

Hello John,

I would like to voice my concerns toward the application of the change of venue license for Lowerhouse canteen. I would need my details kept confidential as per my initial concerns given for the first hearing.

The new application still raises the same concerns over the application for Lowerhouse canteen to obtain a late license and change from working men's club license to pub / late licence pub.

I live right across the road from the canteen and have many concerns about this application and the change of use.

- 1) Noise, patrons from the club are out Side the club premises throughout the night smoking and drinking which is encouraged by the provision of a smoking shelter. This creates an environmental hazard regarding the continuous smell of smoke, the front door continuously slamming as patrons leave and enter and this creates waste in terms of empty bottles and cigarette butts. I have also smelt marijuana on some instances.
- 2) potential for trouble. I have seen and witnessed many fights late at night. Some very serious incidents and a consistent stream of people arguing in the smoking shelter throughout the evening. A late license would create a haven for trouble. This is a residential area. The police response times are very poor to incidents at the canteen.
- 3) Parking. Parking is already a problem and this would mean more cars and cars being left over the weekend on a more regular basis. There are not enough parking spaces to sustain more people staying out later.
- 4) Noise. As residents we do not need or want drunks hanging around the canteen late at night waiting for taxis, being sick on the road, smashing glasses (already a problem ) the list is endless and these problems are current not what ifs.
- 5) Damage and vandalism to vehicles. Already a problem and we do not want this getting worse.
- 6)Patrons urinating in the archway across from the canteen. This is right next to my house.
- 7)There are many young families and older people in the vicinity of the canteen and it is not fair to have a late license pub in a residential area.
- 8) Bright lights from the pub which currently go off around 12. The lights are very bright and having them on later is not appropriate in this area especially when I need to get up early for work. Sometimes 6am on Sunday's.
- 9)I feel there is a place for late night drinking and that is in town, not a quiet residential street with families and old people.

10) loud music is also anti social for the residents at the side, behind and in front of the venue. Lowerhouse lane is not the place to have a nightclub and there are already enough issues. (Listed above) Having spoken to neighbours we all feel the same.

11) This would also have a negative impact on the value of my property and also inhibit the sale of it in the future, as no one would want to live across the road from a nightclub.

12) It could also increase the propensity of drink driving. We have already had cars ploughing into the safetybars in front of our house and had people running off when crashes have occurred. (Due to being drunk)

13) Opening early for wakes from 9.30am will cause major issues for parking in an already congested limited parking area and will only exacerbate concerns associated with people drinking all day

Please take careful consideration of all these points. I have chosen to live in this area due to it being a quiet safe area. We don't deserve to have to wake up to vandalism, vomit and glass in the road or to be kept awake by late night taxis and drunks. It's ok for the owners of the bar and customers to go home to quiet neighbourhoods whilst we have to deal with the issues. When trouble has occurred in the past ie large fights in the road, the club locks the pub doors and locks the trouble makers outside. This has happened many times already, under the current licensing laws. I can see this getting worse especially as no security is ever present to sort these issues out.

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Kind regards