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To: Licensing <Licensing@kirklees.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to ALL licensing at 39 Bridge Street, HD7 5JN (Northern Sole Cafe Limited)

Hello,

I hope this reaches you safe and well in these unsettling times. I wanted to get in touch as I am the owner of [REDACTED], and I have just been informed there has been a licensing application submitted for Lock 22 (still known as), 39, Bridge Street, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5JN for the **Sale of alcohol on the premises / sale of alcohol off the premises / provision of regulated entertainment between the hours of 0800 and 2300 Monday to Sundays.**

Please take this as formal representation and objection to this application.

Lock 22 is approx. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I have reviewed the licence application and I firstly wanted to point out the number of local residents there are in the area. There are multiple residents and there is no need for any further alcohol drinking premises in the immediate area. There are numerous bars and pubs where people can go if they so desire.

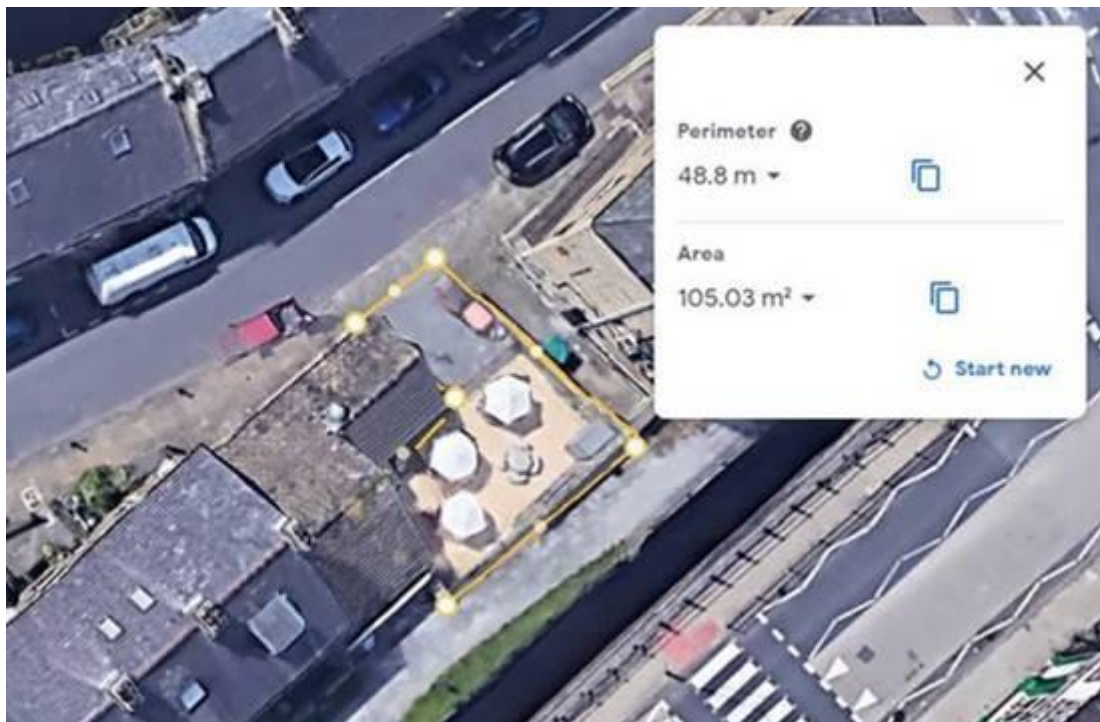


I really do like to encourage businesses to thrive in Slaithwaite and I am not against the sale of alcohol **inside** the premises during reasonable working hours 1400-2100 or something, in the same fashion as the Monsoon Restaurant, over the road, however the **sale of alcohol outside** the premises and also “**provision of regulated** entertainment” until 11pm is **completely unreasonable** for the **local residents** to the café. Monsoon is a very profitable business that has been there for years and never had any problems apart from the usual things like bins etc... Bridge Street is a quiet residential street in the heart of the village and needs to stay so.

I am very concerned as the situation is much more complex than initially envisaged and the following information will hopefully shed some light on why.

The fact that a café wants to apply for sale of alcohol license both **inside and outside** and also have **entertainment** is very unusual for a café in a beautiful village like Slaithwaite. **Why does just a simple café want entertainment and outside drinking!? Is it a Pub or something?** The most obvious reason for this is to attract the “ale trail” masses to this non-public house establishment and turn the premises into a destination on the very popular drinking day out excursion.

To set the scene and as you can see above and below google earth images, the top end of Bridge Street is a quiet residential area tucked away from the main bustling streets of Carr Lane and Britannia Road in the conservation area of Slaithwaite village with residential properties back directly onto the River Colne or the Huddersfield Narrow Canal making it a very peaceful and tranquil street in the heart of the village which is very unusual.





With addressing the need for another drinking establishment in the immediate vicinity of the area I would like to point out there is already 3 other large A4 premises in the immediate vicinity of Lock 22 **which are not surrounded by residential properties**. There is already plenty of choice for people that come to Slaithwaite (mainly from the Railway “ale trail” which happens all day, each Saturday especially in the Summer)

At Lock 22, the use of the outside space (105m²) is one of my main concerns. This size of this is over half the total area of the premise and if you looked at capacity of people you can fit in to this space (West Yorkshire fire brigade occupancy calculations attached) there is potential for hundreds of people visiting Lock 22 which will generate lots of noise all day and bring with it antisocial behaviour which is well documented in the papers. Lock 22 is also right next to the busy canal towpath (which is National Cycle Network Route 66) and the Canal itself. With many “merry” visitors during the day, this also poses quite a large health and safety issue as well.

Their proposals for drinking in the outside space and with this additional capacity it is clear to see their sneaky plans in their application. Its plain to see and due to the close proximity of residential properties, this licensing application is completely unacceptable and will imposed an unnecessary level of additional noise and antisocial behaviour on the local community.

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The increase in noise will definitely be unacceptable when any windows are open and probably also when closed.

The proposed “bar” will increase noise and spread antisocial behaviour onto a residential street and will further exacerbate the drinking Ale Trail culture developing in Slaithwaite. I’m all for bringing business to Slaithwaite, but the antisocial behaviour associated with this drinking culture needs to be contained and there are plenty of existing establishments in the area currently. See attached an old, but relevant article from a local paper.

<https://www.examinerlive.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/aboard-rail-ale-trail-reporter-4946362>

We do not need to give any more people excuses to drink in Slaithwaite. Please consider this.

Lock 22 as a café, is serviced regularly by the local community including myself and is a financially viable business as it is. If there are claims this is not the case, the business is being mis managed.

Additionally, I very much doubt they are **not going to provide any additional parking** for the additional customers on top of the current allocated parking for customers – nil. See below. This is surely unacceptable if they are increasing potential footfall in an already busy residential street. This poses a problem for local residents who want to park on their own street as any visiting customers will park on Bridge St (as the canal is the other side) and therefore take up what little parking there already is. This is also unacceptable.



As the owner of [REDACTED] I am seriously concerned about this proposed license in its entirety. It is a residential street not a high street, that is over the canal where there are no residents. Please let the local residents have their voices heard.

I hope on reviewing all the information that I have supplied in this email, it will be clear that what is being proposed is complete untenable and unsuitable for the situation.

Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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