

Dear Mrs Massey,

Thanks for your helpful correspondence. You made some very important points that we had not considered. We would like to opt for an anonymous response for fear of reprisal and to protect our privacy and data in keeping with the General Data Protection Regulation. I have altered our response, see below, (I have removed all potential and actual identifiers) to reflect this. Please could you kindly use the anonymised version below and confirm this by return email?

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing to you to object to the variation of the existing licence to the above premises. We object to the request based on the following;

1. Incongruence with the quality of the environment of St Pauls Street and surroundings; St Pauls Street is within a conservation area and is adjacent to the serene and beautiful Park Square which is unique in Leeds city centre. St Pauls Street has several buildings of significance from an architectural and design perspective. St Paul's Street is home to one of the most iconic and amazing buildings in Leeds designed by an internationally recognised architect Thomas Ambler. St Pauls House is a cultural landmark, that pre Covid-19, drew visitors interested in Art and Design from Europe and beyond to the Financial and legal Quarter. Extending the licence of My Bar Leeds will irreversibly alter the 'face' of St Paul's Street and is not in keeping with the cultural environment.

2. Lack of compatibility with residential area; in recent years several office buildings have been converted into apartments. So the area is in a transition phase moving from office buildings to residential properties. Extending the licensing hours of the My Bar Leeds premises is not in keeping with a residential area.

3. Noise pollution; the World Health Organisation has recognised the negative health effects of unwanted environmental noise pollution. The proposed variation of the existing licence will lead to an increase in unwanted environmental noise, especially for those living directly above, and adjacent, to the premises. Unwanted environmental noise pollution, especially at night, causes sleep disturbance and sleep deprivation. This in turn leads to both physical and psychological ill-health and a negative impact on quality of life and mental health.

In fact, according to some World Health Organization (WHO) findings, noise is the second largest environmental cause of health problems.

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/signals/signals-2020/articles/noise-pollution-is-still-widespread>.

4. Encouragement of disorderly behaviour; the extension of hours has the potential to encourage late night alcohol consumption which is often associated with disorderly behaviour and disturbance of the peace.

Thanks you for considering our feedback regarding the requested variation to the existing licence to My Bar Leeds.