

Murray, Michaela

Subject: FW: Objection to licence application - The Timber Yard, Moor Street, Ormskirk L39 4RX

[REDACTED]
Sent: 27 June 2018 15:53

To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to licence application - The Timber Yard, Moor Street, Ormskirk L39 4RX

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to **OBJECT** to the licensing application that has been submitted to West Lancashire Borough Council by The Timber Yard, Moor Street, Ormskirk, L39 4RX.

As a resident of the Bridge House apartments (a complex of 20 flats in Bridge Avenue, backing onto Moor Street), I live opposite in close proximity to this premises. Since the Timber Yard opened periodically in 2017 under temporary event notices (TENs) granted by the Council and Lancashire Police, I have been disturbed by noise from this venue from both recorded and live amplified music, as well as from large numbers of people congregated drinking in the large outdoor area until late at night within the premises. Indeed, I am very disappointed that neither the Council nor the applicant has deemed it necessary to directly consult residents living in close proximity on this application, with my only knowledge of it being from the notice pinned to the front of the venue.

The above experiences prompted me to submit a noise complaint to the Council on 4th September 2017 (case no. 2182879), in relation to prolonged live and very loud amplified music coming from the outdoor area on both 27th August and 2nd September, the playing of recorded music throughout the venue's opening hours of midday to 9:30pm (which extended to 11:00pm later in the year), and noise from large numbers of people drinking in the large outdoor area of the premises. Despite this, further TENs were issued to allow the venue to continue opening.

Given that the licence application is requesting that these opening hours are extended to midnight, with a further extension for opening up to 02:00am on stipulated dates, I must strongly object to the further disturbance during unsociable hours that this will cause me and my fellow residents at Bridge House. This is not just from live music (including outdoors) and recorded music, but also from large numbers of intoxicated people drinking in the outdoor area and leaving the premises very late at night.

In addition to my concerns regarding noise disturbance and the potential for disorder, there are a number of omissions and points requiring clarification in the application which must mean that this application in its current state is refused, as follows:

- Section E of the application refers to live music being played (indoor and outdoor) at the premises. No indication though is given as to when this will happen during the opening hours of the venue, or with a time given after which no live music would take place - the applicant has instead simply listed their desired opening hours. This therefore means that if this application is approved, the applicant could in theory host live music outdoors up to midnight on 'standard' days, or up to 02:00am on the days when they have requested extended opening hours. This would obviously be totally unacceptable from a public disturbance point of view, especially in a street with residential properties present.

- While Section E of the application makes reference to live music taking place both indoors and outdoors, Section F does not make it clear as to whether recorded music will be played in both the outdoor and indoor parts of the premises, or just in the smaller indoor section. This requires clarification in order to judge potential disturbance from this music being played outdoors to nearby residential properties.

- Throughout the application, the proposed opening hours are listed as 11:00am to midnight, seven days a week, with alcohol served until 23:30pm. However, in Section E the applicant requests being able to open on selected dates until 02:00am. It is not stated in Section J as to whether the applicant wishes also to continue serving alcohol on these dates until 02:00am, or if they will cease serving alcohol on these occasions at 23:30pm. Once again, this requires clarification in Section J before a decision on the application can be made, given the much greater potential for disturbance and disorder if they are proposing serving alcohol until 02:00am.

- In Section M (b) referring to preventing crime and disorder, no measures are proposed to deal with disturbance and impacts associated with the longer proposed opening hours, and the associated potential for disorder that this presents. The applicant has instead chosen to focus on measures to protect their premises from theft and robbery, rather than how to deal with the potential for disorder within and outside of the venue during their increased opening hours. Unless security / door staff are used, this situation therefore has the potential to increase the burden on Lancashire Police to deal with any incidents of disorder.


- In Section M (d), the only proposed measure to prevent public nuisance are signs to ask people to leave the premises quietly. This is woefully inadequate and will do nothing to reduce disturbance from live and recorded music, large numbers of people congregated drinking in the outdoor area, or any disorder involving people leaving the premises late at night. Once again, rather than choosing to employ security staff, place limits on the times when live music takes place, install better soundproofing, and not play recorded music outdoors, the applicant appears to have no plans to protect the public and residents from such nuisance and disorder, which is a clear oversight.

- Finally, the application does not refer to whether the premises will open permanently, or will be opening again under TENs notices (up to 15 times per year). From what I am aware, the applicant does not have planning permission to cover the change of use from the former industrial premises, meaning that they would have to open under TENs. However, taken on face value the application suggests that the premises will be open seven days a week during the opening hours they request. This also requires clarification in the application.

