

From:

Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 4:36 PM

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

Subject: Application for Premises Licence at Bankgate Mills, Slaithwaite, HD7 5DL. Ref. PR00384

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Regarding the above application for a Premises Licence at Bankgate, Slaithwaite we wish to object on the following grounds:

1. This is a quiet residential area. The sale and consumption of alcohol on these premises may encourage disorder. There are already many public houses down the hill in Slaithwaite village, and licenced premises on Bankgate will draw "Ale Trail" followers and other alcohol consumers into a now peaceful area. It is also likely to create noise and a litter problem in the area.

2. The establishment of licensed premises at Bankgate Mills will threaten public safety. There is no pavement and very limited parking outside the mill, and more parked cars would be obstructive to passing traffic, and make crossing the busy road very hazardous. There is a quiet scenic walk and wildlife haven next to the mill, and the possibility of drunk customers using this could disturb the idyllic natural peace of the area, and deter other members of the public from enjoying the healing tranquillity of the pathway.

3. A licensed premises at Bankgate Mills would be a public nuisance. It is likely to cause noise, disturbance, and litter. There is very limited parking outside the mill and visitors would inevitably park on nearby roads. This would cause obstruction to traffic, pedestrians, and deprive residents of limited roadside parking outside their houses..

4. The sale and consumption of alcohol indoor and outdoors at Bankgate Mills would cause a potential threat to child safety. The mill is adjacent to a crossing point for children going to and from school across the reservoir path, and is not a suitable place to have a licensed premises.

Yours sincerely

From:

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:01 PM

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

Subject: - OBJECTION to Licensing application, Bank Gate Mills, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield HD7 5DL

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Good Evening,

I am emailing in connection with the above licensing application.

We are residents of [REDACTED] and strongly oppose the license application as it does not meet the 4 licensing objectives for the following reasons:

- The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

The license applied for is between the hours of 12 noon to 11pm, 7 days a week.

Because of the nature of the venture and what is planned, it is inevitable that noise will emanate from the premises. This will increase considerably with the planned live music and large events.

Even when the venue closes at 23.00 hours, there will still be noise after this time as customers and staff clear up and leave.

[REDACTED]
Our family's sleep will be adversely affected due to evening noise disturbance. Ale trailer's will add to this with the possible added problems of urinating in gardens and driveways on the way back to Slaithwaite train station, which incidentally does not have a toilet.

- Public Safety:

The on site car park is only large enough for approximately 6 cars.

Inevitably this would mean that vehicles would potentially park the length of Bank Gate with parking on both sides of the road and possibly on the pavement.

Bank Gate affectively could become single track in its entirety making it very difficult and dangerous for pedestrians and other road users.

Emergency service vehicles regularly use Bank Gate, especially fire appliances for moorland fires etc and ambulances as a fast route to the local hospital .

Bank Gate has a pavement but only on one side of the road. Driving in and out of properties will be hazardous.

- The Prevention of Crime & Disorder

Inevitably with a venture of this kind alcohol will be consumed, in some cases, a considerable amount. This can only increase public disorder with shouting, fighting, broken glasses & bottles and general littering of the neighbourhood.

There could also be an increase in the number of drivers in the area who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- The Protection of Children from Harm:

Children walk up & down Bank Gate to and from school. The local after school club also walk several children home in a "caterpillar" style. As the licensing application is from mid day onwards, this could be a safety issue if there are more cars parked and cars driving out of the car park.

The children living on Bank Gate, as well as the local children have an increased likelihood of witnessing bad language and drunken behaviour.

It will also be disruptive to children's sleep and their mental health and well being.

Other reasons for objecting:

- Quality of life / mental health:

[REDACTED]

Driver visibility is poor in both directions when leaving the car park, this will only become worse if there are parked cars on the road. It will also result in revving of engines as the road is steep.

Residents of Bank Gate will be unable to sleep with the windows open on warm summer nights as they do now.

There will inevitably be litter not only in the car park but on the roadside and in domestic gardens, especially if food is sold.

The above points I know will cause us increased anxieties as we all need to be up early for work.

[REDACTED]

- WILDLIFE:

We feel the venture would have a negative impact on the prolific wildlife in the woods behind Bank Gate Mills, particularly birds. In fact a family of tawny owls breed and nest in the trees and surely would be affected by the incessant noise. We would no longer be able to hear them on a winters evening. We as a community on Bank Gate have the pleasure of listening to them.

FINALLY:

We all like to enjoy an evening out, and are entitled to return to our nice peaceful homes.

[REDACTED]

From:
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 9:08 AM
To: Licensing <Licensing@kirklees.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection Bankgate Mills license

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Dear Mr Barrett,

I am writing to express my serious concern about the above license application to sell alcohol every day 12:00 - 23:00 on the premises:

BANKGATE MILLS BANK GATE SLAITHWAITE HUDDERSFIELD KIRKLEES HD7 5DL

It is with regret that we are objecting to this license application as we are generally supporters of the brewery and business and have attended their events and enjoyed their quality beer on multiple occasions. We would love for them to find a suitable location in Slaithwaite as the business would definitely be an asset to the village. We do, however, feel that the location of this application is unsuitable for a number of reasons listed below. We also think that Slaithwaite village centre should remain the hub for entertainment, music and alcohol sales rather than establishments sprawling to new residential areas. There are several empty properties that could be used rather than the address above. For example, the decaying Swan pub, the huge empty space within Globe Mill or the empty bank on the high street.

1) THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

- Litter – the road from the train station to the village as well as the village centre is already experiencing a big litter and broken glass problem because of ale trailers and pub customers. This application would no doubt extend this problem to Bank Gate
- Vandalism – most vandalism in the village is related to drunkenness and this would extend to Bank Gate if the license application was approved.

