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Subject: Premises Licence variation 225918/DS7: Deansgate Food Bar, 343 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 4LG, (Deansgate ward)
To: Premises Licensing <premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk>, Cllr Joan Davies <cllr.j.davies@manchester.gov.uk>, Cllr William Jeavons <cllr.william.jeavons@manchester.gov.uk>

Good evening.

I am writing to object to the premises license variation above (Ref: 225918/DS7). I am objecting for two main reasons.

Firstly, the railway bridge beneath which the applicant premises is located marks the entrance to an overwhelmingly quiet, residential area, particularly Deansgate Quay & 355-357 Deansgate. The area is highly different in character to Whitworth Street West, on the side of the bridge of the premises. The railway viaduct currently acts as a clear barrier between two very different areas. The late hours (up to 2 am) on weeknights is not appropriate for this area.

This is particularly important with respect to the surrounding licensed premises. Currently, as clubs and bars on/around Whitworth St West close or visitors end their night out, the visitors disperse away from the residential neighbourhood that is to the south of the railway viaduct. A late night hot food premises in this location would act as a focal point, attracting revellers towards the residential neighbourhood and causing distress to local residents with respect to noise. Indeed, visitors would likely congregate outside the premises in the pedestrian area outside the applicant premises which will cause noise that will carry through the quiet neighbourhood and disturb residents--no steps have been suggested by the applicant to prevent this. Notwithstanding, I believe it to be an inappropriate location for the proposed extended hours.

Given the high concentration of bars/clubs in the area on/around Whitworth St West, I believe that majority of visitors to the premises within the extended hours would be intoxicated and visiting the applicant premises after having visited nearby bars/clubs. It is not clear from the application that the licensed premises would be able to accommodate intoxicated visitors late at night whilst promoting three of the four licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance
- Public safety

This leads me to my second objection which is that the applicant's proposed steps to meet the four licensing objectives are poor and inadequate.

The proposals below lack detail and lack reasoning for why they are sufficient. The lack of detail suggests the proposal is ill-thought through and has not considered how it will accommodate intoxicated revellers late at night. For example, the number of door staff and the ways they will help promote licensing objectives are not

explained and a respect the neighbours sign is wholly insufficient in ensuring the nearby residential buildings will be able to remain part of a quiet, safe area.

The steps to promote the four licensing objectives given by the applicant are too brief:

"Liaise with local police
employ registered door staff
Respect the neighbours sign
children to be supervised
cctv."

I am submitting this objection on behalf of myself, Cllr Joan Davies and Cllr William Jeavons (copied in), as the three ward Councillors for Deansgate.

Best wishes,

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