

APPENDIX E

~~Highland Street~~
Widnes, W46 6SE

The Licensing Officer,
Licensing Department,
Halton Borough Council,
Municipal Building,
Widnes.

29th April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am extremely concerned to learn of the licensing application for the Premises 74 Albert Road which was formerly Bargain Booze. These premises are right on top of residential housing and clearly not suitable for a restaurant/take away and late bar.

The building is very small, with limited access and ventilation. It is likely people will open the door for ventilation and to smoke, spilling out on to the narrow pavement making noise as well as allowing the already loud noise in the small space, to spill out to cause even greater disturbance.

It is the loud noise and the coming and going which would disrupt our right to peace and security. Also disturb sleep which is particularly damaging to health for older people like myself. Also people needing to get up for work as well as the children who are disturbed, impacting on **their** health and educational attainment.

My concerns are also in regard to parking issues in residential streets, possible fighting, urinating in the street, loud aggressive behaviour at the venue and on leaving. It is likely that pavements will be blocked, so endangering public safety. We already suffer regular noise and disturbance from the very late night shop.

Please consider the local residents and not subject us to this constant disruption and disturbance in our own homes where we are supposed to feel comfortable, safe and secure.

Yours faithfully,

Dennis Leigh (Mr)



[REDACTED]
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**The Licensing Officer,
Licensing Department,
Halton Borough Council,
Municipal Building,
Widnes.**

29th April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am shocked to learn of the licensing application for the Premises 74 Albert Road which was formerly Bargain Booze. This establishment is right on top of residential housing and is clearly not a suitable building for a restaurant/take away and late bar venue.

The building is very small, with limited access and ventilation. People are likely to open the door for ventilation and the purpose of smoking, spilling out on to the narrow pavement creating their own noise as well as allowing the already loud noise in the small space, to spill out to cause even greater disturbance.

It is the likely loud noise plus the coming and going, which would disrupt our right to peace and security as well as disturbance to sleep which is damaging to health for older people like me. Also those who are tired getting up for work as well as the children who are disturbed, impacting on their health and educational attainment.

Our concerns are also in regard to parking issues in residential streets, possible fighting, urinating in the street, loud aggressive behaviour at the venue and on leaving. The blocking of pavements, so endangering public safety. We already suffer regular noise and disturbance from the very late night shop.

Please do not subject us to this constant disruption and disturbance in our own homes in which we are supposed to feel comfortable, safe and secure.

Yours faithfully,

June Leigh (Mrs)

[REDACTED]

Kim Hesketh nee Fisher

From: Eddie Jones - CLLR
Sent: 30 April 2024 16:23
To: Kim Hesketh nee Fisher
Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003 - New Premises Application

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Thanks Kim. Yes . I do object due to the close proximity of residential property and the public nuisance etc that would cause. Particularly when there are empty premises a short distance away , further into town , where impact on residents in their homes would be less .

Regards.

Eddie.

Kim Hesketh nee Fisher

From: Angela Teeling
Sent: 07 May 2024 11:45
To: Kim Hesketh nee Fisher; Eddie Jones - CLLR; Ged Philbin
Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003 - New Premises Application

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Hello Kim,

I have an issue with this, an objection.

Noise - this is a residential area, even more so now that apartments are being completed 2 doors away, the main high street itself is now a residential street.

Litter, mainly from smokers who stand outside the premises and drop cigarette butts will be increased with the longer opening.

Increased opening hours have a safety implication as not only will customers be leaving later, but staff will not be able to use public transport to get home. This also has a financial impact on the staff who are also residents of Halton.

I think the added opening times will increase noise levels from the premises and as people come and go, this will be unfair to anyone living in the area who already have to contend with noise and litter issues.

Thanks

Angela

Cllr Angela Teeling
Appleton Ward
Widnes
Borough of Halton

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15 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for a Premise Licence 74 Albert Road, Widnes
WA8 6JT.

Applicant: Karan Ravi Sasi.

I would like to submit an objection to the application that has been submitted to the Council, by the above named, on the grounds of The prevention of public nuisance and The protection of children from harm.

My objection to the application is as follows;

The proposed informal restaurant (whatever this means) and modest takeaway (what is modest??) is in a small area of Albert Road that runs between Deacon Road and Peelhouse Lane. It is a residential area which is currently already saturated with 8 takeaways, 3 pubs and 2 cafes. Why do we need another informal restaurant/takeaway in this area as we all know fast food is not healthy!

There will be additional foot and vehicle traffic as customers visit the premises either to have a meal in the restaurant or call to pick up a takeaway resulting in noise and disturbance to residents in surrounding streets as customers come and go.

