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Sent: 22 Sep 2020 07:17:23 +0100

To: Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Re: Redacted copy of the application Lost At Sea

Good morning

I am writing in order to lodge a formal objection to the proposed "Lost at Sea" bar/venue at restaurant L. 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH. I am writing as the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], which is located in the [REDACTED] to the venue applying for a license.

I want to make it clear that I only object to the proposed new premises on safety grounds/concerns that some of the 4 licensable objectives are not being met, but that once these concerns are formally addressed, I am very much in support of the new venture. Indeed, the owner of the business has sat me down to show me his full plans and is aware that I will be objecting.

Objection 1 - fire safety.

My first objection is relating to fire safety - relating to licensing objective 3 - public safety. Having looked at the plans submitted to Leeds City Council, as a [REDACTED] of the building in question who knows the ins and outs of the building, I do not believe that the fire safety plans submitted reflect the reality of the premises and the structures in place. I believe that the property is not fire safe and therefore poses a risk to both the safety of my [REDACTED] and also to their customers and staff.

The fire safety diagram they submitted as part of their application shows that there is more than one exit - ie the main door on the top left of the diagram, and also at the bottom right. I know for a fact that the business in question is not connected to the main shopping centre building fire system, which means one of the fire exits is obstructed during some of the proposed opening hours. This is because:

1. During the hours of 07:00 and 21:00, the main external entrance/exit shutters to Central Arcade shopping centre are open.
2. If there was a fire during these hours, then both proposed exits would be useable as the bottom right exit leads directly into Central Arcade itself, and the external shutters would be open and thus there would be a clear exit.
3. If there were a fire outside of these hours (ie between 21:00-07:00) the Central Arcade external shutters would be closed, therefore the proposed exit route would be obstructed and there is no other pathway to an exit on the ground floor.
4. The only way these shutters would open was if "Lost at Sea" was connected to the main shopping centre fire system.
5. The premises is currently not connected to the centre fire system, therefore the shopping centre shutters would not automatically open and would therefore not be a fully useable fire exit.

This therefore is a direct breach of planning objective 3 on public safety.

On the same issue of fire safety, I am also concerned that the unit in question does not have a sprinkler system installed. All of the other units in the shopping centre have had to pay to have these installed for public safety reasons, and I am concerned that this is something which may be a legal requirement. I raise this concern as my unit is the shop

██████████ which would be at significant risk if a fire was not contained quickly, and also for public safety reasons.

In order for my objections on safety grounds to be resolved, I feel a full independent audit of the fire safety measures needs to be undertaken before a license decision is made. Your officers have already advised me that West Yorkshire Fire Service have already said they don't wish to make any comments, but the above concerns are not apparent within the application and shows there could be a significant risk which has been overlooked. The council would be responsible if there was a serious incident at the venue at any point in the future if action is not taken to look into these concerns further.

Objection 2 - noise nuisance, and the impact on the LGBT+ community

My second substantive concern relates to licensing objective three - prevention of public nuisance relating to noise. Since the current occupier has been at the premises, we have had some minor noise issues which have caused disruption to my customers, other local businesses and also to my staff.

The walls are not particularly thick, and the doors are often open with a base sound system which booms throughout the arcade. We are a community space that supports the LGBT+ community in Leeds - indeed we are the only late night, dry (ie alcohol free) LGBT+ community venue in the whole of Leeds. As well as being a coffee shop, we are an LGBT+ community hub and, pre covid, would hold events that would be ruined by loud music (for example, we hold community book clubs, spoken word poetry evenings, support groups for older people, board games nights etc - the list goes on). Without adequate noise prevention measures in place, those visiting my venue would lose their right to quiet and peaceful enjoyment and would ruin some of these events & the tranquility of my venue (which would also damage the financial health & indeed the viability of my business if customers did not wish to return due to noise issues), which I believe falls under the category of public nuisance. In order to resolve this objection, I would ask that you impose licensing conditions that would reduce the noise impact - specifically asking that their doors should remain closed when any music is playing, that the wall directly next to my shop has noise prevention measures put in place, and limiting the noise permitted before 9pm (this is our normal pre covid closing time).

Objection 3 - anti social behaviour

My third objection relates to anti social behaviour, which I understand could fall under three of the four licensing objectives (prevention of crime & disorder, public safety & prevention of public nuisance).

