


**Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team - Representation**

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Premise Details	
Application Ref No	REF288868
Name of Premises	Goodtime Games
Address	212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW

Representation
Outline your representation regarding the above application below. This representation should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence/certificate on the licensing objectives and on the vicinity of the premises.
<p>Licensing &amp; Out of Hours Compliance Team (LOOH) as the responsible authority have assessed the likely impact of the grant of this application taking into account a number of factors, including the nature of the area in which the premises is located and the proximity to residential accommodation, the hours applied for and any potential risk that the grant of this application could lead to issues of public nuisance.</p> <p><b>Proposed hours and licensable activities:</b></p> <p><i>The supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises only:</i>  Mon to Fri 5pm to 9.30pm  Sat to Sun 12.30pm to 10pm</p> <p><i>Seasonal Variations and Non-Standard Timings:</i>  During school summer holiday period opening hours, the premises shall additionally serve alcohol to customers between 12midday to 5pm (Monday to Friday only)</p> <p><i>Opening hours:</i>  Mon to Fri 5pm to 9.30pm  Sat to Sun 12.30pm to 10pm</p> <p><i>Seasonal Variations and Non-Standard Timings:</i>  During each annual school summer holiday period only (between those dates as specified by Manchester City Councils Directorate for Children's and Education Services), the premises shall operate additionally between the hours of 12midday to 5pm (Monday to Friday only).</p> <p>The existing and established premises is located on the busy and popular Burton Road, Didsbury. Located in a row of mixed used commercial premises with late licensed premises directly over Burton Road, facing this premises and there are residential properties directly to the rear of the premises on Arley Avenue.</p>

Whilst the applicant has submitted a relatively comprehensive operating schedule to promote all four licensing objectives, it was felt by LOOH that the additional conditions and or amendments should also be attached to the premise licence subject to the licensing committees' approval.

1. No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.
2. Staff shall monitor customers smoking outside the premises on a regular basis and ensure patrons do not cause a public nuisance.
3. Notice shall be displayed at any area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local resident and use the area quietly.
4. A prominent, clear, and legible notice shall be displayed at the exit to the premises asking customers to respect the needs of residents and to leave the area quietly.
5. The emptying of bins and refuse collections, shall not take place between 22:00 and 08:00 hours.

Section 7 of Manchester City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy sets out considerations that must be taken in to account when assessing the impact of a premises to local residents in relation to the potential for nuisance.

We believe the above conditions are proportionate and necessary to uphold the licensing objectives in relation to preventing public nuisance.

Recommendation: Approve with Conditions (Outlined Above)

**Representation agreed: 19/07/2023**

**Licensing Conditions - Goodtime Games**

**From:** Sion Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 July 2023 20:21  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing Conditions - Goodtime Games

Dear Premises Licensing,  
As the applicant has agreed to all conditions proposed by LOOH.  
I confirm I am happy to withdraw my representation.  
Kind regards  
Sion

Mr Sion Roberts

Neighbourhood Officer  
Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance  
Neighbourhoods Directorate  
Manchester City Council

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 July 2023 21:36  
**To:** Sion Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing Conditions - Goodtime Games

Hey Sion,

Thanks for clarifying that for me.

In that case, we're completely happy to accept what you've suggested and I'll let the licencing team know.

Thanks again,  
Tom Walker

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Representation agreed: 19/07/2023

On 18/07/2023 21:08 BST Sion Roberts [REDACTED]

Evening Tom,

The condition is a standard condition.

Our team as well as dealing with licensing is also the out of hours noise team so we are qualified and experienced at assessing noise. We ultimately would decide if any reported noise was an issue (not the complainant) and we would work with any premises in order to resolve, even if it there was a potential problem.

If the planning specifications/recommendations have been followed, it's highly unlikely that noise from the premises would be an issue. Hopefully this will clarify any concerns.

If you're in agreement please let the premises licensing team know.

