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I am opposed to this and hereby express my strong objection to renewing Star Pubs & Bars Limited's (t/a The Rising Sun) licencing application (number 16434) made under The Licensing Act 2003 for Alcohol and Entertainment including the licence to carry out after the hours of 9pm weekdays (Mondays to Fridays) the following activities: Supply of alcohol on/off sale Recorded/Live music Indoor In carrying out its functions under the Licencing Act 2003 (the Act), Brent Council must do so with a view to promoting the licensing objectives set out under Part 2, Section 4 of the Act. We believe that a grant of the application (at least in the terms requested) is not appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, which are: (a) prevention of crime and disorder (b) public safety (c) prevention of public nuisance and (d) protection of children from harm

Prevention of crime and disorder: We and our neighbours have observed people in heavily intoxicated states coming out of The Rising Sun and being involved in illegal behaviour. These directly affect our basic rights to rest and leisure, and our rights to adequate living standards and personal security. On the 24/05/2019, the police were called to an incident at the Rising Sun where it was discovered that the management had been operating without a proper licence. We believe this is why the Rising Sun is applying to renew and extend its licence. Another incident took place again on the 26/05/2019, which caused some residents to again call the police. Endorsing these trading hours during the weeknights will not only lead to an increase in this type of behaviours which are causing the residents unreasonable and substantial discomfort, but it will also encourage and promote the already high crime rate in the area. Please note, in the case of *East Lindsey District Council v Abu Hanif (t/a Zara's Restaurant)*(2016) Mr Justice Jay said: "[T]he prevention of crime and disorder requires a prospective consideration of what is warranted in the public interest, having regard to the twin considerations of prevention and deterrence."

Public Safety: It has been witnessed and reported by several neighbours that often crowds of drinkers outside the pub and the customers or pub staff/owners cars parked right outside the pub entrance force pedestrians to walk in the road, posing a risk to public safety.

Prevention of public nuisance: In the last year or two it has been noticed a substantial increase in the amount of noise coming from the pub; not only from music but also from people yelling, mainly on weekends but a marked increased during the week nights too. It is not only the noise from the entertainment/ band rehearsals, patrons inside and in the garden (which is adjacent to ours) that is concerning, but also from the people who regularly loiter outside the pub, often inebriated, shouting obscenities at each other which sometimes leads to physical altercations late at night. The litters, urination and bottles being left around make our neighbourhood look unpleasant, and make it less pleasant to live. We believe that the above objective will continued to be undermined if the licence is granted in the terms requested. There will be nuisance caused to residents through late night noise and anti-social behaviour. Having regard to the existing levels of alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour, I believe that this will be worsened if this application is granted.

Protection of children from harm: A licence to play live/recorded music or for band rehearsals during weeknights until 12.30am in a residential area will have a significant and negative impact on the well-being of the residents within a 6 house radius of the pub. For example, a neighbour 6 houses away has complained to us of how loud the music has become. Granting this licence application in the terms requested will have a detrimental effect on residents' quantity and quality of sleep, impact on the elderly as the working age residents. Moreover, granting this licence application in the terms requested will have a detrimental effect on the educational outcomes of children and young people who live in this vicinity. We have already taken measures to alleviate our concerns including wearing earplugs, turning our television sets up, etc. to no much effect. Our property already has measures in place to reduce noise i.e double glazing, etc., however the music coming from the pub is often so loud and well beyond 9pm on

weeknights that even when our windows are closed the noise makes hard for us to sleep or rest in peace and quiet. The Council must appreciate that having all windows closed to try and sleep during summer nights makes it extremely uncomfortable. The issue with the pub playing music on their premises is the lack of control to measure the maximum level of decibel allowed in a residential area. We have seen no measures that the Rising Sun are proposing to combat and reduce the noise level emanating from the live and/or recorded music it is seeking licence to play. We hence request that the local authority monitor that level of noise and/or impose conditions to the licence, if granted, including the installation of adequate sound proof barriers to reduce the noise and alleviate its effects on the residents. We also request that the Council reduce the hours during which the Rising Sun is allowed to sell alcohol and play music during weekdays to 9pm.

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