Central arcade & the surrounding area already has a significant problem with ASB, particularly relating to drug dealing & the consumption of alcohol on the streets - which can be verified by contacting the local neighbourhood policing team. I would be concerned that without adequate door staff, that this issue could be made worse. My business should not have to suffer as a result of anti social behaviour and public nuisance. I understand there is very little that can be done here, other than to have adequate door staff to help ensure ASB as a result of this venture doesn't take place in the vicinity, and request that a license condition be added that ensures that their staff/door staff take action to prevent loitering outside their entrance, which is directly next to my shop entrance. We should not have to suffer an increased public nuisance.

Objection 4 - damage to Leeds' only late night, dry, LGBT+ venue

As mentioned earlier, my venue is a community space that supports the LGBT+ community in Leeds - indeed we are the only late night, dry (ie alcohol free) LGBT+ community venue in the whole of Leeds. Significant noise disruption in particular, but also any additional significant anti social behaviour would be a significant public nuisance which would damage the LGBT+ communities ability to have safe and enjoyable access & use of their only safe space venue in the City. This damage would be in direct contradiction to Leeds City Council policy to make Leeds an LGBT+ Inclusive City: indeed in their most recent report which was approved by the Leeds City Council Executive, they noted their was a lack of spaces such as what we provide at Flamingos Coffee House, and so any licensing decision should not be made which directly contradicts or damages the stated aims of the Leeds City Council LGBT+ Inclusive City Plan.

My final concern is that the above points will be made worse, as I believe the representations made to Leeds City Council do not reflect the plans that "Lost at Sea" have. The owner has very kindly sat me down & showed me his plans for the venue - and I do not believe the plans match the licensing application. He has advised me that they intend to have upto 100 people in the venue, and that the whole of the unit will be occupied for the use of consuming alcohol and for entertainment purposes. In the plan submitted to the council, it only shows part of the venue being applied for the use of licensable activities - ie the area highlighted on the left of the drawing you provided. As a result, I urge officers to call in the application to a hearing so that all the facts are available before a license (& the relevant conditions) are approved.

I really wish to emphasise that the new venture looks very exciting and I am supportive of the venture once the adverse affects noted above have been mitigated. It could be a very good thing for the area, but it shouldn't have an adverse affect on the local

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Date: 22 September 2020 10:25:28

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Dear Leeds City Council licensing department.

I wish to object to the new bar development at King Koby/Lost at sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH.

I wish to object on the grounds of the prevention of crime & disorder, prevention of public nuisance and public safety.

I am concerned that the noise could have a detrimental effect on the arcade and on our business. Noise carries in the Arcade, and with the business already often playing loud music I am concerned that this will cause even more of a public nuisance.

Furthermore, I am concerned about public safety, crime and disorder. We already have issues with anti-social behaviour - individuals urinating and defecating in early morning and late night, which our caretaker [REDACTED] sadly has to clean up. We've had our windows graffitied in the evenings as there is lots of criminal activity and drug dealing take place in the arcade as it is relatively quiet. We also have had break ins to shops. A couple of years ago we all decided without landlord to close the arcade a little earlier (now it closes at 9pm, but it was open until 11pm) and it made a huge difference in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

I am concerned that if the arcade were to be open later into the evening again, we would be subjected to more of the above as we cannot afford to cover the costs of additional security to patrol, and so crime & disorder could be more of an issue in the Arcade. I, and other tenants in the Arcade, would also be likely to see increased insurance premiums to protect our shops if there was more crime as a result of the Arcade being opened later into the evenings.

My objection is solely based on these points which I hope you can address within your licensing considerations.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Leeds City Council,

I hereby object to the application for a premises licence at the following address:  
King Koby/Lost at Sea, Restaurant 1, Unit 11, Central Arcade, Leeds, LS1 6DH.

I object on the grounds of the prevention of crime & disorder, prevention of public nuisance and public safety with the following points:

- The business as it stands, already causes problems with noise during our business hours of 10:00 to 18:00 regardless that they don't have a licence for this. The arcade is a sound tunnel, and so noise carries really well across the entire Arcade, and so licencing this business for loud music would only increase the problem of being a public nuisance.

- The Arcade which the business is set in, already has problems with anti social behaviour(i.e public urination and defecation, spray painting, fighting, burglaries(one of which was at the applicant's address!) and illegal drug activity) and permitting this licence would only exacerbate the problem.

