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To:Entertainment Licensing; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject:License application LBA Chinese Cuisine /Woodhouse Charcoal BBQ

Importance:Normal

Dear Licensing,

The North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Assn has been representing the residents and businesses in the Headingley Hill and Hyde Park Corner area for over 50 years. It has been a vocal supporter of the Headingley centre cumulative impact policy, and has regularly raised concerns about the impact of more and more bars along the A660, on noise, litter, vermin, and public order.

NHPNA therefore writes to oppose the attached (un-numbered) application seen in the window of Woodhouse Charcoal on the Crescent at Hyde Park Corner (HPC) for that premises to serve alcohol and to play recorded music.

The Association objects on the grounds of all four criteria:

- 1 Prevention of crime and disorder
- 2 Public Safety
- 3 Prevention of Public nuisance
- 4 Protection of children from harm

1 & 3 because the Otley Run is a significant chronic disorder problem; every weekend hordes of people travel to Far Headingley to start this drinking marathon. By the time they reach Hyde Park Corner they are drunk, and usually in need of a toilet, so relieve themselves *ad lib* in doorways, gateways, churchyards and gardens. Local residents (and a number of other businesses on the Crescent) are fed up with this desecration of their homes and properties. Opening another licensed premises will make this problem worse, so should be avoided. Furthermore, no mention is made as to whether the Applicant has suitable toilet facilities.

2 Many will have observed the behaviour of drunks in traffic - they are a risk to vehicles, to cyclists, and particularly to themselves as they weave across the A660, especially in central Headingley and at the notoriously dangerous Hyde Park junction. The pedestrian lights at HPC are ignored by drivers turning left and right illegally from Headingley Lane; this is terrifying for sober pedestrians, how is adding revellers going to make the junction more safe ?

3 This area is blighted by party noise, litter and graffiti. Adding another premises with a music license will only exacerbate the noise problem, and a late license EVERY WEEKEND implies permission to student parties to go on into the night, which will keep normal working families awake when they should be enjoying their rights (under the European Convention of Human Rights) to sleep. Furthermore, it is likely to add to the dropped fast-food packaging, the broken glass and the vomit on our pavements.

4 Our association includes many families and a number of cyclists; why should we be expected to pick our way through puke and fast-food packaging to go about our normal

business? What impression does this give to our youngsters, what behaviours will they model for their adolescence ?

3 And surely if cyclists give up because of punctures caused by broken glass, it will result in less environmentally sound transport choices, which would run contrary to the City Council sustainability objectives ?

Please decline this application, and send a signal by refusing permission to appeal.

For NHPNA