In summary, and based on my previous experiences with this venue during 2017, I do not believe that the applicant appreciates the impact that their premises has on local residents in what used to be a quiet area of the town centre. The large outdoor area in the premises exacerbates this, which the applicant has used previously to host live music, play recorded music, and house large groups of noisy drinkers until late at night (11pm and later). The application to extend their opening hours to 02:00am on selected dates particularly concerns me, given the applicant's poor track record of managing disturbance to local residents, and will no doubt lead to sleepless nights on those dates for residents of Bridge House. Finally, it must be stressed that most of this premises is outdoor in nature, and so their proposals should be given much greater scrutiny when determining this application.

For the above reasons I must therefore strongly request that this application is refused.

Yours Sincerely,


Bridge Avenue
Ormskirk
Lancashire L39 4PL

N.B. Please can I request that my name and address are concealed if my comments are made public.

Murray, Michaela

Subject: FW: New Premises Licence Application - The Timber Yard, Moorgate, Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 4RT
Attachments: the-timber-yard-premise-licence-application-pdf-size-099mb.pdf

[REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2018 21:23

To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>

Cc: rosie@rosiecooper.net

Subject: New Premises Licence Application - The Timber Yard, Moorgate, Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 4RT

Dear Licensing Enquiries,

We are writing to you as outlined in the Licensing Section of the WLBC website to absolutely object to the above application.

The Timber Yard is in extremely close proximity to our home 37 Moorgate (few hundred yards away) which is one of only two properties. This is a mostly residential area.

Together with the unbelievable application for a 7 day per week application to consume/sell alcohol 11.30am to 23.30pm together with live AND recorded music for the same period/duration this application is absolutely and totally unacceptable and must NOT be allowed to go ahead.

We therefore object to this application.

Last Saturday whilst walking up Moorgate to the Gingerbread Festival the stretch of Moorgate in front of our home through to Park Road was littered with beer cans, empty spirit and beer bottles, takeaway cartons, silver capsules, cigarettes strewn all over and we do not have any WLBC street cleaners.

In addition we have traffic coming out of the gym car park all hours of the day and night turning the wrong way down the one way road along Moorgate into oncoming traffic. We have witnessed (and helped at) many crashes and near misses at the junction moreso now the majority drive the wrong way out of thr gym next to the Timber Yard down Moorgate as a shortcut!

This is my mother's property and our family home. We are one of only two houses. Having experienced the Timber Yard 'taster' last Summer, the noise alone whilst our family were using our garden was more than enough not to mention thr aftermath in the road the morning after. The thought of this being 24/7 is totally unacceptable and having read the application and the unbelievable requests made within we object completely. No request for car park so again would that mean the road outside our home is used as the car park on a 24/7 basis also?

How would any residents be able or expected to live with the noise and litter pollution alone? The thought it has reached this stage within WLBC and is being considered is beyond words.

Cannot understand why this is being considered and would be grateful if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of this objection and if there is anything further we should complete officially to support it?

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Moorgate
Ormskirk
Lancashire
L39 4RT



Murray, Michaela

Subject:

FW: The Timber Yard Moor Street Ormskirk Lacashire

[REDACTED]
Sent: 02 July 2018 17:05

To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: The Timber Yard Moor Street Ormskirk Lacashire

To Tony Bushell

Thank you for your email and I appreciate your time spent responding.

As regards to your instructions regarding if I wish to make a representation and explain in detail how this application will impact on me - I will repeat my previously explanation:

The easiest one of the reasons you have asked for is: THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

I'm not sure on how you want me to explain again in further detail for it to be understood but I'll try again. The premise is too close to residents who live on Moor Street - we do have to live and sleep here!

So, I will repeat myself, all the flats on Moor Street put up with the noise last year as it was a temporary measure, with the live music and acoustic's we couldn't even hear our own televisions. Serving to the hours suggested then you have to allow time for people to finish their drinks and say their goodbyes. All the flats have bedrooms to the back of the building on Moor Street. It is totally ridiculous to even imagine that residents will have to put up and tolerate that volume of noise at those hours.

So this is my formal opposition to this application and if this isn't enough please let me know.

I await a response in due course.

From: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>

Sent: 02 July 2018 09:10

[REDACTED]
Cc: Murray, Michaela

Subject: RE: The Timber Yard Moor Street Ormskirk Lacashire

[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

Subject:

FW: Licensing Application for The Timber Yard, Moorgate, Ormskirk

[REDACTED]
Sent: 16 July 2018 11:42

To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>

Subject: Licensing Application for The Timber Yard, Moorgate, Ormskirk

Licensing Application for The Timber Yard, Moorgate , Ormskirk.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of New Ormskirk Residents Group (NORG) following requests from a number of our members to object to the above application.

