

I wish to object to the following application for a licence:

Headingley Stadium Premises Licence Application - North Stand, Emerald Headingley Stadium, St Michaels Lane, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3BR

This application is made for the grant of a premises licence in respect of the newly regenerated Headingley Stadium North Stand

- One bar on the ground floor;
- Two bars on the first floor concourse;
- Two bars in the Emerald Suite and a private box (Box 13) on the second floor;
- 12 private boxes on the third floor; and
- One bar on the fourth floor concourse.

These are to be operated within two scenarios:

- Match day operation for rugby league, rugby union and cricket matches providing facilities for public (ticket holders) refreshment, corporate client and corporate entertainment; or
- Special events and banqueting facilities

The licensable activities/hours applied for are:

- Sale by Retail of Alcohol  
Monday to Sunday 10:00 until 02:00 hours
- Late Night Refreshment  
Monday to Sunday 23:00 until 01:30 hours
- Live Music
- Performance of Dance  
Monday to Sunday 08:00 until 23:30 hours
- Recorded Music  
Monday to Sunday 08:00 until 01:30 hours

### Interested Party Representation

Name and Address:



This representation is relevant to the following licensing objectives: **Prevention of public nuisance** and **harm to children**.

### Representation grounds:

I object to the application being granted in its current form because it will be a public nuisance and of harm to children.

I object to the proposal by Headingley Stadium to sell alcohol late at night on nights which are followed by school/work days (ie, any day other than Fridays/Saturdays). This will result in late night/early morning noise from people leaving the stadium buildings and heading to the nearby streets and car park.

I have previously sent in representations regarding the noise of music coming from licensing applications for the South Stand. I think the North Stand/Emerald Suite - provided there is a clause about sound-proofing the building, keeping windows closed and confining the music to within the building - should not provide too much of a sound nuisance as it is not so close to people's homes as the South Stand. However, there could be a public nuisance and harm to children caused by people leaving the stadium after drinking alcohol and returning to their cars or to taxis late at night or early the following morning. The nuisance/harm being caused both by people's voices and by the engines of cars and taxis.

This is a residential area. The Stadium is not situated in the centre of town. It is surrounded by family homes, many of them with children. Children need peace and quiet so that they can do homework and get a reasonable amount of sleep, especially on evenings when they have school the following morning.

As well as children, there are also many working people living in this area, most of whom need to get up early on weekday mornings to go to work.

I believe the licence should not allow alcohol to be sold in the evening, after 2000 hours, except on days which are not followed by school/working days.

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**Date: 15 April 2019**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 April 2019 16:22  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** Headingley North-South Stand Limited - application deadline: 17 April

To whom it may concern

I wish to object to the licence application made by Headingley North-South Stand Limited under section 17 of part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the grant of a premises licence for the premises known as North Stand, Headingley North-South Stand Limited, Emerald Headingley Stadium, St Michael's Lane, Headingley Leeds LS6 3BR to conduct the following licensing activities on or from the following premises:

The Emerald Suite and Box 13 only:

- Sale of alcohol - Monday to Saturday 10.00 - 02.00
- Playing of recorded music - Monday to Saturday 08.00 - 01.30
- Playing of live music and performance of dance - Monday - Saturday 08.00 - 23.30
- Provision of late night refreshment - Monday to Sunday 23.00 - 01.30

Remainder of the premises:

- Sale of alcohol - Mon - Sat 10.00-23.00, Sun 10.00 - 22.30
- Playing of recorded music, performance of live music and performance pf dance - Monday - Saturday 08.00 - 23.00, Sunday 08.00 - 22.30

The stadium is a massive source of disturbance. Over the years, the activity and levels of noise has steadily increased in a manner which has appeared to be reasonable year on year but when seen cumulatively now blights the lives of local residents. Whilst I understand why the Management is applying for an application for The Emerald Suite and Box 13, the application for the remainder of the premises should not be approved for the following reasons:

1) We currently have to put up with the music and razzmatazz, not just the crowd noise, that accompanies matches and which disturbs our peace. To have music all day on Sundays, in addition to what they do now, is just not tenable especially if it is to be in the summer months when we will not be able to enjoy the peace of the garden. We work very hard during the week and like most other people, we appreciate being able to relax at home at the weekend which will not be possible if this licence is granted. It should also be borne in mind that there is the danger the 'music' will not just start and end at the times stated, music blares out a long time prior to any event and goes on for longer at the end. The Stadium management keep telling us their new tannoy system has reduced the noise pollution escaping from the stadium. This is not true as the new stand acts as a funnel for the noise. We can hear the music and announcements very clearly in our front room with the window closed.