2) PUBLIC SAFETY

- Parking – Bank Gate and the bottom of the hill by Rumpus and the community centre is already treacherous because of parking issues. This application would increase parking demand, traffic and cause further problems potentially leading to danger, especially for vulnerable pedestrians at the Merrydale nursery, Slaithwaite After School Club and Scouts Group.

3) THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

- Disturbance and noise – if the license application was approved it would cause increase of noise and disturbance. We already struggle to windows open at night with noise from drunk people walking up and down Bank Gate. This application would increase this as people walk to and from the pub.

4) THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

- Community Centre/After School Club/Nursery/School walking route – Bank Gate is used heavily by kids walking to and from schools as well as the community centre hosting a nursery and after school club till 18:00 during the week and Scouts and Rainbows using the community centre on an evening and kids' birthday parties on a weekend. The pavement is very narrow on Bank Gate especially by the community center and kids that have to pass drunk customers walking to and from the pub may feel intimidated.

Kind regards,

From:

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 12:01 PM

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

Subject: Planned alcohol licence for Bank Gate Mills

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object to the proposed Alcohol licence for Bank Gate mills, Slaithwaite [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] object to this Bar/music venue in a rural, quiet and residential area.

Not to mention the risk to public safety as the location is on a road with no parking and the proposed parking area is not fit for purpose. I am worried about an increase in crime and disorder to local residents and their property - the proposed area is some walking distance from the village centre.

Local residents have young children and the area is a popular route for returning children from 2 Gates primary school - they would have to walk past this venue late afternoon on their return from school - i feel this is in direct opposition to the protection of children from harm.

As well as these points above the venues location for local residents would be a violation of their human rights, with no respite from the noise pollution and public nuisance that comes with such a venue.

I hope you take this objection and my concerns seriously.

With thanks,




28th July 2023

Licensing Department
Kirklees Council
Flint Street
Huddersfield HD1 6LG

Dear Licensing Department

RE: OPPOSITION TO THE ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATION MADE BY THE THREE FIENDS FOR BANK GATE MILLS, BANK GATE, SLAITHWAITE, HD7 5DL.

We are residents of Bank Gate  We strongly object to the alcohol licence application for Bank Gate Mills and are submitting these objections to you during the 28-day consultation period. We object on the grounds that this alcohol licence application does not meet the four licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

Bank Gate and Bank Gate Mills in context:

Bank Gate Mills is not, nor has it been, licensed premises. Residents have chosen to live in an area with no licensed premises. There are no licensed premises on Bank Gate and other roads in the vicinity.

Bank Gate is a steep road with one pavement. This is on the opposite side of the road to Bank Gate Mills where there is no pavement. The pavement is reduced to single file towards the bottom of Bank Gate where there are safety barriers next to the Community Centre and Nursery exits. The side of the road to Bank Gate Mills is lined with a dry-stone wall that continues past this property.

Bank Gate is a single lane road from the bottom of the hill to after the viaduct due to the priority of uphill traffic passing under the viaduct. At peak times bottle necks often form at the bottom of the hill and half-way up, in front of houses and Bank Gate Mills. Many people drive up and down Bank Gate on their way in and out of Slaithwaite and to the motorway.

Fire engines use the road when responding to emergency call outs, for example, when attending moorland fires.

Despite the traffic, Bank Gate is a quiet place to live, particularly in the evening when the traffic dies down. Residents include those who are elderly, retired as well as young children and teenagers. Some residents work from home.

Bank Gate Mills is a two-storey building with an outside space. There is a large area of protected trees adjacent to the property. These trees are home to a wide variety of birdlife that the residents of the

street and those passing through, enjoy seeing and hearing. Birds include jays, thrushes, nuthatch, and (nesting) tawny owls. Bats are regularly seen flying.

The granting of an alcohol licence enabling Bank Gate Mills to be developed into a taproom with indoor and outdoor drinking, food and live and recorded music, will have a huge negative impact not only on the residents of Bank Gate but also those in many other residential streets in Slaithwaite.

THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

If the alcohol licence is granted, Bank Gate will see an increase in vehicular traffic as well as pedestrians (see Public safety). An increase in vehicular traffic is likely to result in:

- illegal parking on pavements and in front of drives
- speeding and other driving offences.

If this alcohol licence is granted, it is likely that there will be:

- intoxicated behaviour in the streets
- public urination in the streets and on residents' property. Kirklees Council is already aware that such behaviour is an issue due to the Ale Trail as there is a Public Space Protection Order 2023 (Public Urination and Defecation) in place for the Marsden and Slaithwaite Ale Trail until 2026 (see Kirklees Council website). The onus would, however, be on residents to report offences to the authorities and this will leave residents open to intimidation from perpetrators.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Road safety, parking and pedestrian safety:

Bank Gate is not a wide road but is a main route in and out of Slaithwaite. At one point under and either side of the viaduct, it is a single lane.

Granting the alcohol licence will result in road safety and parking issues that will affect not only Bank Gate residents but residents in surrounding streets:

- Fire engines responding to emergencies could face obstruction due to an increase in pedestrians, parked cars and traffic.

- Additional parking on Bank Gate and surrounding streets will restrict the flow of traffic and endanger pedestrians, as it is likely that cars will park on the pavement.

- Parking on the road where there is no pavement will narrow the road and impact on traffic flow. Some cars will perform three-point turns and/or drive onto residents' properties when vacating the area. Others will leave via nearby streets. Either way there will be an increase in traffic and a greater risk of accidents during the day and late at night.

- As there is no pavement on the Bank Gate Mills side of the road, those leaving the property will walk directly onto the road. This alone is hazardous but with additional parking on the street, will be even more so. NB: Judgement is impaired after drinking alcohol, even when not intoxicated.

