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Sent: 03 March 2023 10:05
To: Licensing Enquiries
Cc: ParishClerk, Burscough; Brian Bailey; Brian Kennedy
Subject: Cactus Ray's Burscough Wharf

I am resident of Burscough for 37 years. I would like to make comments on this application.

I find much of this application incomprehensible.

An example can be found on page 14 where the applicant states that the premises would remain open till 24.45hrs. No such time exists. It is to be assumed that the 1.45 made mention of is 1:45 am.

There are references to "amplified acoustic music", this is a contradiction in terms, as acoustic music is defined as "music played without any electrical equipment".

There is great concern regarding behaviour in the immediate vicinity of "The Wharf" relating to antisocial behaviour, drunkenness, violent behaviour, drug taking, and foul abusive language being used in a residential area the current levels of which are unacceptable. So to grant license extensions, would not only prolong the time at these occurrences took place well into the early hours, but may also exacerbate the problem as extending drinking hours is synonymous with a higher incidence of the behaviours mentioned above.

West Lancashire Borough Council have a duty of care to it's Residents to ensure that they can live in a safe and peaceful environment. I am aware of many complaints of antisocial and criminal behaviour in the immediate vicinity of these premises, but have as yet to find any evidence of enforcement by WLBC.

I have recently spoken in person with the Fire Safety Officer for this area, who tells me that no physical inspection of these premises has taken place. I would ask that the Licensing Officer and the Committee which either approves or rejects these licenses are fully satisfied that these premises fully comply with all safety regulations.

This application does not appear to have been completed in a professional manner, if this is a reflection on the professionalism of the applicant, then this should raise concerns.

I object to the granting of this license or for any extension beyond normal licensing hours.

Yours sincerely,