Kind regards

Sion

Mr Sion Roberts

Neighbourhood Officer  
Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance  
Neighbourhoods Directorate  
Manchester City Council

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 July 2023 00:30  
**To:** Sion Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Licencing Conditions - Goodtime Games

Dear Sion,

Thanks for your considered response to our application. I'd be happy to accept the conditions you've suggested, as they seem fair and appropriate to me.

I am a bit concerned that the condition (1) might be abused by our upstairs neighbours

**Representation agreed: 19/07/2023**

for vexacious reasons (because they submitted 12 seperate representations against our application despite us coming to them beforehand.)

Because we had to change to a shop to a café, we needed a acoustic report produced by a professional consultancy. The noise survey was carried out on particularly busy Saturday night, and the consultant's report concluded that the transmitted noise was within reasonable limits, and this was accepted by the council. (Attached)

We have permitted customers to bring their own alcohol (BYOB) into the café since we opened. While we've not had any incidents of antisocial, disruptive behaviour or drunkenness, having more control over / accountability for the alcohol being consumed on the premises should, if anything, improve things.

While I appreciate this kind of condition might be appropriate, is there any other wording we could use that might not put us completely at their mercy, because the tenants upstairs have clearly taken a dislike to us. I contacted them before submitting my application, but they sent us a single line response and didn't really engage with us despite our best efforts.

Presumably, any complaints would need to be independently verified before any action is taken?

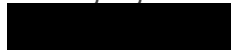
If so, it's probably completely fine if we accepted condition (1) as is.

Nevertheless, I'd really appreciate any input / suggestions / thoughts on this because this is uncharted territory for me; and the additional revenue is crucial to our survival / viability going forward!

Sincerely,

Tom Walker

Managing Director, Goodtime Games Board Games Café



**RE: Premises Licence (new) 288868/BJ1: Goodtime Games, 212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW, (Didsbury West ward)**

**From:** Richard Kilpatrick [REDACTED]

Sent: 27 June 2023 21:12

To: Premises Licensing <[Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk)>

Subject: RE: Premises Licence (new) 288868/BJ1: Goodtime Games, 212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW, (Didsbury West ward)

Dear licensing,

I have spoken to the applicant, local businesses, and West Didsbury Residents' Association. I believe that the applicant is a good neighbour and positive local business who has lots of good will within the community. Given the limit on alcohol sales in this application I am happy to support this. I would be concerned if this application was asking for a very late license, but I think the timings requested would be much earlier than many of their neighbours. This would mean patrons would be able to go elsewhere to drink afterwards. The applicant has been a good local business and welcomed by the community – it makes sense that the business takes advantage of the financial benefit of selling alcohol directly to customers rather than BYOB. I am very confident that the applicant will be a responsible licensee.

For that reason, I would like to support the application.

Many thanks

Richard

**Cllr Richard Kilpatrick**

*Liberal Democrat*

Didsbury West Ward

Manchester City Council

**Ref 288868/BJ1**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 July 2023 14:22  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Ref 288868/BJ1

Dear Sir/Madam.

I write to you as a counsellor & psychotherapist [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. As the owner of the café hasn't installed sufficient soundproofing to the building, myself, my colleagues & our clients, already struggle at times due to the excessive noise coming from the café & I fear that the problem will be greatly exacerbated by the drinking of alcohol on the site.

As I work with many vulnerable clients, some of whom suffer greatly from severe depression, anxiety & PTSD, I am very concerned both about their ability to cope with such an increase in excessive & unpredictable noise & also my own ability to cope in such a difficult & raucous environment. I fear that such a license being granted will thereby have a huge impact on the livelihoods of myself & my colleagues, as well as having a hugely detrimental effect on the mental health of those whom we support.

The fact that the café owners are now also considering opening up the back courtyard area as a space in which customers can sit drinking alcohol, will only serve to further compound the problem if such permission is granted, as the upstairs counselling room in which I work, faces directly on to this outdoor space. To cut out excessive noise & also maintain my clients confidence in their confidentiality, this would mean I could never have my window open, even on unbearably hot days. In addition, that particular area also backs on to a lot of private houses, so this proposal will also have a huge impact on all of those families who live close by.