- An increase in parking will result in poorer visibility for those seeking to cross the road. For example, cars parked opposite the footpath exit from Slaithwaite Reservoir will impact on

vehicles turning down the road and be hazardous for pedestrians coming out of the footpath. This footpath is used by many, including Slaithwaite Primary School pupils and parents. The pavement is in places, only wide enough for one person. Pedestrians, such as children and the elderly, may choose to step into the road rather than share the restricted pavement with groups of people, particularly groups of men or those who appear intoxicated. In Marsden, when Ale Trail participants are making their way between pubs and the station, it can be difficult to navigate a car due to groups of people walking in the roadway; not crossing the road but walking in the road, as if it were a pavement. We experience this regularly, most recently on 15th July 2023. This behaviour can be intimidating, is certainly hazardous and is likely to be replicated on Bank Gate, should the alcohol licence be granted, as a taproom will attract those on the Ale Trail.

THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

Noise:

No matter how well a licensed venue is run, an increase in noise is inevitable. Even without an outside drinking area, people coming and going to Bank Gate Mills and socialising inside the building will create noise that will permeate into the street and into residents' homes and the area of protected trees. The volume of noise will increase:

- as people come and go from the venue
- when Ale Trail participants are in the area
- with an outside drinking area (particularly on weekends, sunny days, dry evenings and bank holidays)
- with recorded or live music
- with amplified voices, such as during a quiz
- with an increase in traffic and cars trying to park and depart (see Public safety)
- with an increase in cars revving their engines and using horns
- as taxis collect customers late at night.

The applicant has stated to the Licensing department that they wish to replicate an environment similar to their taproom in Meltham, The Fourth Fiend, with an indoor and outdoor space, live and recorded music and food.

On Friday 21st July at 10.20pm, we went to Meltham to ascertain the volume of the music coming from The Fourth Fiend on a live music night and to establish how far the noise travelled. The Fourth Fiend is in the centre of Meltham and there are at least three other pubs close to this venue. We stood on the opposite side of the road to The Fourth Fiend, by the church (a similar distance to Bank Gate homes from Bank Gate Mills) and made some videos, recording the sounds emanating from the taproom. We did not film people, as this would have invaded their privacy, so the films are unclear but at times indicate visually how far we were from the venue. It is the audio that is important in these recordings. We walked away from the venue in two directions and noted the point at which the sound became inaudible. NB: We did not walk down the hill towards The Victoria, thus avoiding sounds coming from this venue. An example of the recordings can be submitted to the panel. The music and the sound of the customers both inside and outside of the building was very loud and carried for some distance, even

over the traffic, which is heavier in Meltham than on Bank Gate. There was a group of people outside the Fourth Fiend and the noise from this group, who were merely enjoying a drink and socialising, was very loud and, if on Bank Gate, would have been audible from within our homes.

We marked the distance that the sound carried in the two directions on a map of Meltham. This has enabled us to estimate the distance the sound was likely to have covered in a circle around the venue (see attached document).

On a map of Slaithwaite (same scale as Meltham) we marked the location of Bank Gate Mills and noted the same size circle with Bank Gate Mills in the centre (see the same attached document). This indicates that the noise coming from Bank Gate Mills, should the alcohol licence be granted, during a live music event will not only affect Bank Gate residences but also, at the very least, homes and businesses on:

- Ivy Mount
- Nabbs Lane
- Holme Lane
- Union Street
- Grove Street
- Royd Street
- Pretoria Street
- Netherend Road

The granting of an alcohol licence for Bank Gate Mills will therefore have a huge negative impact, with regards to noise, on a large number of local residents' lives, mental health and wellbeing. Bank Gate, and all of the streets listed above, with the exception of Nabbs Lane have no licensed premises and the residents of these streets, when they bought or rented their homes will have done so knowing there are no licensed premises on their street. The residents on streets other than Bank Gate are unlikely to have seen the two notices as many people use transport to go up or down Bank Gate or go in and out of the village centre via Royd Street.

In addition to the streets listed above, the noise will travel over the entire area of protected trees adjacent to Bank Gate Mills. Noise, be it human, music, vehicular or from bottles and glasses, from a taproom such as that proposed, will negatively impact on the host of animals living there.

Odours:

The granting of an alcohol licence enables the venue to prepare and serve food. No matter how well a licensed premise is run and how effective the ventilation systems are, food and cooking odours will carry on the wind towards our homes. We chose to live away from food outlets as we did not want to be exposed to such odours.

In addition to this, neither of us smoke or vape and we find the smell unpleasant. Odours from smoking and vaping customers using the outside area or walking to the venue will, like cooking odours, carry on the wind towards our homes.

Light:

The alcohol licence application states that the opening hours of the planned venue will be 12 to 11pm seven days per week. Currently on Bank Gate, there is very little light seen from homes after dark. Many of us go to bed long before 11pm. There will inevitably be increased lighting from:

- inside Bank Gate Mills
- outside the building
- customers' cars coming and going

Increased lighting will negatively impact, not only on residents, but on local wildlife, such as birds and bats.

The Ale Trail:

It is very likely, that a taproom like this will attract Ale Trail participants. Issues in Marsden from the Ale Trail have been well documented over the years (see The Yorkshire Post).

Ale Trail participants are currently only interested in a small part of Slaithwaite and this is an area that has a long history of licensed premises. Encouraging them up Bank Gate, and in all likelihood along Royd Street and Hill Top Road (on the way to the station) will cause problems similar to those evident in Marsden with relation to additional noise, litter and anti-social behaviour (including public urination – see Prevention of crime and disorder).

We are particularly concerned for the safety of young children and the elderly who could feel intimidated by large numbers on the single pavement, outside homes and outside the venue. We can foresee groups (Ale Trail or regular customers) sitting on and leaning against residents' walls.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

Residents of Bank Gate and those in neighbouring streets have chosen to raise their children in an area with no licensed premises.