- The Arcade is mostly glass and permitting this licence would invite more anti social behaviour which would increase the likelihood of damage to neighbouring businesses i.e smashed doors and windows, of which the Arcade has already experienced in the past.

- The Arcade is currently family friendly, and permitting this licence would discourage shoppers with children with the increase in anti social behaviour as well as possible damage to property, and the general cleanliness within the Arcade.

- In the past, the Arcade experienced a high level of anti social behaviour in the later hours of the evening, and so it was agreed by all tenants to close the arcade earlier. This has made a huge impact on the problems we were having on the state of the Arcade and also on anti social behaviour. Permitting this licence would undo the solution to the problems we were having.

I hope the council will take on board all points above before considering permitting a licence for this business. Without a doubt, it would have a huge detrimental effect on the other businesses within the Arcade by increasing crime and disorder, which would cause a problem for public safety, as well as being a public nuisance towards anyone in/around the Arcade.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objections.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to proposed Bar at Formerly King Koby  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 12:33:03

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Dear Sir,

Id like to object to the proposed Bar

formerly king koby) Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16

If the proposed Bar application goes ahead , it will have a detrimental affect on the Leeds only LGBT safe space cafe next door (Flamingoes), the noise from the bar and people gathering outside of this bar will mean many of LGBT visitors will feel uncomfortable visiting Flamingoes anymore.

I object on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime & disorder, public safety. Flamingoes is an lgbt safe space, and our only late night dry lgbt venue in leeds, and it would damage the lgbt community.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Cc:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to the opening of Lost at Sea  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 12:39:34

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Hello

I am emailing you with my objections to the opening of the bar Lost at Sea at 11 Central Arcade on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety.

The proposed bar is right next to Flamingos, a dry space that is an LGBTA+ dry safe space. A lot of the LGBTA+ community use this space frequently and would feel unsafe with the bar next door as it opens them up to risk of harassment or worse by intoxicated patrons of the bar.

Flamingos serves as a hub for events such as poetry, spoken word, community events and has assisted with various dry Pride events. A bar next door would be loud and I know a lot of the community would be much less willing to attend due to this and safety. As a lot of patrons will be obviously queer or gender non confirming and as I myself am I have worries that the patrons next door will be peering in like it is a zoo.

An additional shop that could be impacted is Geek Retreat. Geek Retreat is a board game cafe that serves a lot of communities. It runs child friendly events such as card game tournaments for Pokemon and Yugioh which often finish in the late evening and the presence of a bar would make these events inaccessible to a lot of children due to fears from parents or the children themselves.

Please reconsider these proposals.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to new bar in Central Arcade  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 12:43:52

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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you with my objections to the opening of the bar Lost at Sea at 11 Central Arcade on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

The proposed bar is right next to Flamingos, an LGBTQA+ dry safe space. A lot of the LGBTQA+ community use this space frequently and would feel unsafe with the bar next door as it opens them up to risk of harassment or worse by intoxicated patrons of the bar. Flamingos serves as a hub for events such as poetry, spoken word, community events and has assisted with various dry Pride events. A bar next door would be loud and I know a lot of the community would be much less willing to attend due to this and safety. As a lot of patrons will be obviously queer or gender non confirming and as I myself am I have worries that the patrons next door will be peering in like it is a zoo.

An additional shop that could be impacted is Geek Retreat. Geek Retreat is a board game cafe that serves a lot of communities. It runs child friendly events such as card game tournaments for Pokemon and Yugioh which often finish in the late evening and the presence of a bar would make these events inaccessible to a lot of children due to fears from parents or the children themselves.

Please reconsider these proposals on the grounds mentioned above.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 12:59:01

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Hi

I would like to object to the opening of a new bar in Leeds at 11 Central Arcade - the reason is this will be disturbing to a business next door Flamingos, Flamingos is a very important venue as it is the only LGBTQ dry space in Leeds - the clientele attracted to this venue are likely to make clients of Flamingos feel threatened - also the noise of the new business would disturb the established business especially on spoken word and games nights - I would ask that the bar be located elsewhere - there are lots of bars already - this is the ONLY LGBTQ dry safe space

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** PREM/04599/001 central arcade  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 12:59:45

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Hi

It's come to my attention that there is an application for a new bar in central arcade, called Lost at Sea, to take the place of what is currently King Koby.