2) The Stadium's ability to provide late night refreshment provides an opportunity for drunken revelling in the streets. This is evidenced at Christmas when they hold late night parties on the opposite side of the road in the Cricket School. As people are not allowed to smoke inside, they spill out to block pavements and the road, and they are joined by their non smoking friends so it can be quite intimidating if one has to walk past them such as walking the dog.

3) We have a child sleeping in the front bedroom which overlooks St Michael's Lane, can you imagine the problems they would have trying to sleep as the noise of music on Sundays and drunks potentially every other night. In the summer months, we can be disturbed in the back bedroom so it will only be worse at the front.

4) In addition, events of this kind also bring more traffic to the area with the associated parking problems. Leeds City Council is making a big deal about the quality of the air and pollution, why should we have to put up with more traffic in our area and the problems with pollution, idling engines and parking. We also have to contend with the bridge on St Michael's Lane being closed after Rugby/ cricket matches which restricts when we can leave our house or return home, this will add to the inconvenience as I have no doubt the bridge will also be closed after these events.

I know LCC support the stadium from an economic perspective but we like living in this area (having moved in over 30 years ago when we did not have these problems) and we have a good neighbourhood. I believe this application will cause harm and loss of amenity to the local area. **Please have some consideration for the residents who live next to the stadium and do not diminish our quality of life even further**

Best wishes

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## Nelson, Matthew

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 April 2019 23:18  
**To:** Nelson, Matthew  
**Subject:** Objection to North Stand licence application

Hello

Can you please consider my objection to the application for variation of license for the North stand of the Headingley cricket/rugby ground. As far as I am aware this would enable music and dance till 2am.

I am greatly concerned that this application and other similar variations of licences held at Headingley cricket and rugby club changes the character, usage and main purpose of this business. We moved here knowing that we would be living next door to a popular sporting centre, since then it has grown in size and popularity taking on the role of education centre linking with Leeds Beckett. However this application shows a shift in business strategy to become more of a centre for entertainment that has nothing to do with sport or education.

Headingley already has huge issues with alcohol use and the public nuisance and safety issues that arise from late night alcohol premises that aim their marketing at the young student population. The cricket and rugby ground are near enough to the 'Otley run' to be part of that problem but is actually right next door to the established family communities in the Triangle area of Chapel Lane/Rochester Terrace/Broomfield Crescent and the Turnways area.

The late night music and drinking and behaviour that inevitably comes from the to-oing and fro-ing to these places will cause harm and a shift in the general atmosphere and feel of this community. We continue to have problems with drunken students shouting in the streets, banging car wing mirrors, waking up neighbours and their families as they stagger home through the surrounding streets or waiting around for taxi's.

There is already 11 licences at Headingley stadium which provides more than enough social and educational facilities. There is clearly a move to develop these further but I ask that you consider this on grounds of preventing public nuisance and the impact this will definitely have on the community of families with children in the immediate area. [REDACTED]

Please consider these issues if you want a viable community to remain in Headingley.

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## Nelson, Matthew

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 April 2019 22:45  
**To:** Nelson, Matthew  
**Subject:** FW: Stadium late night alcohol and music license North Stand from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Hello Matthew and as previously discussed I would like to register my objection to the proposed 02.00 am licence for the North Stand at Headingley Stadium.

I do not think it appropriate to have this type of licence in what is primarily a residential area. It will see what is primarily a sports stadium transformed into a late night drinking/night club type venue. This will have a detrimental impact on the many families with young children who live in the area as it will undoubtedly see an increase in late night drunkenness, rowdy, anti social and other criminal behaviour. We already experience this due to the high level of drinking establishments in Headingley and there is no need for any more. I feel it unlikely that any of the bars in Headingley would be considered for such an extension to their licence and I think that the stadium company is seeking to transform their business from primarily sports to that of late night drinking. I imagine it thinks it an get away with this on the basis that It presents itself a sports company whereas it appears it wishes to change its model to be primarily an outlet for late night, irresponsible drinking.

This application is socially irresponsible and based on maximising profit for the stadium company at the expense of the lives of the people who live locally and it should be rejected.