We have examined the submitted application and note in section E, Live Music, the applicant is somewhat vague by stating live and amplified music is requested for outside once a week in "summer" and inside once a week in "winter"- no indication as to what are summer dates and winter dates and which single week date is required. However he is specific as to August Bank Holiday, Halloween, Bonfire night (which he states as 4th November) and Christmas / New Year period. We note that he is requesting to play recorded and amplified music seven days per week between the hours of 11 am and midnight.

With regard to the four licensing objectives (all of which receive rather scant and vague attention from the applicant) :-

- c) Public Safety - with timber seating both inside and out, residents feel that there needs to be a detailed assessment by the Fire and Rescue Service.
- d) Public Nuisance - the location is opposite the much used Age Concern building which is used both during the day time and in the evening on occasions by vulnerable members of society and also community groups for which amplified music can cause upset and distress. Adjacent to this building is a block of flats housing residents of all ages including children for whom this application will cause a problem, especially in summer time when more windows are open. To state that notices will be displayed and plastic cups used goes no where near to addressing this objective satisfactorily.
- e) Protection of Children - Immediately adjacent to The Timber Yard is a church/community hall which is used by children's groups - Brownies, Dance Groups etc especially Saturday mornings and school holiday times. NORG notes that this objective is planned to be dealt with by what are vaguely called Health and Safety Checks and Risk Assessment.

L.Hill NORG secretary

[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

Subject: FW: Timberyard Licence application - comments and objections
Attachments: 20180614_130950178_iOS.jpg

[REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2018 11:17
To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>
Subject: Timberyard Licence application - comments and objections

Dear WLBC Licensing

I wish to register my strong objection to the granting of either a liquor and/or entertainment licence for the Timberyard on Moorgate Ormskirk

The Timberyard proved an unsuccessful business when run on Temporary Event Notices over the past 12 months and as a result one of experienced partners has now pulled out. This leaves only an inexperienced licensee applicant together with the distinct possibility that this will become a cheap drinks venue for students with attendant problems of noise and disruption, in a market somewhat oversupplied with such venues.

This proposed venue is in a semi-residential area, importantly is outside of the "town centre zone" . All recent planning decisions have granted change of usage of land and buildings from commercial to residential. Granting a licence to a site which was for many years a builders yard operating only during daytime hours would seem to fly in the face of these planning and zoning decisions.

There are insufficient measures described in the application to deal with noise and nuisance in an currently quiet area. The adjacent streets are not covered by CCTV and already attract an element of illicit activity as a result. This can only increase with greater footfall and awareness of this part of town leading to crime and disorder issues.

This venue is predominantly outdoors so inherently will create noise and nuisance if granted an entertainment licence. I believe this would need significantly more control measures, sound pressure monitoring, sound management measures to prevent noise pollution and so on. An 11pm curfew for all noise would be a minimum expectation for any outdoor noise. Simply asking the patrons to be quiet on leaving is inadequate for an outdoor venue!

Neighbours have already suffered excessive noise from premises – before licence application even heard (July 12th 16:30 = 17:30 (recordings available. Also during recent preparations for an assumed re-opening of this venue; fly tipped waste has already been found in Bridge Avenue (photographs attached)

I trust that you will consider this application very carefully in the light of my comments above and those you will have received from other residents in the immediate area. Please refuse this application in its entirety.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Re. wood yard.
license.
moorgate.

Queen street
OLMSKIRK
Lancs.
24.7.2018.

Dear Sirs.

I have recently seen your notice re. application for license at wood yard, Moorgate.

I oppose strongly. reasons. Stated below.

- 1) Pensioners Bungalows. Adjacent noise levels would be unbearable! noise pollution.
- 2) Nursery Moorgate. childrens quiet time disturbed by loud music and Alcohol fueled people. not a good mix.
- 3) Traffic eg Taxis rolling up on and through peaceful area till late into the evening!
4. Risk of Emergency vehicles as. increase parking as we have just felt due to accident along Aughton St. Queen st Lagerhead through moorgate.
- 5) Pollution to children peeps through engine running awaiting pick up.



g) Pollution of burning as they set outside fires to keep people warm.

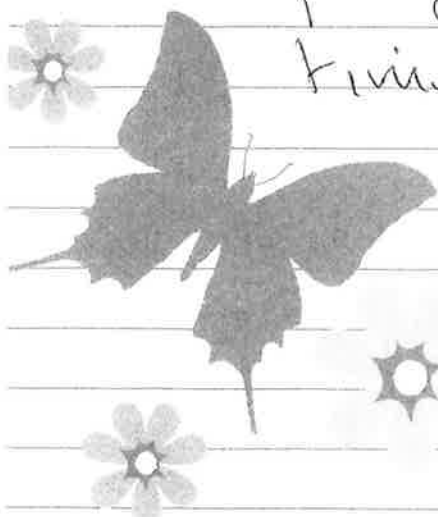
→ Probably fire works, smoke noise at fire work night. already an issue from college area but at a distance bearable.

