

**Musson, Martyn**

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**From:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Sent:** 20 November 2024 15:28  
**To:** Musson, Martyn  
**Subject:** FW: PREM/05424/001

**From:** Goodall, Cllr Tim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:52 AM  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing <[Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** PREM/05424/001

Good morning,

I write to object to the application PREM/05424/001 by Lounge Café Bars for a licence to serve alcohol and late-night refreshments in the units 22-24 of the Arndale Centre (LS6 2UE). Many residents have contacted me to express their concern and their wish for me to object to the application. No residents have contacted me to express their support for the application.

As you are aware, Headingley has a Cumulative Impact Policy. Headingley has serious problems with behaviour resulting from alcohol consumption. Another large premises serving alcohol will make this situation worse. The presumption of the CIP should be against awarding any more licenses in Headingley Town Centre. Even with mitigations and conditions for the initial award of a license, once awarded, it is very difficult to remove it, so that when the premises change hands or a variation is applied for, the result is always the same – things getting ever worse for the residents and other businesses of Headingley.

Related to this is the issue of public safety. Each weekend, and sometimes on weekdays, there is a problem of anti-social behaviour along the Arndale Centre and surrounding streets. Since I was elected this May, I've had hundreds of emails and other messages from residents regarding their concerns for public safety related to the Otley Run, including huge fights spilling onto roads and drunk people regularly and randomly walking into the road with no warning. This produces dangers to both the drinkers and to local people going about their daily lives. It is no argument to say that this will be a food-led premises as there does not seem to be any way to enforce this competently in law. Residents have contacted me to say that they have seen Otley Run participants gathering at Rudy's, drinking pints in their outside area, when this is not supposed to be an Otley Run venue. Simply put, venues do not turn drinkers away.

Public nuisance is a huge problem already in Headingley, and this is the reason it has a CIP in the first place. Some residents have recently contacted me to say that they are planning to move away from the area because of the Otley Run and, in some cases, have already put their house up for sale. Local people visiting 21 Co. café have been intimidated by Otley Runners and the café owner tells me that takings on Saturday afternoon have decreased markedly because residents are too afraid of the Otley Runners. The manager of Beamworks (next to the Skyrack) tells me that she regularly has inebriated people entering her shop, sometimes with full pints of beer in their hands, causing havoc in the shop and causing a huge loss of income on Saturdays. As well as the safety aspects (see above), the general unpleasantness of encountering shouting, drunk people along the Arndale and the feeling of intimidation at not being able to get along the street easily and in peace is already unbearable. The public urination (and sometimes defecation) and acts of vandalism on cars, gardens and property is another consequence of the excessive consumption of alcohol in Headingley. Many residents have told me that they have been intimidated and verbally abused by Otley Runners, including horrifying sexist, racist and homophobic abuse. This application can only make things worse in the long run, whatever mitigations are promised by the applicants. The court case appealing against the original license for the Box witnessed the applicants claiming that their premises would be food-led and "somewhere you could take your maiden aunt". Now it is an alcohol-led sports bar with very few maiden aunts amongst their clientele.

Finally, and related to all the above, children are already suffering from the consequences of the cumulative impact of alcohol consumption in Headingley, and the effects on the economy which mean that there are no longer places to buy everyday items for family use – or places to spend pocket money safely on a Saturday morning (with the Otley Run starting ever earlier – recently as early as 10:30am). Many residents have told me that their young teenagers, who should be ready to go out on their own or with groups of friends, are too afraid to go out because of the Otley Run. If families have gone out in Headingley at the weekend with young children, they have been regularly exposed to inappropriate clothing, inappropriate behaviour and even entirely naked, very drunk Otley Runners. Thus, the protection of children from harm is another reason for turning down this application.

I am aware that the applicants will point to their responsible management of venues in other cities and towns and argue that they will not participate in the problems I have been listing above. They may well be in earnest, but the experience of all of the licenses we have fought and tried to mitigate in past years (The Arc, The Taps, Arcadia, The Box amongst them) is that whatever the premises starts out like, it ends up being yet another draw for large groups of people drinking to excess which results in the kinds of behaviour I have mentioned here.