I hope that this submission serves to make clear to you my justified concerns regarding the granting of an alcohol license to Goodtime Games Café and that you are able to respond accordingly to the impact that this will have on myself and so many others.

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

## **Objection to Alcohol License Application for Tom Walker's Café**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 08 July 2023 14:23

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Objection to Alcohol License Application for Tom Walker's Café

Reference :288868/BJ1

Dear Licensing Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the alcohol licence application submitted by Tom Walker for his café located at Goodtime Games, 212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW.

As a concerned citizen and a psychotherapist, I am deeply troubled by the potential negative impact this licence will have on my work, especially those clients who present with trauma.

First and foremost, it has come to my attention that Mr. Walker has failed to implement the necessary soundproofing measures as required by regulations. This lack of compliance raises significant concerns regarding noise levels within and around the café. Introducing alcohol to the premises without proper soundproofing would only exacerbate the existing noise issue, leading to increased disruption and disturbance for practice and my clients.

Furthermore, I would like to draw attention to Mr. Walker's intention to open the rear courtyard for customers. This decision is of particular relevance, as it significantly increases the potential for noise disturbances to affect an even larger area. The combination of alcohol consumption and the expansion of the café's outdoor space could lead to an escalation in disruptive behaviour, negatively impacting the peaceful and quiet atmosphere that is vital for the trauma work of psychotherapists and counsellors in the building.

Considering the potential implications on the well-being and mental health of individuals seeking therapy and mental health support, I urge each of you, as members of the Licensing Committee, to register your objection to Mr. Walker's alcohol license application in your own capacity. As professionals committed to the welfare of our community, it is crucial that we take a stand against developments that could threaten the safety, tranquility, and overall quality of life of our clients.

I kindly request that you carefully consider the concerns raised and give due weight to the objections from myself and fellow psychotherapists and counsellors from the centre. It is our sincere hope that you will prioritise the needs of our clients by carefully reviewing and denying this alcohol license application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will take the appropriate steps to ensure that our community [REDACTED] remains a peaceful and supportive environment for all.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



## Good time games

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 July 2023 16:06  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Good time games

Good afternoon,

I have been informed that the above are applying for an alcohol licence, even though they have not met the soundproofing requirements for an establishment. This is a concern to me as a self-employed psychotherapist in private practice, as the noise levels are already high on some evenings when carrying out client work.

This not only has a negative impact on my business, but on the welfare of my clients who are paying for a safe, confidential, and quiet space when exploring difficult life experiences.

I ask that the license and access to the roof terrace is not granted, on behalf of myself, my clients, [REDACTED] and the local community to prevent further disruption.

Warm regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

**Ref: 288868/BJ1**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 11 July 2023 21:18

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Ref: 288868/BJ1

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to express my concerns about the application for an alcohol license at the premises 212 Burton Rd, M20 2LW. Ref: 288868/BJ1

We [REDACTED] run a small centre for counselling, psychotherapy and other psychological treatments. There are over 30 of us – not all working at the same time! – dependent on the centre for all or a large part of our incomes. Any further levels of noise will impact on our work, the well-being of our clients and our livelihoods.

We have been told that Goodtime Games will sell “a few low alcohol beers”, as if this is recognition that alcohol will cause some disruption but possibly not too much. However, the owner of the café, Mr Walker, has never shown willingness to cooperate with his neighbours:

- complaints from ourselves and the residents behind the property about noise;
- complaints about smoke from bonfires in the backyard of the property from the same people and then intervention by Greater Manchester environmental officer;
- after over three years and despite repeated reminders from Greater Manchester Council, he has still not put in place the mandated soundproofing in the café;
- he has made fictitious claims about a conversation with us on a previous planning application.

I cite these as evidence of Mr Walker’s lack of respect for the neighbourhood and for the law.

We do not oppose this application because Mr Walker has upset us in the past, but because we fear the higher noise levels associated with alcohol will seriously impact our business.

