heron to set a good example by withdrawing the application.

Again in the push to somehow combat drink and drug problems prolific on Town Street, the Council has employed a dedicated member of staff to work with the community and business to try and reduce drink and drug related problems. To allow this application would fly in the face of this effort.

Town Street already has 19 off-licenses and frequently has the highest number of drink relate problems outside the city centre. People passed out on the street or begging for money to sell alcohol or drunken gangs acting in an anti-social way from 9am onwards is an all too frequent problem.

In August an application was made for another off-licence to open on Town Street. There was considerable protest and, despite the application being perfectly respectable, it was turned down as further off-licences are not wanted on Town Street. The current priority is to reduce problems rather than allow them to continue. To give Heron permission after the last application was turned down would give a very confusing message to the community and the last applicant.

There is a primary school and nursery on Chapel Lane which is approximately 200 yards away from Heron.

In view of the above and the CIP and ASB already established, I ask the Licensing Sub-Committee to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]