As I'm sure you're aware, this would place it next door to Flamingos coffee shop, an LGBTQIA+ friendly café, and the only late night dry space for our community. For years there has been a thriving gay scene in the clubs and bars of the Freedom quarter, but for many of us these are not places that we feel comfortable. Flamingos has been revolutionary for a huge number of people - it provides a safe space, without people getting drunk and rowdy, without loud music and overcrowding and other stimulus that can cause sensory overload for those of us with anxiety, trauma or autism. It is accessible for those with mobility needs, and is generally speaking a pleasant space for holding small events and meetings.

Were a bar to open next door, it would stifle the patrons of Flamingos. One of the things that makes it safe is knowing that there aren't going to be crowds of drunk people gathered outside on an evening, that there isn't going to be music blasting throughout the vicinity. That we have somewhere safe to go where we can be ourselves without fear. Flamingos is a vital part of our community. In a city that prides itself on its inclusivity for LGBT+ people, allowing a bar to open in these premises would be an incredibly counter-intuitive and cruel decision. There are bars throughout the city centre, but there is only one Flamingos.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed new bar at Lost at Sea  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 13:10:16

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To whom it concerns,

I wish to make an objection to the proposed new bar at (formerly King Koby) Lost at Sea, Restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS1 6DH. I object on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder, and public safety.

The proposed bar would impact the ability of the venue next door - Flamingos - to host spoken word events, book clubs and other LGBT+ community project. As Flamingos is Leeds's only late-night dry LGBT+ venue, the proposed new bar would have harmful ramifications for the local LGBT+ community in need of the safe space that Flamingos is able to provide.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Licensing Objection - Lost at Sea, Central Arcade  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 13:10:41

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Hi there

I'd like to lodge my objection to the proposed licensing of Lost at Sea, 11 Central Arcade (currently King Koby Babershop.)

The unit next door is Flamingos Coffee House, where I am a regular customer and user of it as a community space. Flamingos is the only LGBTQ+ community space in Leeds – something which is a disgrace and puts Leeds well behind other cities – and is the only dry space of all the LGBTQ+ venues. As well as being a cafe during the day which openly welcomes members of the LGBTQ+ community as well as the general public, in the evening Flamingos becomes a community space facilitating many different LGBTQ+ community groups, while also being a safe, alcohol-free space for LGBTQ+ people to meet up and socialise in the evening. Having a bar next door puts all this at risk.

As a group of people, we in the LGBTQ+ community are vulnerable; especially at night and especially in areas populated by “straight” bars. LGBTQ+ hate crime is something which most of us in our community have experienced at some time, and there are very few days that go by where someone I'm associated with doesn't tell me about an incident they have been victim of or have witnessed that day or in recent days. West Yorkshire Police have figures on LGBTQ+ hate crime reporting, but I can assure you that their numbers are a fraction of the reality. Thousands of people coming out to cheer us on during Leeds Pride, does not translate in Leeds' night time economy or to living in Leeds generally. Having inebriated customers from the proposed Lost at Sea so close puts our community at considerable increased risk, and will force many to stay away and remain isolated. As a community, individuals already suffer much greater levels of isolation in proportion to the general population.

In addition to this; music and general noise coming from the proposed Lost at Sea will make it impossible for community groups to meet in the evening at Flamingos, and will put off other evening customers; thus causing financial detriment and possible insolvency for a business which is already operating and established. If this were to happen, the LGBTQ+ community in Leeds would have a lost a very important part of its “scene”, and it's only dry space.

I myself am a Leeds resident [REDACTED] and a member of the LGBTQ+ community in Leeds. I also co-run one of the community groups that regularly use Flamingos on an evening – and I can guarantee our members would not be comfortable meeting so close to a “straight” bar/restaurant - and I'm a former panellist on the West Yorkshire Police LGBT Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel for Leeds. Across in Bradford I'm a trustee at LGBTQ+ charity and service provider, Equity Partnership as well as being the Chair of Bradford Pride.

Therefore on grounds of Prevention of Public Nuisance, Prevention of Crime and Disorder, and Public Safety I would like my objection to the licensing of Lost at Sea, Restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, LS1 6DH to be logged.

If you'd like to discuss any of the issues I have raised in this email, I'd be happy to talk through them with you.

All the best



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Licence for Lost at Sea Bar - 11 Central Arcade  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 13:55:57

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Hi,

I am emailing you with my objections to the opening of the bar Lost at Sea at 11 Central Arcade on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety.