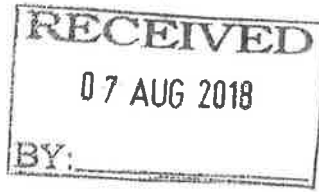
h) Have residents been consulted in flats on moorgate opposite? were children like to!

a Keep out even quiet I have littered strewn over my garden glasses, Tins other items no street cleaners on pavement gutters. I'm always picking bottles plastic from Lymington putting in the bin. also Ashtrays emptied onto road gutter. its a disgrace.

I am all for a good time but this is out of place. not for this area.

Thankyou without prejudice





[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Bridge Avenue,
Ormskirk,
Lancs.

4394RL

6/8/18

Dear Sir/Madam

once again we feel we must object to late night licence being considered for the Timber yard on Moorgate.

The timber yard is an outdoor venue situated a few yards from peoples bedrooms :- Bridge House Apartments.

The noise from live and recorded music until 10 pm and midnight plus the noise of revellers fuelled by alcohol making their

way home is unthinkable.

my wife and I are pensioners living 50 yards from the timber yard and we along with everyone we have spoken to do not want to be kept awake by loud music.

Murray, Michaela

[REDACTED]

Sent: 20 July 2018 19:04
To: Murray, Michaela
Cc: office@ourwestlancashire.com
Subject: Licensing Application for 'The Timber Yard', Ormskirk

>>
>> Dear Ms Murray

>> I am writing on behalf of a number of residents who have contacted me to express their concerns regarding the above application.

>> The Timber Yard is located outside of the town centre (where the main bars and refreshment units are) and is in close proximity to residential accommodation for the elderly and vulnerable. It is also close to a facility that is regularly used for children's activities, a popular local bridge club and an 'Age Concern U.K.' headquarters.

>> The exterior area of The Timber Yard is significantly spacious and can accommodate a large number of patrons and so it is with these factors in mind that I, on behalf of the local residents, wish to object to the application under section 4.0 (Licensing Objectives and Licensing Activities) Sub Section 4.1 of The Licensing Act 2003.

>> The residents have asked me to convey their opinion that the location of The Timber Yard is wholly inappropriate and if the application is approved, will have a severe negative impact on their daily lives.

>> Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

>> Spokesperson for the residents of Knowsley Ward
Our West Lancashire

[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 28 June 2018 15:43
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: 'The Timber Yard' Moorgate

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
Sent: 28 June 2018 15:01
To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>
Subject: 'The Timber Yard' Moorgate

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Bridge House Apartments on Moorgate/Bridge Ave. I have lived there for just over three years now. After recently seeing the licence application for The Timber Yard. Myself and other residents strongly OBJECT to this, this is a residential area and has been for the last 14 years!!!!

My objection is because I live on the ground floor, directly opposite the fitness gym, this is bad enough, noise, cars and music. The Bar is only 15 meters away from me, not happy about this application at all.

The timber yard is in the wrong part of Town there. It needs to be in the town centre. There are 19 apartments in Bridge House development and we don't need or want a Bar like this anywhere near where we live.

I work shifts and sleeping pattern differs, also I'm on medication so don't need this as another obstacle to contend with.

So I.. [REDACTED] Bridge House, OBJECT to this licence application for The Timber yard.

Yours..

[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

[REDACTED]
Sent: 28 June 2018 16:17
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Licence Application Objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref Licence Application- The Timber Yard, Moorgate, Ormskirk.

I would you to register my objection to the granting of this licence.

As a resident who lives yards away from this location and sleeps in a bedroom overlooking this site this has a detrimental effect on myself and the amenity with regard for Noise, Disturbance and lacks consideration for all the residents who chose this location to live in an area where alcohol and music being played late was not allowed and only permitted in non residential areas. This also creates alcohol fueled behaviour where it is not monitored by local controlled cctv and becomes a nuisance to our area.

Consideration should be considered, my property was purchased when this building was a Timber Yard that was quiet and operated in a normal manor.

The proposed development will also have a detrimental effect on the **character of the local RESIDENTIAL** area.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Bridge House, Bridge Avenue, Ormskirk. L39 4PL

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Murray, Michaela

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 August 2018 17:55
To: Licensing Enquiries
Cc: Councillor Adam Yates; Cllr Gareth Dowling
Subject: The Timber Yard, Moorgate, Ormskirk

Afternoon Licensing

I wish to make representation in objecting to the license application by The Timber Yard on the grounds of;

1. Prevention of Public nuisance - Noise disturbance in this residential area.

It is Not a Town Centre location. Did the applicant contact the environmental team before this application went in. It doesn't say anything on the application.