Kirklees Children and Young People's Plan 2020-2023, states, "Our vision: All children and young people in Kirklees have the best start in life and are nurtured and supported to achieve their potential."

Granting the alcohol licence will lead to a conflict with three of the four ambitions of this plan:

- To be healthy and valued in our community
- To aspire, to achieve and to enjoy childhood
- To feel safe – in a loving, secure family and a strong, cohesive community

Such a conflict will arise by exposing children to tobacco, vaping, alcohol use and intoxication, noise day and at night as well as personal and road safety issues.

Children living on Bank Gate have bedrooms facing the street. The NHS states that, "A healthy adult usually needs around 7 to 9 hours of sleep.....Teenagers, children and babies need more sleep because they are still growing, but that varies, too, with a newborn sleeping anywhere between 8 to 16 hours. (www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-health-issues/sleep/#hours)

Sleep Foundation (www.sleepfoundation.org) states that, "Sleepiness can also affect your child's ability to pay attention, with ramifications for their performance in school. Even minimal sleep restriction can have effects on your child's day-to-day life."

Customers drinking and socialising inside and outside Bank Gate Mills, should the licence be granted will:

- negatively impact on children's sleep
- negatively impact on children's ability to study
- negatively impact on opportunities to rest and play
- expose children to inappropriate language and topics of conversation
- expose children to behaviours caused by intoxication from alcohol
- expose children to vaping and tobacco use.

Noise from outside the venue as well as recorded and live music will also interfere with the sleep of children living on other streets near Bank Gate (see Prevention of public nuisance).

The impact of groups of drinkers participating in the Ale Trail (see all other sections relating to the licensing objectives) will also impact on children in the locality. Many children walk on Bank Gate over the weekend. Ale Trail participants will also be walking on Bank Gate on the one pavement, or if the behaviour seen regularly in Marsden is repeated, in the road. Children will have to decide whether to walk through these drinkers or try to avoid them, possibly by stepping into the road. At the bottom of the road, where there is a barrier, children will be unable to avoid Ale Trail participants when walking on the pavement.

We appreciate your careful consideration of the above information and hope that it demonstrates to you that:

Bank Gate Mills is an inappropriate location for a licensed premise
and that this alcohol licence application does not meet the four licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

Yours sincerely

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 6:55 PM

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

Subject: Objection to alcohol license application for Bankgate mills Slaithwaite

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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the alcohol license application for Bank gate Mills, Bank gate, Slaithwaite.

My reasons for objecting are as follows:

1. Slaithwaite village pubs & bars are already busy at evenings & weekends, with sporadic antisocial & nuisance disorder from groups on the "real ale trail" & other large groups of drinkers. A further drinking venue fairly near the village centre would add to the existing situation & potentially increase the risk of crime & disorder & public nuisance. I therefore object to the application on the basis of prevention of crime, disorder & public nuisance.

2. Bankgate is a narrow steep road, where parking roadside is unsafe & restricts two way traffic. Parking half on the pavement is already a problem by people visiting the gym slightly further up Bankgate. The car park at Bankgate mills is small with visual restriction to traffic coming up Bankgate. The availability of alcohol at a VENUE would create more demand for parking. On the basis of public safety & prevention of public nuisance I therefore object to the alcohol license application.

3. The owners of residential properties across the road from Bankgate mills & those living further up the hill (Hilltop) would be impacted on by increased noise which inevitably comes with people drinking alcohol at an indoor/outdoor venue, also increased traffic noise late into the evening. On the basis of preventing noise nuisance, public nuisance & promoting public safety I therefore object to the alcohol license application.

I hope you will take these major concerns & objections into consideration when considering the above alcohol license application.

Yours Sincerely

From:

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 6:59 PM

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

Subject: Alcohol licence application ref PR 00384

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I would like to object strongly to the above application for bankgate mills, Slaithwaite to be developed as a taproom with live and recorded cause cause music. This is totally inappropriate for where is a residential area with many children, I feel it would cause both public nuisance, and possibility of crime and disorder.

From:
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 10:46 AM
To: Licensing <Licensing@kirklees.gov.uk>
Subject: PR00384 Bank Gate Mills

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to register my objection to the application from [REDACTED] for an alcohol licence at Bank Gate Mills, HD7 5DL .

My objection is based on my concern that this new licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many dwellings nearby, including my own. Granting a licence would provide yet another source of alcohol close to an area already heavily populated with licenced establishments. These establishments are all located within the village centre which is predominantly a commercial area with few residential properties, any issues caused by these establishments are contained to within the village centre, granting a license at the proposed site would bring the possibility of crime / disorder / public nuisance / anti-social behaviour in to an area populated by families with young children and elderly people. I feel it is also unacceptable to expect local residents to endure noise disturbance from live bands / recorded music in what is currently a very quiet area.

Furthermore, granting a licence at this site would increase the possibility of parking issues. There are already issues with parking on this stretch of road due to the nearby gym, another establishment opening will only bring more vehicles and exacerbate this problem, particularly for the dwellings with driveways on Bank Gate. Parking on the surrounding roads (including Longlands Road, Royd Street, Netherend Road and Church Street) is already at its limits, there a daily problems caused by parking on these roads.

As stated above the village centre is heavily populated with many licensed establishments, I cannot see the need for another especially in a residential area.

In view of the above I would urge the Licensing department to refuse the application.

Kind Regards

From:

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 12:26 PM

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

Subject: Licence application for Bank Gate Mills Slaithwaite

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I am emailing to object to the application of an alcohol licence for Bank Gate Mills as a resident whose home overlooks these premises.

Several things are of a concern to me and family regarding this licensing application.

THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE Awarding the license will mean the potential for the disturbance from loud music, not just during the day on weekends but late into the evening too. We already hear music from venues in the village further away from our home so are sure this would be have even more of an impact on us. There is also potential for increased noise with people leaving the premises late at night from vehicles as well as noisy patrons. There could potentially be the added nuisance during the day on weekends with visitors from the Ale Trail. Some of whom cause a great deal of anxiety for residents living on the Ale Trail route.

PUBLIC SAFETY

We do not believe there is sufficient room for off road parking. Bank Gate is an extremely busy road. As there is only a pavement on one side of the road people will be getting into and exiting vehicles directly into the road. As the entrance to Bank Gate Mills is just over the brow of the hill where the road narrows to one lane this could be extremely dangerous. Increased parking will also create a bottleneck which could result in the greater potential for accidents.

THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

We are also concerned about the fact that there could be an increase in antisocial behaviour and crime. Alcohol fuels rowdy behaviour and bad language. I've even witnessed men on a Saturday afternoon urinating in the street when they've been drinking in the village. Excessive noise is not something we want to hear when we're sat outside in our garden or in bed at night

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

Granting this licence gives the risk of children being disturbed at night by increased noise. From loud music, extra traffic noise and people leaving the venue. There is also the chance of them witnessing drunken behaviour.

My family strongly agree this is not the right place for a venue of this kind. It will have an impact not just on the residents of Bank Gate but Holme Lane and Netherend Road too.

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From:

Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:58 AM

To: Jordan Barrett <Jordan.Barrett@kirklees.gov.uk>

Subject: Bank Gate Mills HD7 5DI

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We wish to oppose the granting of an alcohol licence for the above premises, if granted it would affect the four licencing objectives as follows:

1. The prevention of crime and disorder: drunken behaviour leading to public disorder such as fighting, shouting and general nuisance.
2. Public safety: The premises are situated on a busy road, the venue has limited parking space available and on street parking would cause a hazard.
3. Prevention of public nuisance: Noise would be created from both cars and people attending and leaving the venue, also there is the potential for loud music and noise pollution.
4. The protection of children from harm: Local residents with children may have their children witness drunken behaviour hear inappropriate language and be traumatized.

From:

Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2023 12:31 PM

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

Subject: Objection to alcohol licence application - Bank Gate Mills, Slaithwaite

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Dear Mr Barrett,

I am a resident at [REDACTED] and I wish to object to the alcohol licence application at the following address:

Bank Gate Mills
Bank Gate
Slaithwaite
HD7 5DL

[REDACTED] and I believe that the application does not meet the following key objections:

- **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

As with any business with a licence to sell alcohol until late in the evening, drunken behaviour leading to potential fights and other alcohol-related disorder is a high possibility. Likewise, litter and broken glass on a residential street is likely.

- **Prevention of Public Nuisance**

There will be a substantial amount of noise from people drinking inside and outside at the business but also from cars, including slamming of doors outside of residential properties. There is only one footpath on Bank Gate and this runs alongside the houses on one side. People visiting the business will need to walk along this footpath leading to noise for the residents in the houses, especially if the clientele are in an inebriated state. The business is approximately 20 metres from my property so noise from clientele and any live music will be significant. Residents on Bank Gate will no longer be able to open their windows during warm weather due to the noise, leading to a lack of sleep and a negative effect on residents' mental health.

- **Protection of Children from Harm**

As a parent of two young children, there is a concern that they will be kept awake by the noise coming from the business. This will in turn affect their sleep and their mental wellbeing as well as their ability to concentrate at school. They would also be able to witness and hear any inappropriate behaviour from their bedroom windows. Children walk up and down Bank Gate daily and is well used by children attending a local nursery and after school/holiday club at the bottom of the road. As the licence is for 12noon-11pm, 7 days a week, it is likely that these children could witness inappropriate behaviour and hear bad language whilst walking past.

- Public Safety

There is a lack of parking at the property which would lead to clientele parking on Bank Gate. Many cars may park on the only footpath which is outside the houses. This would cause problems for pedestrians and would also make it dangerous for residents being able to access their driveways. As mentioned above, the footpath is well used by children including those in prams and pushchairs. If cars are parked on the footpath, it will be difficult for parents to use the footpath and it would not be safe to walk on the road with small children. Bank Gate is a busy road due to it leading to access to the M62 for residents in Slaithwaite and the surrounding Colne Valley. Many drivers drive at speed, particularly down the hill and this poses a dangerous situation if there are many parked cars and pedestrians crossing the road to and from the business. Part of Bank Gate (under the railway bridge) is a single carriage way and there can be queues up the road and at the bottom of the hill. Extra cars parked on Bank Gate will exacerbate this problem.

I expect that my concerns are taken into account when this alcohol licence application is considered. I look forward to hearing from you.

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

30th July 2023

Licensing Department,
Kirklees Council,
Flint Street,
Huddersfield,
HD1 6LG.

RE: OBJECTION TO THE ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATION (REF: PR00384) MADE BY THE THREE FIENDS FOR BANK GATE MILLS, BANK GATE, SLAITHWAITE, HD7 5DL.

Dear Licensing Department,

We are residents of Bank Gate in Slaithwaite [REDACTED], where Three Fiends Brewery has applied for an alcohol licence, 12-11pm. We would like to object to this proposal as it does not meet the four licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

The site has previously been used for industrial purposes during sociable business hours of around 8am-5pm, Monday to Friday. This is, therefore, a dramatic change of usage that will make the area a very different place to live than the one that residents moved into. From the point of view of our family, we would not have decided to raise three children and lead busy working lives opposite a pub that serves until 11pm every night.

