APPENDIX G

"I am writing to object to the Booze 4 U "Shadow" application at 220 Roundhay Road.

- I am the Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator for Leeds City Council and work within the Communities, Housing and Environment Directorate. I have worked for Leeds City Council since 2008 and have been employed in my current role since 2017. My work concerns helping develop partnership working to improve the 64 local shopping areas across Leeds outside the city centre.
- Street drinking has had a detrimental effect on the entire wellbeing of the Harehills shopping areas of Leeds and reduced the range and appeal of the shopping area. Allowing ever more permissions for off-licences will encourage public nuisance and fears for public safety.
- For many years we have been blighted by the scourge of street drinking in the Gipton & Harehills Ward. It got so bad by 2018 that a legally enforceable Cumulative Impact Policy ("CIP") was granted which is a way to oppose additional off-licences. To obtain a CIP, major consultation is required with the local community and that clearly showed the public wish to do all possible to reduce off-licence sales.
- Certainly, street drinking in this area is a chronic problem for addicts, local business and local residents. The Council continues to fund a dedicated support officer who works with street drinkers in Harehills Lane helping them find a better course for their lives. They are the only such officer employed in this role across the city and the ongoing funding is provided because of the street drinking problems.
- The Police are currently leading on appropriate closure of off-licences. To allow additional ways for any off-licence to operate seems inappropriate "

Kind regards

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