The license asked that they play music from;

12 noon to 10 pm **Live Music Amplified** and acoustic inside & outside

11 am to 12 midnight Recorded **Amplified** & Recorded Music both inside and outside

and then the applicant says they will have signs up saying

"Please Be **Quiet** when leaving the premises and respectful to all neighbours"!

There are noise sensitive properties opposite and adjacent that will be affected by the noise.

2. Prevention of Crime and disorder

The application does not show any due consideration for the Lancashire Constabulary Southern Division: operating schedule considerations; a guide under the Licensing Act 2003 application guidance. In relation to preventing crime and disorder.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address

NO ADDRESS

02/08/2018

Re; The Timber Yard licence applications

Dear Licencing Committee

I/we would like to protest against planning permission for a liquor licence and a licence to play both live and recorded music on the grounds set out below.

The Timber Yard is situated opposite flats whose occupancy consists of families, older and single people.

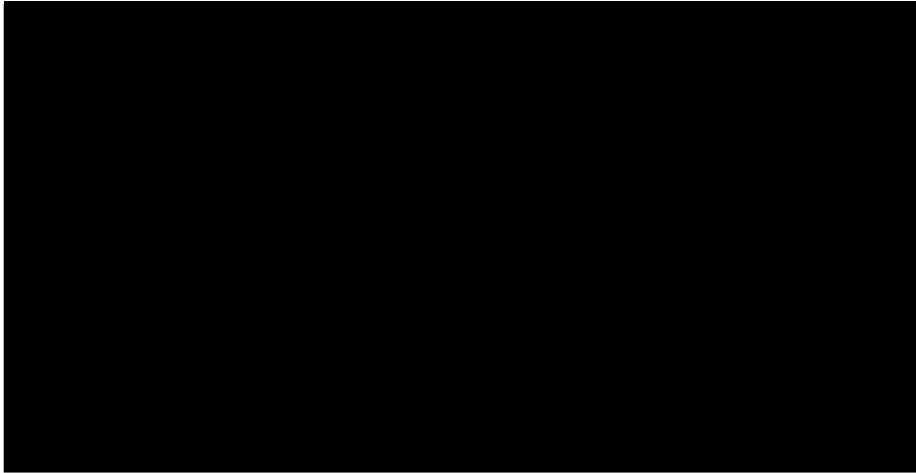
There is a council children's nursery on Moorgate that is open five days per week. On Queen Street, Moorgate and South Terrace are council 'independent living' bungalows.

All the people living within this area will be affected by the music, which could be played for up to thirteen hours per day, plus all the other problems that is associated with the opening of another bar. This would have absolutely dreadful effects on all the above for the following reasons.

- Continuous noise can be a form of torture for many people. In the warm weather you would not be able to sit quietly in your garden. Windows would have to be closed at night to stop the noise disturbing sleep. In fact every aspect of life would be affected by the unwanted, continuous, loud music.
- There would be a big increase in cars etc. This will pollute the air; there will be car doors opening and closing, the revving of engines and all the other noises associated with alcohol intake will occur far into the night and early hours of the morning. The town has limited amount of parking and cars are regularly parked on pavements in these areas causing parents with buggies, mobility scooters etc having to go into the road to avoid them. More cars will exacerbate this dangerous situation.
- Moorgate, Queen Street and South Terrace are already used as short cuts either by vehicle or on foot. I/We already have many problems with this especially late at night. It's not unusual to have bottles etc being thrown, people urinating, shouting, destroying plants etc, and even physical fights. However well-intentioned I/We feel that by simply putting up a polite notice for customers' to leave quietly will not deter them from these acts. This situation will surely increase with the granting of licences.

I/We feel that when the committee considers the application that they also must remember that it has a duty of care to the children, babies, the old, the disabled, the sick, the infirm and indeed in some cases dying people must also be given strong consideration. By granting the licences you will be causing untold misery for many vulnerable people, qualities of lives which are already under threat by actions of some will be destroyed by the opening of the Timber Yard.

This is a residential area that already has many problems; please do not add to them by granting the licences.



