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**Subject:** New premises licence - Coach House Skelmersdale

To whomever it may concern,

I would like to express grave concerns regarding the proposed new licence at the former Coach House, Liverpool road Skelmersdale. I'm making this objection to the licence being granted on behalf of myself as owner of .....

I'm shocked that another licence is being considered with the hours of operation proposed. Who drinks until 1am in the morning? Young people, partying and doing drugs (from past knowledge). Whilst contained in the pub the nuisance level is managed but throughout the evening crowds of people stand at the front door smoking and drinking, laughing and shouting. Taxis come and go. This pub has no parking unlike the Sandpiper and the Stanley Gate both within half a mile and both with large car parks. The Sandpiper is surrounded by farmland and the Stanley Gate has minimal housing. Both of these lend themselves to such a licence. The former Coach House has neighbouring properties which run right up to its boundary wall. Residents cannot park outside their own houses as places are taken by pub goers throughout the day. When these revellers return to their cars there's slamming doors and loud voices keeping residents awake. Beer bottles, glasses and gas canisters get thrown into front gardens. Even at the back of our properties, which is private people still unashamedly park. Particularly if there is a funeral on also.

These comments are not a description of what we think might happen it's true experience of what has happened previously. In the time the pub has been closed it has been peaceful except for the odd funeral or football match when parking becomes a problem. Neither are antisocial and last only a couple of hours. The pub will be open daily for very long hours. The noise nuisance can even be heard from the beer garden at the back of the pub. It echoes loudly along the row of terraced houses meaning in summer you can't have bedroom windows open.

You'll know from previous reports that police were called on several occasions due to anti social behaviour from the small graveyard car park. This car park is all the residents have and is particularly useful for families with more than one car.

The council have never considered resident parking when granting such licences and we have never had clear signage stating residential parking only even at the back of our private addressees, like you see at other towns and streets.

It would not be tolerated if a house on a housing estate or on Liverpool Road had people around daily and nightly, coming and going and playing music into the early hours. Parking vehicles blocking resident parking. The fact of the matter is this pub, without its own parking and a reasonable boundary away from residents is not fit for such a licence. Not when there are other pubs as previously described more suitable, yet not doing it.

I'm sending this within the date guidelines given, yet I notice the pub probably already has the licence as signage has been in place and work has been getting carried out for months. The pub is even now open I believe.

Yours worryingly