The proposed bar is right next to Flamingos, a dry space that is an LGBTQA+ dry safe space. A lot of the LGBTQA+ community use this space frequently and would feel unsafe with the bar next door as it opens them up to risk of harassment or worse by intoxicated patrons of the bar.

Flamingos serves as a hub for events such as poetry, spoken word, community events and has assisted with various dry Pride events. A bar next door would be loud and I know a lot of the community would be much less willing to attend due to this and safety. As a lot of patrons will be obviously queer or gender non conforming and I'm a trans woman myself so have worries that the patrons next door will be peering in making us feel uncomfortable.

An additional shop that could be impacted is Geek Retreat. Geek Retreat is a board game cafe that serves a lot of communities. It runs child friendly events such as card game tournaments which often finish in the late evening and the presence of a bar would make these events inaccessible to a lot of children due to fears from parents or the children themselves.

Please kindly reconsider these proposals.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objections to Lost At Sea proposal (11 Central Arcade)  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 14:13:41

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To Whom it may concern,

I am emailing you with my objections to the opening of the bar Lost at Sea at 11 Central Arcade on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety.

The proposed bar is right next to Flamingos, a dry space that is an LGBT+ dry safe space. A lot of the LGBT+ community use this space frequently and would feel unsafe with the bar next door as it opens them up to risk of harassment or worse by intoxicated patrons of the bar.

Flamingos is currently the venue of choice for an LGBT+ group I attend for people with learning disabilities and autistic people. Many of us are considered vulnerable adults and many of us have sensory issues. This bar would be a huge risk to our wellbeing.

Flamingos serves as a hub for events such as poetry, spoken word, community events and has assisted with various dry Pride events. A bar next door would be loud and I know a lot of the community would be much less willing to attend due to this and safety. As a lot of patrons will be obviously queer or gender non confirming, quite like myself, I have worries that the patrons next door will be peering in like it is a zoo.

An additional shop that could be impacted is Geek Retreat. Geek Retreat is a board game cafe that serves a lot of communities. It runs child friendly events such as card game tournaments for Pokemon and Yugioh which often finish in the late evening and the presence of a bar would make these events inaccessible to a lot of children due to fears from parents or the children themselves.

Please reconsider these proposals.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

(He/ They)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed bar, Central Arcade  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 14:34:52

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Hi,

Id like to raise my concerns about a proposed bar at Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH. There is currently a late night cafe called Flamingos also in Central Arcade which is Leeds only late night dry space for LGBT+ people and groups. A bar at the same location would disrupt the atmosphere of this venue and potentially affect this being a safe space for the LGBT+ community looking for a dry space.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Huawei phone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to licence at "Lost at Sea" Leeds  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 11:41:00

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Dear Sirs at Leeds City Council Licensing Department,

I wish to object to the new bar venue at "Lost at Sea", Restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS1 6DH

I wish to object on the following grounds:

1. Antisocial behaviour & prevention of crime and disorder:

The arcade has already had an enormous issue with antisocial behaviour due to drug dealing, drug taking and homeless people. The arcade is currently closed at 9pm and should "Lost at Sea" require it to be open past this time our shop and all other shops in the arcade would be subjected to vandalism, littering and individuals urinating and defecating in the arcade. The whole arcade would be extremely unsafe and put at considerable risk of break-ins also.

2. Noise nuisance:

I am concerned that the noise level would have a negative impact on my shop as my customers can be deterred by such noise. The noise level of music is already a problem and if increased it would only exacerbate the situation.

I hope you can take these objections into consideration and hopefully can be addressed during such considerations of the license.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to new bar at 11 Central Arcade, Leeds LS1 6DH  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 11:52:35

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Dear Sir/Madam

I object to the proposed new bar at (formerly king koby) Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH.

My objection is based on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime & disorder, public safety, and the fact that it is located next door to Flamingos Coffee shop, which is an lgbt safe space, THE ONLY late night dry lgbt venue in leeds, and it would damage the lgbt community if this very vital space was lost.

I am concerned that rowdy customers from the new bar could insult customers entering and leaving Flamingos, making them feel vulnerable and unsafe.