Address

South Terrace

L39. 4RS

02/08/2018

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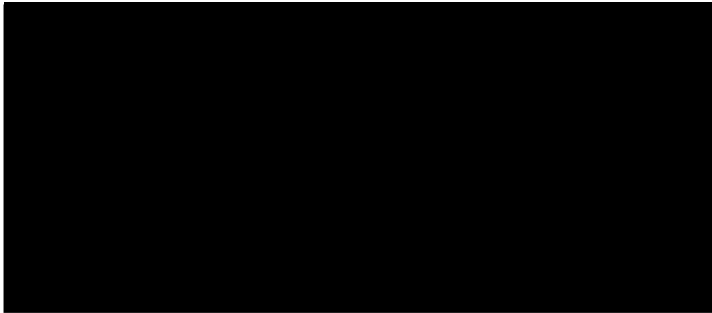
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Yours faithfully



West Lancashire Borough Council
Licensing Section,
Robert Hodge Centre,
Stanley Way,
Skelmersdale,
WN8 8EE
16th July 2018

licensing.enquiries@westlanc.gov.uk

License Application – 'The Timber Yard', Moorgate Ormskirk

We are writing to oppose the license application currently under consideration by West Lancashire Council for the Timber Yard that is directly opposite Age UK Lancashire's Wellbeing Centre on Moorgate, Ormskirk. Age UK Lancashire actually owns the Wellbeing Centre and therefore it is imperative that this license doesn't receive permission.

Age UK Lancashire is a local charity that supports older people across West Lancashire and works in partnership with organisations including, Lancashire County Council, NHS, Clinical Commissioning Groups, West Lancashire Borough Council and other third sector and community organisations.

Our Wellbeing Centre has been a significant resource for older people since the 1930's and delivers services 7 days per week. The license application for a venue directly opposite will almost certainly mean some of our most vulnerable customers will no longer attend these services and will consequently lose vital support.

Alongside community based services, Age UK Lancashire delivers a considerable amount of support to older people within the Centre itself. Those who attend are often frail, living with multiple health conditions and can also be socially isolated.

The Centre's primary function is to support older people by hosting a wide range of support services, events, clinics, surgeries, drop-in and scheduled sessions on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. We are also able to signpost and make referrals to other agencies where appropriate.

Services and support is varied, some examples below:

1. Day Time Support for vulnerable, frail older people and those with Dementia and memory problems
2. Hospital Aftercare – for those recovering from an emergency hospital admission and prevention of re-admittance
3. Dementia Community Links – 1:1 support for those recently diagnosed with Dementia/memory problems
4. Keep fit/chair based exercise and various dancing classes to maintain an older person's continuing physical and emotional wellbeing to support them to remain independent

5. Educational sessions including Computer and language classes
6. Lunch Clubs – reducing social isolation
7. Foot care clinic – in partnership with Virgin Care

Our Wellbeing Centre is also a project office base for 15/18 staff managing and delivering services to Hospitals, people in their homes and various community settings across West Lancashire.

Our Centre is also available to use by local community groups such as, U3A, West Lancashire Bridge Club, Ormskirk Christian Fellowship's Church Group & Sunday School, Street Pastor base and West Lancashire's Big Band.

Age UK Lancashire also organizes open day events at the centre to showcase its services to older people across the Borough and invites partners from the NHS, Social Care and other third sector organisations who can offer additional support to older people and their carers to encourage social interaction and support to remain independent

Each week we expect an average of 300 people to visit the Wellbeing Centre. It is a quiet and welcoming environment where older people can feel safe, and can create friendships. The centre can be accessed by car, on foot and by specialised transport.

Age UK Lancashire believes that granting the proposed license will have serious repercussions for the Charity and for older people across the Borough. The application clearly includes some key aspects that could well impact upon our ability to continue to deliver these essential services to older people.

- To play recorded music and host live music, both indoor and outdoor, 7 days a week from 11.00am to 0.00am.
- The sale of alcohol from 11:00am for both on and off the premises
- The only measure proposed to control noise is to have signs asking people to be quiet when leaving.
- No provision of security staff

The outside venue for The Timber Yard is only 16.6 meters directly opposite our Wellbeing Centre. Our concerns are over the potential for direct noise pollution from the music and 'people noise' in and outside of the venue causing public nuisance and unrest. Exposure to noise is associated with several negative health outcomes. There are also causal relationships between noise and psychological effects such as annoyance, psychiatric disorders, and effects on psychosocial well-being.

Age UK Lancashire's day time support services will be seriously and directly affected as those who attend, are vulnerable, may be living with Dementia, and require a quiet, safe environment both in the Centre and its direct surrounding area. For people living with dementia noise that is normally acceptable can be particularly distressing, disorientating and overwhelming leading to agitation and increased confusion. This can lead to an older person's health deteriorating, thus requiring support from the NHS and/or Social Care, where resources are already under huge pressure. We take great care to ensure that Day Time Support users needs are accommodated and consider the venue and surrounding area's carefully when delivering services in any particular area. Our Day Time Support service has been operating at this site for over 18

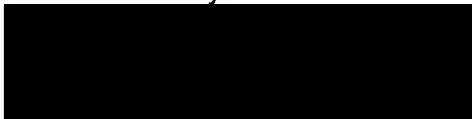


years and is an essential service for people who require support to live independently.