We detail below our objections against the four licensing objectives:

Protection of Children from Harm

- [REDACTED] They will be able to hear alcohol-fueled adult language and see drunken behaviour until 11pm each night. [REDACTED] face this disruption to their study time, play, rest and sleep every day of their lives. This will damage their education and wellbeing.
- Because only one side of Bank Gate has a pavement, [REDACTED]. If they feel uncomfortable or intimidated, their options are to step out into the road or take their chances amongst drunk people.
- Along with the disruption and threat posed to our own children, Bank Gate Mills is around 100 yards away from Slaithwaite Community Centre, used by a range of children's groups throughout the day, during the hours when the proposed pub would be open. These groups

include Slaithwaite After School Club and Holiday Club, 33rd Slaithwaite Scout Group, Slaithwaite Community Baby & Toddler group and Merrydale Private Day Nursery. Ad hoc community events aimed at children are also hosted at the centre at Christmas, Halloween and during Moonraking. The main entrance to the community centre is via the same narrow path that is the only route to Bank Gate Mills. Children will have to squeeze past drinkers as they arrive and leave or step into the road to avoid them, with no path on the opposite side.

- The proposed pub is also in close proximity to St James Parish Church that stands alongside the community centre. St James has close links to Slaithwaite Church of England Junior and Infant School and hosts events such as nativities, carol concerts and end of year celebrations put on by the school. These young children arrive at the venue via the same single pathway that runs along one side of Bank Gate and is the only route to the pub meaning that, again, children will be mixing with drinkers.
- No evidence has been made available to residents to suggest the applicant has consulted with these children's groups and that the applicant has plans in place to protect children from harm.
- In all of these cases, the proximity of the pub to children's centres and the homes of children, on a road that is only paved on one side, will expose children to alcohol-related activities, inappropriate behaviour and potentially harmful situations.

Public Safety

- There is no pavement outside the proposed venue and therefore no safe way for customers on foot to enter and exit the site. People will leave the premises after drinking alcohol and walk straight out onto a road.
- Increased car parking in the area will also lead to more bottlenecks on a stretch of road that already gets congested at the lower end, making it harder for drivers to safely navigate the road, more dangerous for pedestrians and creating additional hazards for emergency vehicles that use Bank Gate.
- Inadequate parking facilities for patrons (there are currently about six spaces on site) can also result in cars blocking residential driveways or streets, causing inconvenience and risks to residents.

Public Nuisance

- Opening an alcohol drinking establishment in a residential area leads to increased noise, smells, disturbance, and unruly behavior, especially during late-night hours. This will negatively impact on our quality of life, seven days a week. This is inconsiderate and contrasts with the business owners' licence at their own premises at Brookfield Farm in Meltham that runs to 9pm.

- The effects of the Real Ale Trail on Colne Valley residents are well known and spreading its reach can only increase the scale of the problem. Drinkers urinating and vomiting in the streets or on private property, stag and hen parties behaving in lewd ways and constant swearing, are the tip of the iceberg. We already avoid using trains at the weekend because of the intimidating and offensive behaviour of drunk people on the trail.

Prevention of crime and disorder

- The proposed licensed premises is in a residential area where children live and is close to both a community centre used daily by children and a place of worship in St James Parish Church. Sanctioning a seven-day-a-week alcohol drinking venue in this area is likely to lead to higher instances of public disorder and crime.
- Evidence of the connection between alcohol and crime is plentiful. Parliament's 'Alcohol Harm Commission' reported in 2020 that "links between alcohol, violent crime and anti-social behaviour are strong. Alcohol fuels almost 40% of violent crimes and half of domestic violence. Drunk-driving causes almost 9,000 casualties and 260 deaths a year."
- The offences related to alcohol identified by the parliamentary report are the most common crimes in Huddersfield. In the last year, there have been 8,226 violent and sexual offences, 2,477 incidents of public disorder and 1,446 instances of criminal anti-social behaviour (<https://www.police.uk/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/huddersfield/?tab=Statistics> viewed 30/7/23).
- Drink-driving is pertinent in this case as well, given the proposed pub opens straight onto a road with no footpath and is in a residential area away from the town centre, making it inevitable that some drinkers will arrive by car.

Many thanks for your time and consideration. Please keep us informed about the progress of the application and note that we are keen to attend the Kirklees Licensing Panel when this application is considered.

Yours sincerely,

From:

Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2023 9:01 PM

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

Subject: Re: Objection to the pending application & granting of alcohol license to venue situated in Bank gate mills Bank gate Slaithwaite

CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern.

I am Resident living [REDACTED] Slaithwaite, after being advised of the intended application for an alcohol licence for the premises which was formally known as Manor House fire places, situated in the Bank gate Mills complex, Bank gate, Slaithwaite. My objections are listed as listed below.

1. Slaithwaite is already a very vibrant and busy village with many public houses, wine bars, and restaurants & eateries most with a license to sell alcohol in addition to serving the local residents and neighbouring villages most weekends we also get various ale trail trains bringing in people from further afield ie; Manchester, Wakefield Leeds etc, sporadically this in itself brings antisocial & disorder from large groups of people walking in the road carrying glasses, bottles etc disrupting traffic and often leaving them scattered about on grass verges, windowsills curbs etc.

My point is we already have enough thriving licensed premises in the centre of Slaithwaite without another one up Bank Gate also on Road Street the road that runs at the back of Netherend road there is the long established Cricket club which in itself does not cause too many issues however they do have quite a number of private functions & parties throughout the year which quite often can continue up until around 01:00hrs and can be quite noisy at times so then to have another venue half way up Bank Gate could then mean potentially we would have a noisy venue either side of residents in Royd street, Netherend Road & Bank Gate with large groups of people and would further add to potentially increase the risk of public disorder, crime & public nuisance. I therefore put my objections forward to the application & granting of the alcohol license on the basis of the reasons given above.

