

Application: **Prem 04367/001**

Application by Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Company Limited

We wish to object to the above license application in the strongest possible terms on the basis of noise impact and therefore protection of children from harm, and public nuisance.

The application to increase the current license of 2 events held over 1 weekend per year for up to 10,000 people to 4 events over 2 weekends for up to 19,999 people will have a drastic and untold impact on the local community. The stadium team have proposed the stage to be at the western terrace facing away from The Turnways meaning there will potentially be the crowd noise of up to 19,999 people screaming and shouting over the top of music, for hours on end over the small western terrace wall towards The Turnways causing huge potential noise pollution and public nuisance for all residents especially our own and other families, children and the elderly living on The Turnways. (See additional item 1 – a drawing I have prepared showing the open nature of the stadium and the direction the crowd noise will travel)

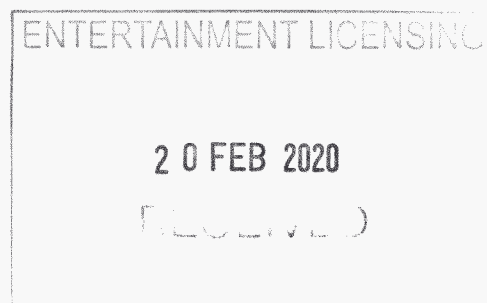
The current license granted allows 1 concert for up to 10,000 people and 1 smaller concert to finish at 6pm for up to 5,000 people. The proposed change in licensing would mean up to 19,999 people at up to 4 events per year, until 11pm, this would have a massive impact on the potential litter, anti-social noise and behaviour, drinking before and after events meaning our local community is significantly impacted and with the likelihood that we'd need to move out of our home altogether with our young family for the proposed 2 weekends.

The 1 event already held at the stadium had a capacity of roughly 3000 people, with the stage on the north side and therefore the crowd were facing into the stadium. It was an opera gig which is very different to the live music concerts now planned so can in no way be used as a benchmark to measure potential impact to residents for up to 19,999 people. Going against the wishes of the license application granted in August 2019 the stadium have not proved they can successfully hold a concert for 10,000 people with little or no impact to local residents. Again going against the wish of the previously granted license, the stadium team did not provide a phone number for the audio company should any complaints arise during the event in September 2019. Crowd noise from a Rhinos game often spikes in times of excitement which can clearly be heard inside local houses, this would likely be constant for hours on end in the event of a similar crowd capacity concert causing a huge effect on families and children.

Public transport is vastly reduced beyond 7pm in the Headingley and Leeds area meaning traffic in the area could potentially be gridlocked causing huge grief for people wishing to carry on with their normal lives before and after each concert. More cars in the area due to reduced public transport will have an impact on the local environment can could cause an additional health risk due to fumes and disturbance caused by revving and beeping before and after each event.

This is a rugby ground in a residential area; it **is not** and **should not** be turned into a regular live music venue for large concerts. The impact on residents will be untold and on top of international and domestic cricket and over 10 super league fixtures per year the it would be huge detriment to the residents' ability to go about their normal home lives.

We strongly urge that this application be rejected.



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