If this license was approved, it will undoubtedly create increased traffic on the one way system creating cause for public safety. It will create public nuisance, fear of anti - social behavior, additional noise and the potential for anti-social behavior at any time of the day. The application also falls far short in the prevention of crime and disorder.

We urge you to consider against this license application and deliberate the impact this application will have on a local long serving charity and the older people of West Lancashire.

Yours Sincerely



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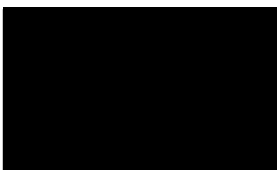
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The Ormskirk Christadelphians are a Christian religious body, with a presence in Ormskirk since 1899. We have occupied our premises in Moorgate as a peaceful place of worship for almost a hundred years, and you will see that we are in close proximity to the location in this application.

It is clear from the site plan appended to the application that most of the proposed activities will take place in the open air, as indoor space is very limited. We are therefore extremely concerned that these activities and their timing (particularly when amplified music is involved) will seriously interfere with our Sunday and Tuesday services.

In light of the above we object to the application, and request that our representation and concerns are taken into account with particular regard to our Sunday services between 10:45 am and 3:00 pm, and Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:00 pm.

On behalf of the Ormskirk Christadelphian Ecclesia,



Murray, Michaela

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 20 July 2018 13:44
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: Objections

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2018 08:29
To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>
Subject: Objections

I would like to register an objection regarding the proposal for the use of the timber yard in Moorgate which involves a lot of loud music.

I have played Bridge in the building opposite in a quiet environment , twice a week for 20 years and Don't welcome outside noise.

Added to which other venues in Ormskirk are not allowed to play music outside I understand so why should outside music be permitted there?

Murray, Michaela

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 18 July 2018 12:08
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: licensing application timber yard ormskirk

Tony Bushell

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[REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2018 12:01
To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>
Subject: licensing application timber yard ormskirk

I must express my concern at this proposal as a member of Westhead Bridge club. We meet at the Age Concern Centre on Moorgate on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Our sessions will clearly be severely affected if this proposal is accepted by the noise especially as in the present hot weather we need windows and doors open for ventilation. There is also the problem of parking in an already congested area.

[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2018 08:46
To: Licensing Enquiries; Murray, Michaela
Subject: Timber Yard Planning Application

To whom it may concern,

I am the secretary of the Westhead Bridge Club and, on behalf of the club, I would like to object to the planning application for the former Timber Yard on Moorgate.

The Bridge Club meets in the evening at the Well Being Centre on Moorgate, opposite the Timber Yard. Bridge is a game which requires prolonged concentration and we regularly, especially in spring and summer, open windows and doors to help with ventilation. Music and associated noise emanating from the Timber Yard would be a major hindrance to our play and enjoyment of the game.

In addition we experience occasional parking problems with the gym opposite. Parking is already a problem in the area and any venue on the Timber Yard would only exacerbate these problems.

Also do we not already have enough similar pubs/clubs in Ormskirk, do we need another one?

On this basis I(we) urge you to reject the proposal.

[REDACTED]
Westhead Bridge Club

c/o The Well Being Centre

Moorgate



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Murray, Michaela

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2018 11:25
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: Fwd: Music at Timber Yard

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 18 July 2018 at 14:03:38 BST
To: licensingenquiries@westlancs.gov.uk
Subject: Music at Timber Yard

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the application put forward by the Timber Yard. My objection is to the playing of amplified music.

I play Bridge at the Age Concern building opposite on 2 evenings a week. The noise would be very disruptive.

The club has been there for many years and is well attended by many elderly local residents.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 19 July 2018 14:54
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: Timber Yard

[REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2018 11:26
To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>
Subject: Timber Yard

To whom it may concern

I am a member of Westhead Bridge Club which meets twice a week at the Well Being Centre opposite the proposed 'Timber Yard'.

This is an excellent centre for our club as it is in quiet surroundings. Bridge is a serious game which needs concentration. If the Timber Yard opens then there will be a great deal of noise from Live Music and people drinking and no doubt problems due to 'binge drinking'. Does Ormskirk really need another business of this nature?

[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

[REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2018 17:17
To: Murray, Michaela; Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Timber yard licensing application for live music.

To the licensing officer.

It has been brought to my attention that an application has been made for the performance of live and recorded music in the Timber Yard premises, open from 12 noon to 10 pm each day. Opposite these premises there is the Age Concern building where the Westhead Bridge Club meet on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 7:15 pm until 10:00 pm.