2, Although I understand this application in principle is only for the license to sell alcohol and not planning permissions I would just like to point out as you will be already probably aware Bank gate is a very busy road in and out of Slaithwaite quite often with heavy traffic and good vehicles often park on bank gate in front of the houses opposite the Bank gate mill complex some also parking on the pavement, also approximately two years ago part of the Bank gate mill complex planning permissions were given to open a gym this venue is on the road side and has no parking for people who visit the gym so inevitably most of them end up parking on Bank gate and Netherend road which at time has become a real nuisance for residents especially since the gym has become busier.

This in itself has also caused problems and potential risks in that when it is busy they park their cars right down to the end of Netherend road on the junction of Bank gate and causes blind spots for cars pulling out into Bank gate so at times in my opinion potentially causing a higher risk of accidents to both road users and pedestrians.

Again my point is the current off road parking area for this venue is not very big, so again probability would be the visitors to this venue would also be seeking to park on Bank gate

and Netherend road also further down past the railway viaduct where bank gate meets Church street since the Rumpus burger venue opened, the vehicles park both sides of the road leaving only a single throughfare for traffic travelling both ways this in itself causes traffic jams so having another venue further up Bank gate with potential parking issues would cause further issues and also add to the risk of accidents.

Finally please note I have no objection for people to open potential business to make a living for themselves and people they employ however there has to be so common sense as to were the can operate dependant on the type of business and consideration to the health & safety aspects of operating the said business and also in this case the residential area

I hope you will take my concerns & objections into consideration when considering the granting the alcohol license in this application thank you.

Yours Sincerely



31st July 2023

Your Ref: PR00384

Objection to the Alcohol Licence Application for Bank Gate Mills, HD7 5DL

Please accept this letter, sent by email on 31st July, as my formal objection to the application for an alcohol license for the former Manor House Places building in Slaithwaite.

I object on the grounds of:

Need:

The village is already more than amply served with drinking outlets. Within 500 meters of Bank Gate we have:

3 Pubs (Silent Woman, Shoulder of Mutton, Commercial) and the Hideaway Craft House.

3 Wine Bars (Little Bridge, Wine, Nobles)

Numerous eateries that serve alcohol, including: Northern Soul Café (with music), Vanilla Bean, Om.

Adding a further outlet adds nothing in terms of utility or benefit to the residents of the village. It is bad enough that the 'Ale Trail' comes through here already without encouraging them to walk up the slope to yet another drinking hole. There is enough public nuisance and disorder for one small area to put up with.

Access:

The site is on a steep slope, with the entrance at a sharp angle pointing downhill. This is obscured for traffic passing uphill. It is also at the point where downhill traffic has to stop to give priority, as passage under the railway bridge is restricted to a single lane.

Any cars wishing to access the site from Hill Top direction will have to perform a shuffle to be able to turn right (it is too sharp an angle to make in one turn). That puts cars sideways across the road right in the path of up-bound traffic.

Parking on site is limited and unlikely to be sufficient for a thriving business. We do not want to encourage more people to park across pavements and on the corner of junctions. The road past the Community Centre and Church is semi-permanently restricted to one-way traffic due to the number of cars parked on the pavement (this also affects pedestrians, and I've often had to run around parked cars, onto the road, if someone else is on what's left of the pavement). There is very limited proper parking facilities close to Bank Gate. Adding a venue just up from there is bound to make things even worse both in terms of nuisance and public safety. {Note that the Community Centre and Church mean that this corner is busy for pedestrians crossing with children}. Four photographs are attached to my email to illustrate the point.

Sound:

[REDACTED]. Other than a few trees there is nothing to baffle or deflect sound generated from there.

The narrow valley and the bowl-shape of the dam serve to channel sound across to Blakeholme. I can easily hear when the cricket is being played at Hill Top (which is fine) and that Ground is further on from me than Bank Gate.

The Kirklees Planning website states that the application is available to view on-line. I seems that only the Summary is reachable. That seems an odd omission. It means that I have not been able to check whether the Application includes allowing for music (and in particular; outdoors) or live events. If it does, that would very clearly adversely impact upon me. The Applicants' current Taphouse hosts live music events indoors.

In Summary, putting a new taproom or wine bar in to Bank Gate Mill is unwanted, unnecessary, in the wrong place and delivers no benefit to the residents of Slaithwaite.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Cllr Matthew McLoughlin
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 7:19 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@kirklees.gov.uk>; Jordan Barrett <Jordan.Barrett@kirklees.gov.uk>
Cc: Cllr Harry McCarthy Cllr Beverley Addy
Subject: Premise Licence Application - Fiends Ground Floor Bankfield Mills HD7 5DL - PR00384

Dear Jordan

Thank you for taking my call the other day and for the work you do as part of the Licensing team.

We are writing this representation to formally object to the application by Three Fiends Brewery to sell Alcohol both on and off the premises at Bank Gate Mill, Bank Gate, Slaithwaite, HD7 5DL from Monday to Sunday 12:00-23:00. We are doing so for the following reasons.

Public safety.

We are particularly concerned about the lack of parking for the site. Despite being a main route into Slaithwaite, Bank Gate is not a wide road and only has a pavement on one side, the side opposite the venue. There are already bottlenecks where the road narrows as it passes under the railway viaduct and at the bottom where it joins Nabbs Lane. Any increase in the number of cars parking on this road can only exacerbate these problems by significantly narrowing the road space available, restricting the flow of traffic and leading to more congestion.

This in turn is likely to cause customers of the new tap room to park partially on the pavement. This would create a risk to public safety as pedestrians would be forced to walk onto the road to get around these cars, especially if they were pushing a pram or in a wheelchair. This would be especially dangerous as late as 23:00 when it is dark.

The lack of pavement on the Mill side of the road would also mean that customers of the tap room would be forced to walk from the venue, potentially whilst drunk and also potentially as late as or later than 23:00, straight onto the road in order to cross to the pavement. This presents a danger to both the customers and road users.

