Objection to Premises licence - Full Variation PREM/03064/005

We are writing to object to an application to vary the premises licence of 147 Sports Bar, 7 Chapeltown, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 7RZ.

Primarily this is a quiet residential area in a conservation area of Pudsey. Close by is a place of worship and listed building (Pudsey St Lawrence Church) and another beautiful listed residential building (Tudor House).

We have a young family of four children and are very concerned about the proposed changes which will have a detrimental effect upon the neighbourhood of primarily residential homes, housing young families and many elderly people.

Our house overlooks the rear of the Sports Bar and its car park. There would be extra noise and disruption, especially at night time causing a public nuisance. We already have had issues with noise, flashing lights, especially from loud music from functions and from smokers who congregate outside the bar/restaurant (people who are using the bar and therefore are the responsibility of the bar). This is amplified in summer when their windows (and ours) are open. We are very concerned and worried that the expansion will encourage more nuisance, anti-social behaviour, and noise emanating from the premises (loud music, vibrations, rowdy crowd noise) which will impact upon ours and our childrens' quality of life, health and sleep.

There would be increased noise created in the Bar's car-park which is at the rear of the premise property and is surrounded and overlooked by residential housing, particularly Grove Terrace, Tudor House, 75, 77 and 79 Church Lane. This would include vibrations from engine-running, car-door slamming, rowdiness etc. as a result of the expansion. Again, this will cause a public nuisance and impact the quality of life of residents in terms of health and sleep.

By law smokers are not allowed to smoke inside buildings and this creates a further threat of disruption to local residents if the proposed expansion and associated extended hours on the ground floor go ahead: smokers stand outside the premises (on the street and in the car-park to the rear) with bottles, glasses, cigarettes – further increasing potential for littering, disorder and noise for local residents. As part of the expansion involves the ground floor level of the premises, there will certainly be more street-level activity in this regard.

Nearby there are two elderly residential homes (Red Court Care Home and The Grove Care home, Chapeltown). Also close-by and which would be affected by noise is a street of social housing for the elderly, mainly bungalows (St Lawrence Close). The

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increased levels of noise, anti-social behaviour may have a negative impact upon quality of life of local residents.

This area of Pudsey is also a conservation area. Tudor House (next-door but one to the Sports Bar) is a listed building; there is a war cenotaph monument across the road from the bar; and there is an important place of worship – also a listed building (St Lawrence Church of England). There is also a primary school very close-by (Greenside), and the playground directly overlooks the bar. With the increased hours and potential for anti-social behaviour this quiet and peaceful and scenic corner of Pudsey will be under threat from vandalism, graffiti, littering, crime and disorder (fighting/violence) and noise (including vehicle noise, loud music/speaker systems vibrations and rowdiness due to drunkenness).



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