Having an alcohol-free space for young people is very welcome and Goodtime Games aims to attract a young clientele. Indeed, it extends its opening hours during school holidays. However, does Mr Walker intend to eject any unaccompanied children at 5.0pm when the licence permits him to start serving alcohol? Perhaps he does, but there seems to be a conflict of values here as well as the potential for confusion.

We thank you for taking the time to read our observations and for listening to our worries.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Ref: 288868/BJ1**

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Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Objection: Reference :288868/BJ1**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 12 July 2023 17:21

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Objection: Reference :288868/BJ1

Dear Licensing Committee Members,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I am writing to express my strong objection to the alcohol licence application submitted by Tom Walker for his café located at Goodtime Games, 212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW.

As a concerned citizen and a therapist, I am deeply troubled by the potential negative impact this licence will have on my work [REDACTED]. My main worries are around sound disturbance for our place of work.

First and foremost, it has come to my attention that Mr. Walker has failed to implement the necessary soundproofing measures as required by regulations. This lack of compliance raises significant concerns regarding noise levels within and around the café. Introducing alcohol to the premises without proper soundproofing would only exacerbate the existing noise issue, leading to increased disruption and disturbance for practice and my clients.

Furthermore, I would like to draw attention to Mr. Walker's intention to open the rear courtyard for customers. This decision is of particular relevance, as it significantly increases the potential for noise disturbances to affect an even larger area. The combination of alcohol consumption and the expansion of the café's outdoor space could lead to an escalation in disruptive behaviour, negatively impacting the peaceful and quiet atmosphere that is vital for the trauma work of psychotherapists and counsellors in the building. Considering the potential implications on the well-being and mental health of individuals seeking therapy and mental health support, I urge each of you, as members of the Licensing Committee, to register your objection to Mr. Walker's alcohol license application in your own capacity.

As professionals committed to the welfare of our community, it is crucial that we take a stand against developments that could threaten the safety, tranquility, and overall quality of life of our clients. I kindly request that you carefully consider the concerns raised and give due weight to the objections from myself and fellow psychotherapists and counsellors from the centre. It is our sincere hope that you will prioritise the needs of our clients by carefully reviewing and denying this alcohol license application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will take the appropriate steps to ensure that our community [REDACTED] remains a peaceful and supportive environment for all.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

## Premises license Objection

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 July 2023 17:24  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Premises license Objection  
Reference :288868/BJ1

Dear Licensing Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the alcohol licence application submitted by Tom Walker for his café located at Goodtime Games, 212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW. As a concerned citizen and a psychotherapist, I am deeply troubled by the potential negative impact this licence will have on my work, especially those clients who present with trauma.

First and foremost, it has come to my attention that Mr. Walker has failed to implement the necessary soundproofing measures as required by regulations. This lack of compliance raises significant concerns regarding noise levels within and around the café. Introducing alcohol to the premises without proper soundproofing would only exacerbate the existing noise issue, leading to increased disruption and disturbance for practice and my clients.

Furthermore, I would like to draw attention to Mr. Walker's intention to open the rear courtyard for customers. This decision is of particular relevance, as it significantly increases the potential for noise disturbances to affect an even larger area. The combination of alcohol consumption and the expansion of the café's outdoor space could lead to an escalation in disruptive behaviour, negatively impacting the peaceful and quiet atmosphere that is vital for the trauma work of psychotherapists and counsellors in the building.

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I kindly request that you carefully consider the concerns raised and give due weight to the objections from myself and fellow psychotherapists and counsellors from the centre. It is our sincere hope that you will prioritise the needs of our clients by carefully reviewing and denying this alcohol license application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will take the appropriate steps to ensure that our community [REDACTED] remains a peaceful and supportive environment for all.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**288868/BJ1**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 July 2023 19:45  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** 288868/BJ1

I object to GOODTIME GAMES getting a licence to serve alcohol as drunk customers will disturb the work we do [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Reference: 288868/BJ1**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 13 July 2023 17:38

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Reference: 288868/BJ1

Dear Licensing Committee Members,

I am writing to express my objection to the alcohol licence application submitted by Tom Walker for the café located at Goodtime Games, 212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW.