Bridge is a game that requires intense concentration and will be ruined by the playing of disturbing music especially during the summer months when the windows are open for ventilation. Presumably in winter the venue won't be used in any case. I therefore wish to object in the strongest terms to the granting of this music license on the days that we are playing Bridge across the road. I am quite sure that most of the other Bridge Club players feel the same.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Westhead Bridge Club

Murray, Michaela

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 19 July 2018 14:54
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: Timber Yard

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2018 17:29
To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Timber Yard

I believe the 'Timber Yard ' have changed their hours of playing amplified music ' inside and out ' 11am till 10pm '
This still affects the Bridge club as we play in the evenings . Therefore I wish to still object on ' noise nuisance ' .

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
> I am writing to express my personal concern and objection about this application on a particular point . The Licensing have 4 objectives . I personally have no problems about the Licensing(selling of alcohol at this site) BUT it's the amplified music and possible live music that concerns me . I play bridge opposite this site and have done for many years at the UK age concern building . As you know ' bridge ' is a quiet game and blasting out amplified music or live music will be contrary to one of the Licensing objectives . The Bridge club plays in the UK Age concern building on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening . I don't want to hear amplified / live music from across the road . It will destroy a well attended Bridge Club, that have been there for many years and caused no problem . Blasting music from the Timber Yard across the road will possibly cause the Bridge Club to leave these premises .

>
> Regards

[REDACTED]
>

Murray, Michaela

From: Licensing Enquiries,
Sent: 19 July 2018 14:54
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: Timber Yard

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2018 11:57
To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>
Subject: Timber Yard

Dear Sir/ Madam

I would like to make an objection to the opening of The Timber Yard in Moorgate.

I am a member of Westhead Bridge Club and we meet in Moorgate on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. It is an activity that requires quiet surroundings for concentration and I feel that noise from the Timber Yard would be a great distraction.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 16 July 2018 09:26
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: Loud Music

Timberyard Rep

Tony Bushell
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[REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2018 18:12
To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>
Cc: Rosie@RosieCooper.net
Subject: Loud Music

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish raise an objection to the proposed development of the timber yard site, which will have loud music especially on summer evenings. We play bridge in the UK Age Concern hut opposite. As you know, we play bridge in silence, as we all need to concentrate. Music would make this impossible. We have played bridge every Tuesday and Thursday evenings for years at this venue. As a local Aughton resident I feel that Edge Hill has changed the character of our beloved Ormskirk enough and would not like to see any more changes. I am happy that Edge Hill is part of our community, but I feel a balance needs to be struck between the needs of the residents and the needs of the students or residents will move out of the area. I would hate to see the bridge club moved out of Ormskirk. Thank you for reading this and hopefully taking my views into account.

Regards
[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2018 15:33
To: Murray, Michaela; Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Timber yard application to play music

I am most concerned about the consequences, should this application be accepted, since it will inevitably cause significant disturbance to the activities occurring in the UK Age concern building and, in particular, the bridge club on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings. Bridge is an intellectual activity requiring quiet concentration. It is also excellent for keeping ageing brains active and healthy.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2018 16:09
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: Application re the Timber Yard, Ormskirk

Dear Ms. Murray

Re: the application for a licence for a club at the Timber Yard.

I understand that there is an application to open a club or similar at the Timber Yard in Moorgate, Ormskirk. I also understand that permission is sought to allow for loud music to be played indoors and outside at the club.

I am writing to express my concern at the consequences of this for the Westhead Bridge Club which plays weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7.00 to 11.00 pm at the Age Concern building in Moorgate, directly opposite the Timber Yard. Bridge requires much concentration and this would be impossible with loud music playing nearby. The sessions usually have 28 to 40 players and there are about 80 active members of the club.

I and other members would be grateful if you would take account of this information in your consideration of the application for this club at the Timber Yard.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hall Road West, Blundellsands, L23 8SY
[REDACTED]

Murray, Michaela

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 18 July 2018 13:57
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: FW: Timber Yard

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[REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2018 13:38
To: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk>
Subject: Timber Yard

I am writing to express my concern and objection about this application. I particularly object to the playing of loud music both inside and outside the Timber Yard.

I have been playing bridge at the Age Concern premises on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 7pm until 10.30 pm for at least twenty five years.

Bridge is a card game which requires much concentration and this would be impossible if loud music were playing opposite the premises.

The Westhead Bridge Club is a long established club and provides a much needed amenity. It would be a disaster for the members if playing music were to be allowed and the club may have to close.

I trust that this application will not be accepted.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Reeds
Ormskirk

Murray, Michaela

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2018 13:12
To: Murray, Michaela
Subject: Timber Yard

The request for music licence for the timber yard should not be granted on the basis that loud music is a noise pollutant .Local pension homes for the old will have to put with music in the early evenings when they go to bed. And in summer days when they are in the garden in the afternoon.you also have the Bridge Club two days a week and the music will certainly not be welcome.