

APPENDIX F

Objection received from Cllr E Jones received on 26 October at 11.55 – Cllr Jones has confirmed that he is objecting to the application as a Ward Councillor.

Hello Kim. I too object to this application , on behalf of neighbouring residents, due to obvious and unavoidable detriment to local wellbeing . Thank you.
Eddie.

Objection received from Cllr G Philbin received on 22 October at 12.25 – Cllr Philbin has confirmed that he is objecting to the application as a Ward Councillor.

Hi Kim

Can I register my objections to the license premises Application of 71B Albert Road Widnes . my objections are based on the hours of opening although this is a town centre facility. It is extremely close to residential properties. and my concern is that it will have a detrimental effect on local residence

Regards.

Kim Hesketh nee Fisher

From: Kev O'Brien [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 November 2024 17:46
To: Kim Hesketh nee Fisher
Subject: Imperial license application

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To whom it may concern

I am a home owner on Saxon Terrace who's property starts less than a couple of metres from the rear of the Imperial night club rear doors.

Firstly its location is in a very densely populated area which homes a lot of young families (I have a 1 year old and a 5 year old) the request for a 4am license is a recipe for a lot of large drunken groups creating anti social behaviour.

The request to play Music til 4am in the morning would create a nuisance for all local residents and just isnt viable, it would also affect house prices because who would want to be kept awake til 4am every weekend?

Thank you.

Kim Hesketh nee Fisher

From: yvonne jones [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 November 2024 13:39
To: Kim Hesketh nee Fisher
Subject: Licensing hours of imperial pub

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Dear Kim

I'm writing this e-mail to object to the proposed licencing hours of former pub the Imperial on Widnes Road. The 4am closing hours is absolutely our worst nightmare for us residents in Ross Street and Saxon terrace which is directly behind the Imperial. We have resided in Ross Street for 30 years. Banksey's bar have been granted a 1am licence (which we did object to no avail) surely 4am in a residential area is far too late, people have to get up for work, children have to get up for school. Please take into consideration the effects this will have on us residents.

Regards

Anthony and Yvonne Jones

[REDACTED]
Widnes
[REDACTED]

10 Nov 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for a Premise Licence 71B Albert Road, Widnes
WA8 6JS.

Applicant: SER Holdings Ltd

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;

Although the premises are on the section of Albert Road that runs between Deacon Road and Peelhouse Lane it is close to a residential area. The area is currently already saturated with 8 takeaways, 3 pubs, 2 cafes, and an ice cream parlour. The premises { 71B Albert Road } was previously a pub which never reopened after Covid. When it was open there was music played, both live and taped, and football games shown on the tv. the premises does have double set of doors into the premise which when closed cut down potential noise nuisance. However Neighbours in Saxon Terrace which back onto the pub, were often disturbed late at night when the back doors of the pub were open. They were also disturbed when staff went outside the back of the pub when they had their break as voices travel when its late at night. Also when the empty bottles were being thrown into the trade bin throughout the evening including the end of trading hours causing a noise nuisance.

Perhaps to reduce the risk of potential noise disturbance the Committee could consider restricting the times when staff empty bottles bottles into the trade waste bin. Also perhaps the back doors to the premises should remain closed at all times and should staff want to smoke/vape then they should use the

designated smoking area within the establishment.

Unfortunately I haven't been able to see the full application as I have been out of the country for over 3 weeks so have had limited time to forward my objection. From the application I am assuming that the applicant wishes to operate the premises as a club and not a pub given the closing time of 4am! I understand that there is currently an establishment called The Venue, The Old Town Hall in Victoria Square that opens Friday and Saturday till 4am. Its location is ideal as when customers come out of the establishment at the end of the evening there are no residential properties affected by noise. I do not believe that Widnes needs a second venue open till 4am? And definitely not in a residential area.

I am very concerned that the application wishes to be open for **19** hours a day, **seven days a week**. Who is going to frequent the premises till 4am every morning? How much noise nuisance will this bring to local residents?

The notice that is taped to the window of the premises states:

- showing films from **9am**, I assume this means that this would continue till closing time??
- indoor sporting events from **23:00**. Not sure what this actually means.
- live and recorded music and performance of dance and anything of similar description from **23:00** seven days a week. Does this mean that there won't be any music from 9am till 23:00??
- sell alcohol **both on and off** the premises from **9am to 4am** seven days a week. I assume this means that customers can use the premises as an off licence if they haven't had enough to drink during their time there?