[REDACTED] I am concerned by the potential negative impact this licence will have on my work, especially those clients who present with trauma due to the noise and nature of the business.

I believe Mr. Walker has failed to implement the necessary soundproofing measures as required by regulations. This lack of compliance raises significant concerns regarding noise levels within and around the café. The noise in the café can be heard from the floor above when they play the clapping games, introducing alcohol to the premises without proper soundproofing would only exacerbate the existing noise issue, leading to increased disruption and disturbance for practice and my clients. Customers who step out of the café for a cigarette break stand directly in front of our door due to the close proximity of both doors. It is important for our clients to access the door quickly, quietly and confidentially and can feel intimidating for clients arriving and leaving the centre to have to excuse themselves past patrons.

Furthermore, I would like to draw attention to Mr. Walker's intention to open the rear courtyard for customers. This decision is of particular relevance, as it significantly increases the potential for noise disturbances to affect an even larger area. The combination of alcohol consumption and the expansion of the café's outdoor space could lead to an escalation in disruptive behaviour, negatively impacting the peaceful and quiet atmosphere that is vital for the trauma work of psychotherapists and counsellors in the building. Considering the potential implications on the well-being and mental health of individuals seeking therapy and mental health support, I urge each of you, as members of the Licensing Committee, to register your objection to Mr. Walker's alcohol license application in your own capacity.

Please consider the concerns raised and give due weight to the objections from myself and fellow psychotherapists and counsellors from the centre. It is our sincere hope that you will consider and prioritise the needs of our clients by carefully reviewing and denying this alcohol license application. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will take the appropriate steps to ensure that our community [REDACTED] remains a peaceful and supportive environment for all.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Reference: 288868/BJ1**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 13 July 2023 21:39

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Reference 288868/BJ1

Reference :288868/BJ1

To whomever it may concern

I am writing to express my objection to the alcohol licence application submitted by Tom Walker for his café located at Goodtime Games, 212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW.

As a concerned citizen and a psychotherapist, I am deeply troubled by the potential negative impact this licence will have on my work, especially those clients who present with trauma. I understand that Mr. Walker has failed to implement the necessary soundproofing measures as required by regulations. This lack of compliance raises significant concerns regarding noise levels within and around the café.

Introducing alcohol to the premises without proper soundproofing will exacerbate the existing noise issue, leading to increased disruption and disturbance for practice and my clients. Mr. Walker's intends to open the rear courtyard for customers. This decision is of particular relevance, as it significantly increases the potential for noise disturbance.

The combination of alcohol consumption along with the expansion of the café's outdoor space will lead to an escalation in noise, negatively impacting the quiet atmosphere vital for the trauma work of psychotherapists and counsellors in the building.

Considering the potential implications on the well-being and mental health of individuals seeking therapy and mental health support, I urge you, as members of the Licensing Committee, to register your objection to Mr. Walker's alcohol license application in your own capacity. As professionals committed to the welfare of our community, it is crucial that we take a stand against developments that could threaten the safety, tranquility, and overall quality of life of our clients.

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I trust that you will take the appropriate steps to ensure that our community [REDACTED] [REDACTED] remains a peaceful and supportive environment for all.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]



**Reference: 288868/BJ1**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 14 July 2023 07:15

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Ref 288868/BJ1

I'm writing to object against the licence application 288868/BJ1

I'm a counsellor and psychotherapist [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The nature of my work means people with poor mental health need to be able to talk and be heard in a calm and confidential space.

Mr Walker has not complied with conditional planning requirements as part of the change of use for the premises. He has been running the cafe for 3 years without meeting any of the required sound insulation requirements. The Good Time cafe already generates unacceptable noise and disruption [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. In the last 2 months I have personally made 3 noise complaints direct to him. Mr Walker has consistently demonstrated total disregard to residents and businesses around him by regularly burning contaminated rubbish, which resulted in environmental health getting involved.