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## **Nelson, Matthew**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 April 2019 14:52  
**To:** Nelson, Matthew  
**Subject:** Re: North Stand New Application

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### **North Stand – New Application – Date for Representations 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

We wish to object to the above application on the grounds of increased public nuisance. Events at present held at the venue already lead to problems with taxis arriving to pick up people, causing an obstruction and also pollution as they sit with their engines running while waiting. There is also noise when people leave the venue which can lead to sleep disturbance for those in the surrounding area. Noise carries further late at night and most people and children have to be up for work or school and do not need interrupted sleep. We strongly object to any plans to increase the finishing times for events at the stadium and longer times for the sale of alcohol and the playing of music.

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## Nelson, Matthew

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 April 2019 18:10  
**To:** Nelson, Matthew  
**Subject:** South and North stand variation

I am writing to express my concerns about the above variations.

### SOUTH STAND

[REDACTED]. I am very concerned that the application to have live and recorded music and also dance on Sundays up until 22.30 would have a detrimental effect on the residents in the immediate area. The nuisance would not stop at 22.30 as it takes time for crowds and cars to disperse. In addition to the noise, there is also light pollution as the floodlights would not be turned off at 22.30. I am concerned about the use of the term 'events' which suggests a different use to sporting events. Would 'events' include live concerts? This would be intolerable for local residents especially on a Sunday. The noise from live concerts/recorded music would disturb residents from sleeping especially children who need to get up for school the next day..

### NORTH STAND

The application to have extended hours until 1.30 and 2.00 am although only in specific areas also suggests that this wouldn't relate to sporting events. Headingley has many venues which offer late night drinking and eating. My objections are the same as above.

Headingley is very slowly attracting families back into the area, I am concerned that extending the licences ESPECIALLY ON A SUNDAY would halt this process. Headingley benefits from being a mixed area and not seen as just a 'party' area.

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from my iPad



## Nelson, Matthew

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2019 11:55  
**To:** Nelson, Matthew  
**Subject:** Fwd: [activists] Music license objection before tonight's deadline  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

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Dear Matthew

This is the objection that I want to make, using [REDACTED] as a basis as her reasons are similar to my own. I am emailing licensing because I cannot find the form online. The guidance says this is acceptable. I would like this objection to be placed against these three applications

Heading Pavilion – Variation – Last date for Representations 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

South Stand – Variation - Last date for Representations 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

North Stand – Variation - Last date for Representations 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

I would like to register an objection to the Stadium's request to add music to their licence and for any extension to alcohol sale times.

The Stadium was designed for sports events. This is its core business. It is in a residential area and if it wants to extend its core business in this way it should instead relocate as other stadiums in the UK have.

The stadium is in Headingley which has a history of problems relating to public nuisance. Headingley is an area with strict alcohol controls on licensed establishments because of these problems. For this reason alone we cannot risk having a large scale corporate drinking and music establishment in the area openly running late night events as it would create problems of public disorder and public nuisance as experienced before. It would draw people away from the city centre as has happened in the past. It would re-introduce the concept of Headingley as a party area where people can play music and drink until the early hours. This was a big problem a few years ago which is now under control in this area. It is now a popular area with students who want to live amongst families and enjoy somewhere quieter to study.

There is a recent history of noise nuisance from the stadium when they have operated temporary extensions (for one example see below) . This has negatively affected this community. The stadium have shown no interest in this problem which has occurred repeatedly over a number of years and have made no attempt to address it.

The new South stand music systems have already caused significant upset to people in this community as the noise appears to have a different, more intrusive quality which has sometimes been overwhelming and cannot be ignored. When complained to directly, it is my experience that the Rugby Stadium refer to their entitlement under law rather than show an interest in addressing the problem directly so it's important they are not given additional "license."

In addition

1) Harm to children

Children particularly need to be free to sleep and study. The stadium music is very intrusive and often prevents me from listening to music at home or watching TV.

Evening music will definitely affect both my ability to complete homework ( i have language lessons at leeds beckett, guitar lessons and singing lessons ,wirth homework for all three! ) and to sleep at a reasonable time.

## 2) prevention of public nuisance

In the past the Cricket school has rented out their facilities to private contractors for weekends in December. Despite repeated complaints to the noise nuisance service from local residents about music leaking from the building until 1am it has not been stopped.

At the moment we cannot trust the stadium to take responsibility for ensuring that conditions are adhered to, until match day events create no noise nuisance any extension is not acceptable

many thanks

