

Representation from Objector 1

Emailed to the Licensing Authority on 29 October 2021

Dear sir or madam,

I would like to object to the above application on the following grounds;

1. Our house and garden are overlooked by elevated windows at the rear of the building, which, whilst not presenting any sort of a problem whilst it was a bank, would become a significant problem if there were to be groups of possibly inebriated people overlooking our and others' gardens. I consider this to be a nuisance to residents (perhaps opaque film could be affixed to the windows to solve this problem);
2. Regular live and recorded music until 23.30 or even 00.00 at weekends is unacceptable in such close proximity to a residential area, and constitutes a public nuisance. We feel that the music licence should cease at 22:30 at the latest. NB- in the licence application document, section E, the licence applicant themselves has referred to the premises as a restaurant/bar. It is the development of a fully-fledged bar that particularly concerns us;
- 3.
4. Public disorder and crime are already major concerns in Low Fell, and can only be increased if another licenced premises opens (for example, as evidence of this, I regularly find people using the back lane, which we share with the proposed premises, for relieving themselves, doing drug deals, and occasionally, fighting); For the same reason, I would be concerned that children's play in the lane would be inhibited by the possible presence of drinkers/smokers next to them;
4. I am concerned about the increased levels of litter and rubbish in the lane that are likely to result from this licence being granted. Whilst Lloyds bank generated comparatively small and easily handled amounts of rubbish, this is not likely to be the case with a licenced premises. Large amounts of rubbish, particularly if food-based, would increase the rat and litter problems we currently have in the lane, which already cause a public nuisance and compromises local health and safety;
5. Noise and consequent public nuisance of people leaving pubs in the area at closing time, would be increased by having another licenced premises in this small area. We have had front windows smashed in our house three times, always by a drunk person. These were all reported to and investigated by the Police. We also had a six-foot graffiti "tag" sprayed onto the end of the house, which whilst not demonstrably attributable to drunkenness, does nevertheless point up the existing crime and antisocial behaviour problem in the area;
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7. Parking is not currently possible at the rear of the property. Any parking would we trust, be done on the business' own land (i.e. the rear yard, from which the current fencing had been removed), so as not to obstruct the lane;
- 8.
9. Increased refuse and consequent refuse collection, and deliveries of business supplies, will increase congestion in the lane, which is a cul-de-sac. Any licence granted should in my view be conditional on adherence to agreed principles, to ensure minimising of disruption (i.e., avoid blocking the lane or causing obstructions. This is already a significant problem, which we have had report to Police and the Local Authority);

I hope these objections are deemed relevant to your considerations. Where we live is not a sought-after, "prime" residential spot- but it is where we are happy, and where we have made ourselves comfortable. We are only concerned that we do not, piece-by-piece, have these simple comforts eroded by successive developments such as this.

Yours sincerely,

Names, Address and Contact details (Redacted)