There will be additional foot and vehicle traffic as customers visit the premises resulting in noise and disturbance to residents in surrounding streets as customers come and go. Residents

experienced this when the premises was previously trading,

There is no dedicated car park to the premises 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 rather than park in the car park at Albert Square.

The part of Albert Road where the premises are situated has double yellow lines on both sides of the road. Drivers currently park on the double yellow lines, on a regular basis making the road narrow. Buses struggle to get through especially when deliveries are being made to other retail businesses on that section of road. Taxis dropping customers off to the pub or picking them up will have to stop on the double yellow lines causing congestion. Also when the premises were previously trading taxis would regularly make an informal taxi rank, on Albert Road, on the same side of the road as the pub is on whilst awaiting customers coming out of the pub. Taxis also used to park across the bus stop preventing the buses from driving to the kerb for disabled access. I myself had experience on numerous occasions being unable to board the bus due to being on crutches. This isnt a problem once the buses stop at 11pm but will cause a nuisance during the day if the taxis do the same thing as previously.

There are people living in some of the flats above the retail businesses in the vicinity of the pub and these people will be affected should the application be successful. There is also a development of luxury flats in the building opposite the premises. Whoever owns the properties is unlikely to find tenants who want to live opposite a pub that is open 19 hours a day 7 days a week.

There will potentially be constant noise disturbance for local residents during the day and evening when the premises is open from people talking as they walk back to their car, or are walking through the streets to get to their own home. In addition noise from people getting in and out of taxis with doors slamming and noise

from people waiting for taxis. It is likely that people will have had a drink and as we all know people get louder and louder as time goes on and as everyone knows sound travels late at night causing a noise nuisance.

I am also very concerned that if this application is successful and the premises are allowed to trade till 4am will other bars apply to extend their hours? Will the late shop [which is yards away from the pub] currently open till 1:30am apply to extend their hours so people leaving the pub can buy alcohol, cigarettes and food etc from them? Will the pizza and kebab shops apply to extend their hours as well?? Where will it end?

As local residents we accept that some noise is expected due to the number of pubs/takeaways that are in this small area but we are entitled to live our lives in peace and quiet and go to bed for a peaceful nights sleep, 7 nights a week. 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 7 days a week.

I would ask the Committee to consider amending the proposed hours of opening to reflect the closing times of the other pubs which are in the same road as the applicants premises, i.e. The Bradley, Bankseys Bar and Wetherspoons and not be allowed to open till 4am every day.

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 surrounding streets from harm.

I would ask the Committee, that when considering this application that the health and wellbeing of local residents is taken into consideration and the impact of approving such long hours on local residents.

Residents of Ross Street/Saxon Terrace have worked together with the Council and Council Members over the past few years in relation to noise nuisance from pubs in the area and with their help have improved the quality of life for most of the local residents. I

would ask the Committee, that when considering this application that the health and wellbeing of local residents is taken into consideration and the impact of approving such long hours would have on them.

I would like to thank the Committee in anticipation for considering the points made in my letter of objection.

Kind regards,

Lyn Fletcher

Kim Hesketh nee Fisher

From: Annmarie McNamara [mailto:annmarie16@googlmail.com]
Sent: 11 November 2024 17:54
To: Kim Hesketh nee Fisher
Subject: Imperial Application

Dear Kim,

I'm sending this email as I wish to object to the application for the imperial new licensing and opening hours. The new opening hours will most definitely increase noise and disorder for nearby residents including myself. I live in Saxon Terrace and our house is directly opposite the back of the Imperial. I have two young children, one of which sleeps in a bedroom at the back of our house. We already have an awful lot of noise at the back of our property coming from other establishments nearby. This would certainly be intensified by the proposed later opening hours. It would become impossible for us to have windows open at the back of our property, especially in the warmer months. I am also greatly concerned about the increase of drunken disturbances in our street by people coming/going from the premises. A number of residents in my street have already had damage to our cars by people leaving other pubs nearby. They have been scratched with keys and other objects, food thrown over them and more recently sprayed with spray paint. During the weekend it is not unusual to open the front door to find glasses/bottles and take away food left by people leaving these pubs. This will only be increased once another establishment is opened nearby. There is an entrance at the side of our property and there is often broken glass left by people who have smashed bottles on their way home from the pub. Very worrying when you have two small children in the house.

The proposal for such late opening times will only bring stress and duress to all the residents living in this area. I hope it is carefully considered.

Kind Regards

Annmarie McNamara

Sent from my iPhone