



5<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Application for the grant of a premises Licence by JP Leisure Scunthorpe Limited for Oscar's Bar, 6 Gilliat Street, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 6EY.

I am writing to express my concern and raise an objection to the above application.

The basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

The application includes the request to open to the public Monday to Sunday 00:00hrs – 23.59hrs, effectively the application is for a 24 hour licence for on and off premises sale of alcohol.

Whilst I accept that there has been a nightclub/bar on the site for some considerable years I am not aware that the premises would have been able to trade 24 hours a day, or operate as an off licence. Over a number of years the residents living within proximity to the premises have been subject to a range of anti social behaviour.

Most notably West Street has become a red light zone with, prostitutes using the area to solicit for business, over the last year this has taken place 24 hours a day. With the women approaching parents who have dropped their children off at the C of E School and the nursery at the Children's Centre.

This activity resulted in me invoking a Community Trigger with the Safer Neighbourhood's Team in August of this year. The Community Trigger was accepted and the various organisations involved, the police and local authority, met to draw up action. Additionally, North Lincolnshire Council has recently had to install gates onto part of the West Street Children's Centre because the prostitutes and other individuals were using that area for ASB. The staff at the centre had to clean up detritus each morning before parents and children attended the nursery. Allowing to the provision of alcohol 24 hours a day is only likely to increase ASB within the area.

Many of the women involved in prostitution locally are alcohol/drug dependent and the availability of alcohol 24 hours a day so close to where they operate could increase their use of alcohol and increase the likelihood of more ASB. Additionally, I am assuming that the purpose of having a 24 hours licence is to encourage customers to the premises, for both on and off premises alcohol sale. Increased access to alcohol is likely to increase ASB in the area.

Therefore, my basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

Additionally, these premises also lie within/close to the area the Council is promoting as part of the town centre regeneration, I believe that enabling the premises to sell alcohol 24

hours a day would be detrimental to its aims and objectives of improving the town centre and making it a safe and welcoming environment.

In view of the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours

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