My sincere concern is that granting an alcohol licence will lead to further rises in noise levels leading to further disruption to an essential pre-existing mental health service provider.

My sincere concern is that given Mr Walker has already demonstrated disrespect and disregard for planning and environmental requirements, he will not be adverse to disregarding licencing requirements in place to protect young people.

There are already an ample number of licenced premises on this stretch of Burton Road. The Good Time games cafe is a family venue and as such, young people need to have continued access to alcohol-free places.

I strongly object to this licence and request that this family venue remains an alcohol-free space

With warm wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Ref: 288868/BJ1**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 14 July 2023 12:58

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Ref: 288868/BJ1

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in order to express my concerns regarding the proposed alcohol licence request by Goodtime Games.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. I am very concerned that without adequate soundproofing in place, the noise created by customers downstairs will negatively impact the sessions I hold with potentially vulnerable clients. The proposal to allow outside seating [REDACTED] is also very concerning.

In order for counselling to succeed, an environment of calm and trust is needed. External noise, in particular when unpredictable, obtrusive, distracting, or even triggering, does risk impacting on the ability for sessions to be conducted successfully.

I would be grateful if these concerns are taken into consideration when considering the proposal.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

## Premises Application Objection

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 July 2023 12:26  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Premises Application Objection

Reference :288868/BJ1

Dear Licensing Committee Members,

I am writing to express my objection to the alcohol licence application submitted by Tom Walker for his café located at Goodtime Games, 212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW. As a Counsellor [REDACTED] I am concerned by the potential negative impact this licence will have on my work and for my clients.

As Mr Walker has failed to implement the necessary soundproofing measures as required by regulations. This lack of compliance raises significant concerns regarding noise levels within and around the café which will be exacerbated by the introduction of alcohol.

Furthermore, I would like to draw attention to Mr. Walker's intention to open the rear courtyard for customers. This decision is of particular relevance, as it significantly increases the potential for noise disturbances to affect an even larger area. The combination of alcohol consumption and the expansion of the café's outdoor space could lead to an escalation in noise levels which would negatively impact the peaceful and quiet atmosphere that is vital for the trauma work of psychotherapists and counsellors in the building.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 14 July 2023 23:23

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Ref: 288868/BJ1

Reference :288868/BJ1

Dear Licensing Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the alcohol license application submitted by Tom Walker of Goodtime Games, 212 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW.

I am concerned by the potential negative impact this license will have on my work as a psychotherapist [REDACTED]. I understand Mr. Walker has failed to install the necessary soundproofing measures as required by regulations. This lack of compliance raises significant concerns regarding noise levels within and around the café.

Introducing alcohol to the premises without proper soundproofing would only exacerbate the existing noise issue, leading to increased disruption and disturbance for practice and my clients.

I would like to draw attention to Mr. Walker's intention to open the rear courtyard for customers. This decision is of particular relevance, as it significantly increases the potential for noise disturbances to affect an even larger area. The combination of alcohol consumption and the expansion of the café's outdoor space could lead to an escalation in disruptive behaviour, negatively impacting the peaceful and quiet atmosphere that is vital for the trauma work of psychotherapists and counsellors in the building.

Considering the potential implications on the well-being and mental health of individuals seeking therapy and mental health support, I urge each of you, as members of the Licensing Committee, to register your objection to Mr. Walker's alcohol license application in your own capacity.

As professionals committed to the welfare of our community, it is crucial that we take a stand against developments that could threaten the safety, tranquility, and overall quality of life of our clients.

I kindly request that you carefully consider the concerns raised and give due weight to the objections from myself and fellow psychotherapists and counsellors from the centre. It is our sincere hope that you will prioritise the needs of our clients by carefully reviewing and denying this alcohol license application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will take the appropriate steps to ensure that our community [REDACTED] remains a peaceful and supportive environment for all.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]