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Sent:Mon, 6 Jan 2025 10:38:47 +0000
To:Entertainment Licensing
Subject:80 Otley Road licensing objection
Attachments:80 Otley Road Licensing Objection.docx

Good morning,

Please find attached my objection to the license application for 80 Otley Road.

Best wishes,

Tim

Cllr Tim Goodall

Headingley & Hyde Park Ward

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I would like to object to Licence application PREM/05453/001 by Khabat Ahmad for a New Premises Licence for Off-sales at 80 Otley Road, LS6 4BA.

As a Headingley and Hyde Park councillor, I believe that the addition of an extra licensed premises towards the start of the Otley Run pub crawl will exacerbate the problems that we are already experiencing from the Otley Run all the way along the Otley Road, particularly around Headingley Central (the Arndale Centre).

The 4 objectives of Licensing Policy cannot be upheld if this Licence is granted:

- **Public Safety:** I'm regularly contacted by residents who have been threatened, verbally abused and physically attacked by people participating in the Otley Run. Many residents tell me that they no longer go out shopping after 11:30am on a Saturday because Otley Run participants make them feel unsafe. There are also many risks to public safety to those taking part in the Otley Run, including fights, being too drunk to be aware of traffic (e.g. walking out into traffic without looking) and effects of large quantities of alcohol, for example, alcohol poisoning.
- **Public Nuisance:** As listed in previous objections, residents are subject to many forms of public nuisance including noise, public urination, public defecation, vomit and litter, including huge amounts of broken glass. Local shops and cafes also have to deal with intimidation and harassment of their customers.
- **Crime & Disorder:** The council has assessed crime statistics around Headingley and has determined that there is an area that is suffering from the cumulative impact of licensed premises and consequently this is leading to problems which are undermining the licensing objectives, particularly around North Lane and Otley Road.
- **Protection of Children from Harm:** Parents with young children avoid the Headingley area when the Otley Run is happening because they don't want children to witness the associated behaviour, which has included inappropriate clothing and full nudity as well as racist, sexist and homophobic abuse. Parents are also concerned about putting their young children in danger when Otley Run participants refuse to make room on the pavement, meaning that parents have to go into the road with pushchairs to get past the Otley Runners. Teenage children in the area, who should be at the age where they are happy to go out by themselves, will not go out because of their fear of the behaviour of Otley Runners.

Cumulative Impact Policy

This area is covered by the Cumulative Impact Policy. The purpose of this is to prevent an increase in the number, size, and hours of operation, of Licenced Premises in the area. It is for the applicant to demonstrate that their application would not add to the cumulative impact.

The proposed hours of off-licence sales will add an additional alcohol supply to the often-unruly crowds that gather in Headingley for the Otley Run pub-crawl.

From:Heselwood, Cllr Jools
Sent:Sun, 5 Jan 2025 18:07:39 +0000
To:Entertainment Licensing
Cc:Flint, Cllr Emma;Wilson, Cllr Izaak
Subject:Fwd: PREM/05453/001 | Otley Road Convenience Store, 80 Otley Road, LS6 4BA | Premises Licence Application

We wish to make an objection to the licensing of the convenience store at 80 Otley Road, Headingley, LS6 4BA PREM/05453/001 by Khabat Ahmad for a New Premises Licence for Off-sales.

The area has a cumulative impact policy, largely due to the issues that arise from the Otley run. The numbers of people arriving in the area on a Saturday to do the Otley run has hugely increased post covid. This is causing issues of ASB, on street drinking and urinating through the daytime and evening in Weetwood and Headingley. The area is residential, and a new shop selling alcohol will exacerbate these already live issues. As the application for a license is situated within the cumulative impact area, it is for the applicant to demonstrate that the premises will not add to the cumulative impact, which he has not done. Granting this licence would be contrary to the CIP.

The proposed hours of off-licence sales will add an additional alcohol supply to crowds that gather in Headingley for Hen and Stag Do's, live and televised sporting events and The Otley Run pub-crawl. The hours applied for are 8am-8pm on Friday and 9am-8pm on Saturday, mean that people participating in the 'Otley Run' will be able to purchase alcohol all day on this stretch of road from this shop. This will lead to a further increase in ASB in the area, street drinking, public urination.

There is also concern that the owner has a track record of selling illegal goods at a similar premises. We have also been advised that when a local resident spoke to the applicant, he informed them he could do what he liked, and became quite aggressive.

The owner has informed the local MP Alex Sobel that he has permission for a very large and bright sign he has already put up, that we wish to object against. We have contacted planning enforcement, who have confirmed that NO planning application was received for this sign. We have lodged a complaint with regards the sign and a planning enforcement case has been opened.

Kind regards

Cllr Heselwood, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Flint
Weetwood Ward Councillors

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 20 Dec 2024 11:45:50 +0000
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: 80 Otley Road licence application

Dear Licensing

Subject: Objection to Licence Application

I have significant concerns about granting a licence to sell alcohol at this shop, particularly given its location on the Otley Run route, which is likely to attract participants.

key concerns are as follows:

1. **Street Drinking & Littering**

The shop's location between the Three Horseshoes and the New Inn raises the likelihood of street drinking and littering. Individuals on the Otley Run may stop at the shop to purchase alcohol and consume it in the street, compounding existing issues.

2. **Cumulative Impact Assessment**

There is no need for additional shops or pubs selling alcohol along Otley Road, especially on the Otley Run route. The cumulative impact of such establishments is already a concern.

We have also been advised by a constituent, although we cannot verify this, that the owner verbally abused a resident as he swore at her and told her that he 'could do whatever the f*** he wants and nobody would be able to stop him' and allegedly the man admitted to selling contraband cigarettes and vapes in another premises and had to pay a fine plus costs.

I wish to object to both the temporary and main licence applications due to these concerns.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Best Wishes



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