Please take my objection into account when considering this application.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bar at Restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade LS6 1DH  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 14:46:19

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Dear Entertainment Licensing,

I object to the proposed new bar at Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS1 6DH. I object on the grounds that the venue will cause public nuisance, and increase in both crime and disorder. The venue would be adjacent to Flamingos Coffee which is the only dry LGBT friendly late night venue in Leeds. If the application were to be approved, it would be at significant detriment to this safe space.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing plans to erect bar nearby Flamingos cafe  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 15:55:14

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Flamingos cafe is an extremely important venue to the LBGTQ community. On evenings we have spoken word events, book clubs and community group events etc. Should we have a booming sound system in the shop next door and loads of drunks loitering outside we will lose a hub of integral and well loved Leeds LBGTQ space, which is not only the only late night queer dry space in Leeds, but also where LBGTQ groups such as TransPrideLeeds meet to plan community events in a safe and respectable environment.

For these reasons I strongly object to the proposed new bar at (formerly king koby) Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime & disorder, public safety and to protect Leeds as an inclusive and diverse city that not only accepts, but celebrates its LBGTQ community.

Yours in good faith

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objections to Lost At Sea proposal (11 Central Arcade)  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 16:00:07

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To Whom it may concern,

I am emailing you with my objections to the opening of the bar Lost at Sea at 11 Central Arcade on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety.

The proposed bar is right next to Flamingos, a dry space that is an LGBTQIA+ dry safe space. A lot of the LGBTQIA+ community use this space frequently and would feel unsafe with the bar next door as it opens them up to risk of harassment or worse by intoxicated patrons of the bar.

Flamingos is currently the venue of choice for an LGBT+ group I attend for people with learning disabilities and autistic people. Many of us are considered vulnerable adults and many of us have sensory issues. This bar would be a huge risk to our wellbeing.

Flamingos serves as a hub for events such as poetry, spoken word, community events and has assisted with various dry Pride events. A bar next door would be loud and I know a lot of the community would be much less willing to attend due to this and safety. As a lot of patrons will be obviously queer or gender non confirming, quite like myself, I have worries that the patrons next door will be peering in like it is a zoo.

An additional shop that could be impacted is Geek Retreat. Geek Retreat is a board game cafe that serves a lot of communities. It runs child friendly events such as card game tournaments for Pokemon and Yugioh which often finish in the late evening and the presense of a bar would make these events inaccessible to a lot of children due to fears from parents or the children themselves.

Please reconsider these proposals.

Thank you

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to new bar Lost at Sea, unit 1, 11 Central Arcade, LS16DH  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 16:11:13

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Dear Sirs/Madams

As members of Leeds LGBT community, my partner wish to object to the opening of a proposed new bar at Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, LS16DH. We object on the grounds of prevention of public safety, public nuisance, and prevention of crime & disorder. The adjacent spaces in Central Arcade consist a safe space for the whole of the LGBT community in Leeds. In the space next door to the proposed Lost At Sea business there is the only late-night 'dry' LGBT venue in Leeds, the only safe space in the centre of Leeds where no alcohol is served and the LGBT community can find safe and discrete haven from a noisy and bustling city centre at night. It is primarily a matter of health and safety for users and customers of services offered already in Central Arcade. We therefore oppose the plan and ask you to reconsider carefully the proposed application.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed business Lost at Sea Restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 15:51:52

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Dear Sir/Madame,

I would like hereby to express my concerns and opposition to the opening of a new Restaurant at Unit 1 of 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH. The proposed business would be named Lost At Sea and it would increase the noise levels in the area from afternoon to late night. It could put at risk the safety and privacy of all local residents at Vassalli House, [REDACTED] Central Road, LS1 6DE. Our [REDACTED] of the proposed business unit. If the business proposes to use loud music and attract queues of people outside their premises on daily basis, and particularly during the night, it would heighten the risk of public nuisance, the risk to public safety of local residents or clients of nearby shops, and it could be detrimental for our mental health as local residents. For the sake of crime and disorder prevention, we oppose the establishment of this kind of business (Lost at Sea) at Unit 1 of 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH. The risk is too high to be managed efficiently. We do not intend to be calling every evening your nuisance team to solve the issues. We beg you to consider the above parameters before approving the opening of such a business.

Please, keep us informed of any developments with regards to the matter.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to the new bar, lost at sea  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 16:40:58

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For these reasons I strongly object to the proposed new bar at (formerly king koby) Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime & disorder, public safety and to protect Leeds as an inclusive and diverse city that not only accepts, but celebrates its LBGTQ community.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to the lost at sea bar opening up  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 16:41:56

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Yours in good faith

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** My objection to the new bar, lost at sea, who will damage the safe environment  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 16:45:09

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Yours in good faith

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Date: 22 September 2020 16:49:50

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in response to the proposed new bar Lost At Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade LS1 6DH on the grounds of prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and to protect the LGBTQ+ community of Leeds.

