

Comments for Licensing Application PREM/04457/001

Application Summary

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Address: Former Elinor Lupton Centre Headingley Lane Headingley Leeds LS6 1BX

Proposal: Premises Licence - New Application

Case Officer: Miss Janice Archibald

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 1:26 PM on 07 Jan 2020 Because the Listed Building desperately needs a new use, and the applicant has a good record of 'saving' historic buildings all around the country.

It's a main road, so disturbance to local residents won't be much greater than the existing level of noise.

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Comment: 9:49 PM on 07 Jan 2020 I wholeheartedly support this application. I think Headingley is crying out for a well-run, family pub and eatery with traditional values. In my experience Wetherspoon pubs and hotels are professionally run by a responsible management team and will provide a balance in Headingley against the rowdier drinking culture so often held up as an example against new licence applications.

In this case, I'm sure Wetherspoon will be responsible neighbours and adhere to any local restrictions and conditions of the license if it is granted. I think their policy of serving good-quality real-ale and no music shows their intent, and that they will not contribute to the cumulative impact of youth-oriented drinking establishments that are already the norm in Headingley. I look forward to the day when I can take all three generations of my family out for a meal and a pint in Headingley without being overrun by drunk students, let's get back some amenity for the true demographic which is underrepresented in matters like this.



15.01.2019

For the attention of: Miss Janice Archibald
Licensing Officer
Entertainment Licencing
Leeds City Council
Civic Hall
Leeds
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Dear Miss Archibald

Elinor Lupton Centre - PREM/04457/001

Further to our conversation earlier, I submitted a comment to this Application through the Planning Portal on the 9th January and have not received an acknowledgement. Having sent the comment, I was notified of a Server Error and now understand that my comment was not received. As agreed I am therefore forwarding this letter as an attachment by e-mail.

My comments, as follows are in **support** of the Application.

I am commenting as a **neighbour**.

I would ask that my details are **not released** for public consumption.

Comments:

The Eleanor Lupton Centre was offered for sale by the Grammar School at Leeds on the open market for more than 5 years, prior to the purchase by JD Wetherspoon. During this period many options were considered for the future use of the property including residential, hotel, gym, offices, community and education and religious uses. The only unconditional offer received was from JD Wetherspoon, a Licenced premises operator with a UK wide reputation, as long term restorer and custodian of many redundant "Listed" buildings.

The derelict and graffiti clad building offers a threatening presence in the evening to pedestrians. The JD Wetherspoon proposals provide for enhanced landscaping and lighting to the A660 frontage.

The Wetherspoon food and beverage offer attracts a wide range of value seeking customers, including families and seniors. The current public house offer in Headingley and Hyde Park is dominated by wall to wall televised sport, attracting large groups, often standing and unsympathetic to family customers. Real ale bars which do not promote televised sport, e.g. Arcadia, refuse access to children.

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Alternative Public House premises in Headingley or Hyde Park are not available. There are two vacant units on North Lane, with A3 Restaurant and bar consents, but none with Planning Permission for A4 use.

During the consultation process interested parties were assured by representatives of J D Wetherspoon that front door security would exclude groups of travelling Otley Runners in fancy dress, from entry. Furthermore, opening hours would be limited to standard public house times and not extend after 11.00 p.m. in the evening.

In my opinion the premises and the Applicant are appropriate for the grant of the Licence as applied for, subject to clarification of the above points on access restrictions and hours of opening.

I would be grateful if the Committee could take these comments into consideration.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

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