

Dear Cllrs,

You probably already know there are only 4 matters which are allowed to be considered in a Licensing letter of support or objection:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm

For the Licensing Panel to take any points into consideration they must relate to one or more of these four.

UK Licensing rules have changed over the years and now the details of anyone making a comment and their contact details must be made available to the applicant by LCC Licensing unless the person making the comment has told licensing they may be at risk if their details are released. Our Licensing Team are very helpful on this and do all they can within the law to ensure people's details are not released if the person does not wish that.

The other way for the public to make a comment confidentially is for a Cllr to make the comment for them. In this way however many objectors give their comments to you and as part of your submission

and at the hearing you quote the comments simply saying you have received them. I have copied in Bridget in Licensing to confirm if what I have noted above is correct and if there's anything else I should have mentioned. I have attached the LCC guidance.

Turning to the application at 259 Beeston Rd may I make the following observations. Doubtless you will know of others but please feel free to use and expand on these :

"I am writing to oppose the application for 24 hour opening at 259 Beeston Road for the following reasons:

In some areas 24 hour sales are acceptable – most notably in an area away from houses. This is the exact opposite.

The off-licence is in a residential area with houses on several sides. Allowing 24 hour opening in such a vicinity would lead to increased noise throughout the night which residents should not need to endure. There will be people needing to set off for work in the morning and parents with young children all of whom will be affected by the noise caused by an off-licence operating throughout the night.

It goes without saying the applicant wants to open for 24 hours in order to sell during the new times. This will necessitate noise and encourage night-time drinkers to the location. In other areas, (such as Harehills and Armley,) this has led to major ASB problems and doubtless brought down the value of houses in the vicinity due to ongoing negative media coverage.

Beeston Road is immediately beside the premise. Cars travel at speed along this area and public safety is an issue with people buying alcohol in the vicinity.

Additionally the location is less than 400ft from grassed areas on either side which will be an ideal location for people to sit on walls, socialise and drink.

Sunny View House Care Home is across the road from the off-licence – about 50 ft away. "

Kind regards

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Safer Stronger Communities Team