The proposed venue for this new bar is next door to Flamingos Coffee House which is the only late night LGBTQ+ friendly venue in Leeds that is not a bar, not to mention one of the only accessible ones. It functions as a safe space for vulnerable LGBTQ+ people who are either not safe or not comfortable in drinking venues or are under age. Many customers are survivors of abuse from family members, survivors of violent attacks by strangers or are older LGBTQ+ people with limited support networks. Flamingos gave a home to support groups such as Friends of Dorothy, Non-binary Leeds, Leeds Disabled Peoples Organisation, Unwritten and many more. These groups will not be able to continue to support their vulnerable participants if a bar is next door due to the danger posed by drunk patrons. Drunk patrons who have come outside to smoke or are entering/leaving are likely to be loud, intrusive and verbally abusive as well as posing a risk of physical violence due to the homophobia and transphobia that is currently rife. As you are aware, a well known transphobic person, Posie Parker, recently staged a protest in Leeds so despite Leeds reputation for being a diverse and inclusive space there is still a high danger to its LGBTQ+ residents. As Flamingos is a visibly LGBTQ+ venue all patrons next door will be aware that the patrons are likely to be LGBTQ+. This concern also extends to patrons of Geek Retreat who are often LGBTQ+ or people with autism/learning difficulties as well, who would also be targeted by bar patrons. The negative impact to business at Geek Retreat caused by drunk patrons congregating directly outside their main entrance to smoke would be phenomenal.

I would also like to point out that many shops in Central Arcade, including Flamingos, are glass fronted and having drunk patrons in the arcade is likely to lead to smashed glass, posing a risk to both businesses and public safety. Most of those businesses are small ventures and if they were forced to close to repair they would lose vital money needed to keep their business afloat and pay staff - this would negatively impact both Leeds economy and reputation if it led to them closing.

My concern for Flamingos and many business in Central Arcade is also because most of those business chose to pay extra to rent in Central Arcade specifically to be away from the bars found off Briggate and on Lower Briggate and Call Lane. The introduction of a bar to this environment would bring those drinkers in a negatively impact the privacy of these shops and they are likely to move to cheaper, non central areas, again negatively impacting the economy.

I hope you consider these factors in the license decision making and take into account the safety and diversity of Leeds culture and most vulnerable people.

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Thanks a lot,

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Lost At Sea, LS16DH  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 16:58:48

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to object to the new proposed bar, Lost At Sea, Restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH. I'm objecting on the grounds that it will be disruptive to Leeds only dry LGBT+ venue, Flamingos, which is next door. Flamingos cafe are open late as an alcohol-free alternative to gay bars, and is the only place in Leeds that the LGBT+ community can meet without alcohol present. They frequently hold events in the evenings, such as book clubs and poetry readings, and these would be disrupted by a loud late night bar opening next door. The Flamingos customers who do not wish to be around alcohol or intoxicated people would also be affected and possibly unable to visit flamingos, which means they will be cut off from their community and support networks.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed bar at 11 Central Arcade  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 17:03:23

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Hello,

I am emailing you to express my objection to the opening of the bar Lost at Sea at 11 Central Arcade on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety.

The proposed bar is right next to Flamingos, a dry space that is also an LGTBTA+ safe space. A lot of the LGTBTA+ community use this space frequently and would feel unsafe with the bar next door as it opens them up to risk of harassment or worse by intoxicated patrons.

Flamingos serves as a hub for events such as poetry, spoken word, community events and has assisted with various dry Pride events. A bar next door would be loud and I know a lot of the community would be much less willing to attend due to this and safety. As a lot of patrons will be obviously queer or gender non confirming and as I myself am I have worries that the patrons next door will be peering in like it is a zoo.

An additional shop that could be impacted is Geek Retreat. Geek Retreat is a board game cafe that serves a lot of communities. It runs child friendly events such as card game tournaments for Pokemon and Yugioh which often finish in the late evening and the presence of a bar would make these events inaccessible to a lot of children due to fears from parents or the children themselves.

I ask you to please reconsider these proposals.