**I therefore request that the licensing committee turn down this application in line with Headingley's Cumulative Impact Policy.**

Best wishes,  
Tim

Cllr Tim Goodall  
Headingley & Hyde Park Ward

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**From:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Sent:** 20 November 2024 15:49  
**To:** Musson, Martyn  
**Subject:** FW: Representation for PREM/05424/001 from Cllrs Hannan & Pryor

**From:** Pryor, Cllr Jonathan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 4:25 PM  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing <[Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Duckworth, Sue [REDACTED]; Hannan, Cllr Abdul [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Representation for PREM/05424/001 from Cllrs Hannan & Pryor

**Licensing Application : PREM/05424/001**

We are writing with comment on the Licensing Application for Lounge, 22-24 Headingley Central, Otley Road, Headingley, LS6 2UE.

We are disappointed in the loss of another shop in Headingley but equally recognise the need to not allow empty units to grow in number. As such we would object to the license as applied for in its current form on the grounds of prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and public nuisance.

The premises is located in an already recognised area with a large number of licensed premises, so much so that the Council have designated this a cumulative impact area, as described in the Statement of Licensing Policy at paragraphs 7.19 7.20 2.21 and 7.22. The onus is therefore on the applicant to demonstrate how this would not further contribute to existing issues in the area, that cannot be attributed to one specific premises but are rather the cumulative effect of multiple venues.

To even consider a change of use, as local Councillors we would require from the applicant a thorough and objective plan as to how a new venue would not add to the cumulative impact in Headingley, and a minimum of additional listed conditions including but not limited to:

- No serving Otley Runners in fancy dress
- A condition that the premises must be food-led and alcohol only being permitted to be served alongside a meal

We do not believe the applicant has demonstrated this is their application.

Best wishes

Cllrs Abdul Hannan & Jonathan Pryor

**Councillor Jonathan Pryor**  
**Deputy Leader of Leeds City Council**  
**Executive Member for Economy, Transport & Sustainable Development**  
**Headingley & Hyde Park Ward**

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**From:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Sent:** 20 November 2024 15:05  
**To:** Musson, Martyn  
**Subject:** FW: PREM/05424/001 FW: Loungers PLC

**From:** Wilson, Cllr Izaak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 3:30 PM  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing <[Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Flint, Cllr Emma [REDACTED]; Heselwood, Cllr Jools [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: PREM/05424/001 FW: Loungers PLC

Hi

Thank you.

If possible, can I add a further comment on behalf the three of us? It's simply a request for in addition to previous submission:

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- No drinking at their outdoors tables without food
- A general 'No Otley Run' condition - more difficult to enforce than the specific conditions we've proposed, but if added as an additional catch-all it would make it easier to call the Licence into review if there were problems
- No advertisement of drinks-only offers (e.g. "2-for-1 cocktails")

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Best wishes,

Cllr **Izaak Wilson**

Weetwood Ward Councillor

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**From:** Wilson, Cllr Izaak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 3, 2024 12:06 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Entertainment Licensing <[Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk)>; Flint, Cllr Emma [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Loungers PLC

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for emailing and copying in Entertainment Licensing, so that your view can be looked at by the Licensing Sub Committee.

We have written up our views on this here: <https://www.weetwoodrose.co.uk/post/proposed-new-restaurant-in-headingley>

**To the Entertainment Licensing team**, we ask that the following conditions be agreed for the Licence:

- Not allowed to serve Otley Runners in fancy dress
- A condition that the premises must be food-led
- They carry out twice daily inspections/collections of any litter around the premises - again this is a condition of their licence

These mirror the conditions recently agreed to for the proposed premises licence at 'Catch' in Headingley.

Although the bar is not in our ward, it is close by and adds to the 'cumulative impact' of the Otley Run which starts in the Far Headingley area of Weetwood ward and continues down the A660. You will know from our previous work as ward councillors with the Licensing, LASBT and neighbourhood police teams that tackling the problems on the Otley Run is a major priority for us. In response to this campaigning, a great deal of public time and investment has gone into creating new rules (the changed PSPO, the widening of the Cumulative Impact Area), shaping new premises applications (Residence, Catch), collaborative work with local bars (including additional doorstaff), awareness raising, and most recently a huge amount of extra enforcement leading to a lot of great preventative policing.

By adding some conditions we can ensure this good work isn't undone, and that Headingley gets a new family friendly venue - always welcome.

Best wishes,

Cllr **Izaak Wilson**

Weetwood Ward Councillor

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