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Dear Licensing Sub-Committee

I would like to express my regret at being unable to attend the licensing sub-committee hearing on 5th April 2022, due to resourcing issues, and understand my written representation will be considered in my absence.

As already outlined in the representation the area in which this application is located is an area of concern to Public Health as it is at high risk of alcohol harm. As such, I would request that Members consider refusing this application outright. However, I am aware that both Environmental Health and West Yorkshire Police have withdrawn their representations due to agreed amendments to the application and so should Members be minded to grant the licence Public Health would ask that the following conditions be considered and applied, should Members consider it appropriate and proportionate to do so.

All areas of the premises to be used for the display of alcohol are marked on the plan. The display of alcohol will not change without the consent of the licensing authority by way of a minor variation application to the licence.

The display of alcohol will be in a designated area of the premises which is capable of being supervised from the counter area.

The display of spirits shall be in an area accessible only by staff

No single cans of beers, lagers or ciders with an ABV of 6.5% or above will be stored or sold from the premises. Signage notifying customers will be displayed at the entrance to the premises and at the point of sale.

There will be no sale of cider and lager of 7.5% alcohol by volume (abv) in 1, 2 or 3 litre plastic bottles.

The proposed location of these premises is only a 15-minute walk away from an area which is a "street drinking hotspot" and evidence from Harehills Lane shows that people will congregate where cheap alcohol is available which makes it highly likely this behaviour will replicate in the Harehills North area. These measures would promote the licensing objective

of the **Prevention of Crime and Disorder** and **Public Nuisance** by reducing the availability of the products favoured by people who are alcohol dependent and who cause disorder and nuisance by drinking their purchases on the streets, without reducing choice to customers who are able to safely enjoy the consumption of alcohol. Further detail on this issue is contained within my representation.

Information on a local alcohol treatment providers, including contact details, will be available on the licensed premises.

Much work is currently ongoing in the Harehills area to support people with alcohol dependence and to provide opportunities for them to access advice and treatment. As stated in the Public Health representation the area in which the premises is located has a higher than average number of children and young people living in the area, it is the 2nd highest in Leeds for "Population aged 16 or under". The proliferation of establishments selling cheap alcohol and residents suffering from alcohol dependency normalises the situation for children and as they grow older it almost sets the benchmark for what is normal in their area. We know from peer-reviewed evidence such an environment can have a strong influence on impressionable children in low income neighbourhoods and can create low aspiration amongst this peer group.

This measure will contribute to **protecting children from harm** by providing useful information to parents or carers in the area who may be alcohol dependent or who may be affected by the alcohol dependence experienced by family members. Public Health can provide this information to the applicant, as well as work with the premises to ensure other resources available to people with alcohol dependence and families are advertised in the local area.

Yours Faithfully



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