Yours in good faith,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Re: PREM/04599/001  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 17:30:21

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On Tue, 22 Sep 2020 at 17:29 [REDACTED] wrote

Good afternoon

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It is the responsibility of the council to protect spaces; in an era of Covid 19 it is so important that we maintain safe spaces for the mental health of our community and Flamingos is the only safe, dry space in the city.

For these reasons I strongly object to the proposed new bar at (formerly king koby) Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime & disorder, public safety and to protect Leeds as an inclusive and diverse city that not only accepts, but celebrates its LBGTQ community.

Yours in good faith

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Re. Objection to new Nightclub next door to Flamingos Coffee Shop  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 17:35:09

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Good afternoon,

I am emailing to object to the proposed bar Lost At Sea in Central Arcade next to Flamingos Cafe, on the grounds of noise disturbance and the loss of a vital safe space.

Flamingos cafe is an extremely important venue to the LBGTQ community. On evenings we have spoken word events, book clubs and community group events etc. Should we have a booming sound system in the shop next door and drunk customers loitering outside, our space will no longer feel safe and our events, which are usually unplugged and unamplified, will be completely drowned out. Many LBGTQ people do not feel safe in spaces where alcohol is served, and as such Flamingos is a dry venue and a vital space for those customers. It is a community hub, and one that has been long needed in Leeds city centre.

Should there be a bar situated next door, we will lose an integral and well loved Leeds LBGTQ space. Flamingos is not only the only late night queer dry space in Leeds, but also where LBGTQ groups such as TransPrideLeeds meet to plan community events in a safe and respectable environment.

For these reasons I strongly object to the proposed new bar at (formerly king koby) Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH on the grounds of:

the prevention of public nuisance;  
prevention of crime & disorder;  
public safety;  
and to protect Leeds as an inclusive and diverse city that not only accepts, but celebrates its LBGTQ community.

I ask that you consider this objection fairly, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in good faith

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to PREM/04599/001  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 18:31:22

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Good afternoon

I am emailing to object to the proposed bar Lost At Sea in Central Arcade next to Flamingos Café, on the grounds of noise disturbance and the loss of a vital safe space.

Flamingos café is an extremely important venue to the LGBTQ community. On evenings we have spoken word events, book clubs and community group events etc. Should we have a booming sound system in the shop next door and loads of drunks loitering outside we will lose a hub of integral and well loved Leeds LGBTQ space, which is not only the only late night queer dry space in Leeds, but also where LGBTQ groups such as TransPrideLeeds meet to plan community events in a safe and respectable environment. Additionally, Geek Retreat is right above it and a loud bar and drunken people underneath would stop it being a safe place for young kids to game on an evening too.

For these reasons I strongly object to the proposed new bar at (formerly King Koby) Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH on the grounds of:

- the prevention of public nuisance;
- prevention of crime & disorder;
- public safety; and
- to protect Leeds as an inclusive and diverse city that not only accepts, but celebrates its LGBTQ community.

I ask that you consider this objection fairly, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in good faith

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Entertainment Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Concerned Objection  
**Date:** 22 September 2020 20:51:43

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To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident within the [REDACTED]. My attention has been drawn to a proposed bar opening in Leeds City Centre with these details - Lost at Sea, restaurant 1, 11 Central Arcade, Leeds, LS16DH - on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime & disorder and public safety.

This bar would be opening in very close proximity to two important venues in Leeds, namely Geek Retreat and Flamingos Café. These places are very important within Leeds due to their open and accepting nature, with a large customer base of people who are part of the LGBTQ+ scene of Leeds and/or people with a wide range of disabilities. Geek Retreat also hosts regular events on a weekly basis which may have children or younger people attending, and these can finish after 8pm, up to around 10pm. This means a large number of vulnerable people would be exposed to antisocial behaviour and intoxicated people, threatening their mental health and their physical safety.

Flamingos would also be negatively affected by this bar opening as it is a quiet, calm space that is beloved and needed by Leeds' LGBTQ+ community, and it hosts many varied events such as Spoken Word and Poetry, meetings of various groups such as TransLeeds' Mens' Group, and some of these events are also specifically centered around people with disabilities. Again, this would be subject to the same issues as mentioned above.

I understand this objection may come after today's deadline, but due to work commitments I was unable to reply until now and I hope that as a resident of Leeds and a customer of these establishments, both of which have played a large role in making me feel welcome and safe in this city, that my objection would still be relevant when this application is considered.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]