There is no dedicated car park to the restaurant/takeaway and very limited parking on Albert Road. There is a small car park at the back of Albert Road/Deacon Road but this is always full as residents of the surrounding flats who live above the shops park there. It is likely that customers will then look to park in the residential streets surrounding the premises. They will not look to seek out the free parking available in Albert Square and will seek to park closer to the premises. Parking is already a nightmare for

local residents throughout the day due to staff from local businesses on Albert Road parking and then during the evening when customers and delivery drivers are visiting pubs/ takeaways due to the amount of takeaways and late convenience shops that are already trading.

There will potentially be additional noise disturbance for local residents from people talking as they walk back to their car, or are walking through the streets to get to their own home. There will also be noise from car doors slamming at whatever time they leave the premises and as everyone knows sound travels late at night.

In the Operating Schedule I note that where drugs are found on the premises and confiscated that the procedure will be agreed with Merseyside Police. I assume this is a typing error as surely it should be Cheshire Police??

It also states that the doors and windows **should** be closed after 11pm. I believe this should say **will** be closed. And why cant it state that they **will be closed by 9pm??**

I understand that the proposal is for the supply of alcohol (on the premises) from **11am to 1am, 7 days a week** and open to the **public from 11am to 1.15 am, 7 days a week**. Why do they need to be open 14 hours a day and 7 days a week??

The Operating Schedule states that alcohol will only be served to those customers taking a table meal or waiting for a table. What is going to be classed as a table meal?? A plate of chips? Customers could leave the 2 pubs in the vicinity at closing time and then go into the restaurant, order a plate of chips and carry on drinking till 1,15am, 7 nights a week as there is nowhere else for them to go to drink alcohol. This is not acceptable given the premises is in a residential area which is already saturated with takeaways and pubs which all generate levels of noise which impact on local residents. Residents accept that some noise is expected due to the number of pubs/takeaways that are in this small area but are entitled to live their life in peace and quiet and

go to bed for a peaceful nights sleep, 7 nights a week.

I, therefore, believe that the proposed hours of opening should be limited to take into consideration the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Residents have to get up and go to work and children should not have to go to school feeling tired because their sleep has been disturbed by potential noise up to 1.15am 7 days a week.

I believe that by restricting the opening hours in the application, it will prevent any risk of public nuisance and will protect children living in the street from harm.

Thanking you in anticipation for considering the points made in my letter of objection.

Kind Regards

Lyn Fletcher

I would like to point out that the blue A4 sheet of paper that the premises had to display to the public was actually placed about 8 feet from the floor so not in peoples eyeline. I only noticed this when I returned from holiday on the 7th May. I contacted Legal Services immediately who arranged for the notice to be lowered and would like to pass on my thanks to them.

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
16 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: OBJECTION TO A PREMISE LICENCE, 74 ALBERT ROAD, WIDNES WA8 6JT – KARAN RAVI SASI

I would like to submit an objection for the following reasons:

The area has previously had numerous problems which are well documented with noise and disturbance from late night licensed establishments. First and foremost, this is well populated residential area largely comprising of the elderly and young families. The protection of residents' ability to live in peace and quiet in the late evenings should be a priority. Whilst some noise is inevitable and has to be accepted, it is the lateness of these establishments that cause the most problems. No one deserves or wants to be woken up 7 days a week in the early hours.

We have recently managed to establish a much better environment with regards to late night noise. Whilst it is not perfect, the area has greatly improved due to the time restrictions and other measures placed on these establishments. If this late license is approved then other existing establishments or future applications will seek to follow. Certainly doors and windows should be closed in accordance with other premises or they will do the same.

With the large number of existing premises and takeaway shops along Albert Road we are already under pressure for parking, even more so with large delivery trucks, taxis and fast food delivery drivers. There has been an increase in litter, car doors slamming, car horns and shouting as people who are drinking do not consider the residents. Most people seek to park as close as possible to their destination, they do not use the car parks. Instead, as we know from our own experience, they constantly double park all along Albert Road, even on double yellows, they park anywhere and everywhere on these nearby roads, especially on the corners if that is the only available space. This area is coming under increasing pressure, it is top to bottom lined with cars, even the buses are having problems. Sometimes we struggle to even get into the road and have to drive around the block. This is highly dangerous and an accident waiting to happen with the speed of some of these vehicles.

We already have 2 pubs and a late night off licence just in a very very small area. I do not believe this needs another late night licenced premises 7 nights a week. There is now a trend to turn our high street premises into late night food and drink premises which impact our neighbourhood dramatically. If nearby more premises become available then what happens then?

I urge the Council and Council Members to give serious consideration to these facts. It is with everyone's help, hard work and co-operation that residents' quality of life and mental health have improved.

Yours faithfully

Pauline Malcolm

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