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Cc:Bithell, Cllr Hannah;Illingworth, Cllr John;Garthwaite, Cllr Al;Pryor, Cllr Jonathan;Walshaw, Cllr Neil
Subject:Objection to Headingley Stadium License Application from all Kirkstall and Headingley Councillors

Dear Susan and Martyn,

Re: PREMISES LICENCE 04536/001

This is an objection to the above application from all 6 Kirkstall and Headingley and Hyde Park Ward Councillors. We are writing as a group on behalf of residents who have approached us to express concerns about this application. One resident in particular asked us to submit an objection on their behalf due to not wishing for their name to appear with their comments. We are requesting that this objection is published in full and made available to members of the Licensing Committee.

Leeds Rugby have applied for a Premises Licence to host boxing and wrestling matches within the □Rugby bowl□ which includes the pitch and all four stands which sit within the Rugby Stadium at Emerald Headingley. They state that they hope to host a maximum of two events per year between the hours of 12 noon and midnight on either a Friday or Saturday attracting approximately 25,000 spectators on each occasion.

Our objection to this proposal is on the basis of prevention of public nuisance caused by noise, lights and traffic all after 12.30pm in a built up residential area already heavily affected by noise pollution.

The following changes are our main objections:

Finish Times, parking and disturbance: As the Stadium are aware; councillors receive frequent complaints about parking in residential streets when rugby matches are on and the disturbance this causes to local residents. We are gravely concerned that the license application outlines that people will be leaving the Stadium up to 12.30am which is much later than current finishing times. We object to this in the strongest terms. Most people attending the Stadium park in residential areas in the Headingley, Burley and Queenswood areas. We anticipate significant disturbance to local residents caused by up to 25,000 people leaving the Stadium at 12.30-1am.

Serving of alcohol till 12am: Currently large sports events in the Stadium finish at 10pm. Extending the serving of alcohol until 12pm with an additional request for an extra half hour in order allow for people to start vacating the premises would mean a realistic, actual finishing time of nearer 1am. We are concerned this will result in extreme noise disturbance for our residents. If this license is approved (which we are strongly requesting is not the case) we would insist that alcohol is only served till 10pm as with current events.

Floodlights: This proposal includes full floodlights until 11pm with dimmed lights after this hour □ presumably until everyone has left at 12.30pm. We believe this will cause disturbance to residents living near the Stadium

Car parks: Car parks will be lit and people will still be leaving the area at 12.30- 1am as outlined above. The Elida Gibbs Field in Kirkstall Ward has been used for overflow parking for other events at the Stadium, but these have finished at 10pm, which is reasonable, with most cars gone by then. It is of grave concern to Kirkstall Ward councillors in particular that the car parks being lit till 12.30am with people leaving up till 1am will cause considerable disruption and noise nuisance to our residents.

Music: Provision of amplified music, again up to 12am in an outside area is not reasonable and will cause considerable noise nuisance to Headingley residents in particular. Councillors already receive frequent complaints with the current events and their earlier finish times.

Litter and Street Urination: Residents frequently complain of the considerable litter left behind after matches which is not adequately cleared by the Stadium. We are concerned that longer events (midday to midnight) will generate additional litter. We also believe the disgraceful behaviour of public urination in residential streets will be worse due to the later finish times and later sales of alcohol.

We strongly object to this application for the reasons outlined above and request that the Licensing Committee refuse it. We also request that one of us is able to speak against the application at the committee to represent our very concerned residents.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Hannah Bithell
Councillor Al Garthwaite
Councillor John Illingworth
Councillor Jonathan Pryor
Councillor Fiona Venner
Councillor Neil Walshaw.