Prevention of crime and disorder.

There is already a problem in our ward with alcohol related anti-social behaviour. In particular around the Silent Women Pub on Nabbs Lane in Slaithwaite and the Colne Valley Ale Trail.

At the moment these issues are largely contained to the centre of Slaithwaite and where there are longstanding licensed premises. Granting this Licence and creating a new tap room in a residential area, where there has never been a licensed premises, is therefore likely to see such alcohol related anti-social behaviour spread into a different part of the village.

The prevention of Public nuisance.

We are also concerned about the impact that granting this Licence would have on the levels of noise in the area, particularly late at night.

This is currently a relatively quiet residential area with no history of licensed premises and there are properties very close to the venue with bedroom windows overlooking the Mill.

The sale of alcohol will inevitably lead to more noise from increased traffic, loud conversations and unruly behaviour. This will have a significant impact on the quality of life for those living on Bank Gate, especially given that the sale of alcohol will be until 23:00 on every night of the week. The noise is also likely to carry on past this time as patrons drink up and leave and staff clear away and close the building.

It is for these reasons that we cannot support this license application, until the points above are adequately addressed.

Thank you again for the information you have provided.

Kind regards,

Cllr Matthew McLoughlin
Cllr Harry McCarthy
Cllr Beverly Addy

From:

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 7:27 PM

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

Subject: Objection to the alcohol licence application for Bank Gate Mills, Bank Gate, Slaithwaite, HD7 5DL

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We are residents [REDACTED]

We strongly object to the alcohol licence application for Bank Gate Mills on the grounds that this alcohol licence application does not meet the four licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

[REDACTED] knowing that there were no licensed premises in the area. Bank Gate is a quiet street, especially after 6pm when the traffic dies down. The idea that 11pm is a reasonable cut-off time for such a venue sharply contrasts with the current situation, where people are quietly within their homes much earlier in the evening. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Serving alcohol on a daily basis and the additional noise that would accompany it would significantly affect my working conditions and endanger my main income.

[REDACTED] His rest periods and therefore his performance at work would also be negatively affected by the considerably increased noise level and would therefore have a significant impact on his health.

The Prevention of crime and disorder:

Granting an alcohol licence and the creation of a taproom with indoor/outdoor drinking areas, food, live and recorded music will lead to an increase in traffic in an area with very little space to park. This will lead to:

- Illegal and dangerous parking
- an increase in other traffic offences, such as dangerous driving, speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

A taproom such as the one proposed, will attract Ale Trail participants. Anti-social behaviour from some Ale Trail participants is well documented with incidents of public urination, not only in the streets, but on private property.

A licensed premise on Bank Gate will inevitably lead to an increase in drunken behaviour in this residential street and others.

Public safety:

Bank Gate is not a wide road but is a main route in and out of Slaithwaite. At one point under the viaduct, it is a single lane.

Fire engines use the road when responding to emergencies and could face obstruction if such a

venue is established, due to an increase in pedestrians, parked cars and traffic.

Parking on this road would restrict the flow of traffic and endanger pedestrians, as it is likely that cars will park on the pavement or against the wall.

There is only one pavement and this is on the opposite side of the road to Bank Gate Mills. The pavement is in places, only wide enough for one person, particularly at the bottom of the hill, as at this point, there are safety barriers next to the Community Centre and Nursery exits.

Prevention of public nuisance:

There will be an increase in noise at all times of the day but in particular after 6pm and earlier at the weekends, in fine weather, and on bank holidays. Noise will not just be due to vehicles and music but from customers as well. This will impact on all residents, including those who work from home and those who are retired.

Outdoor sales, consumption and events will mean additional lighting and additional noise. NB: the building is next to a protected, wooded area full of birds, including nesting tawny owls. Bats are also regularly seen.

Food odours and smoking/vaping odours will pervade.

The business may pledge to collect litter from the venue grounds, but Bank Gate is a windy area, much of the litter will have blown away into gardens, the area of protected trees and beyond, by the time staff are able to collect it.

The Ale Trail: It is very likely, that a taproom like this will attract Ale Trail participants. Ale Trail participants currently only venture into pubs in a small part of Slaithwaite. Walking up Bank Gate, and possibly along Royd Street and Hill Top (on the way to the station) will cause problems similar to those experienced by Marsden residents, with regards to anti-social behaviour. Large groups of Ale Trail participants can be intimidating, even when they mean not to be.

Protection of children from harm:

Residents of Bank Gate and other streets in the locality have chosen to raise their children in an area where there are no licensed premises.

An increase in traffic, day and night, will create more hazards for children out and about.

An increase in noise both day and night and an increase in light at night will affect children's ability to study, rest, play and sleep.

A licensed premise will expose children to alcohol, intoxication, smoking and vaping, inappropriate behaviour and inappropriate language in an area that their parents have chosen for them as a safe place in which to live and thrive.

We strongly oppose the granting of the alcohol licence for Bank Gate Mills as it does not meet the four licensing objectives set in the Licensing Act 2003 and it will have a huge detrimental effect on our lives, our neighbours' lives and the lives of others in the community. We appreciate your consideration of the points above.

Yours sincerely

From:

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 11:38 PM

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

Subject: Objection: Alcohol licence application - Bank Gate Mills

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to raise an objection to the alcohol licence application for a taproom with live and recorded music, food and indoor / outdoor facilities at Bank Gate Mill in Slaithwaite.

I believe the granting of such a licence will have a detrimental effect on the local area. These kinds of venues are very much welcomed in the town area but I feel that the location of this venue in a residential area will cause a public nuisance, particularly for the residential properties opposite the proposed site. I am concerned that public safety will be compromised and the potential for alcohol-related crime and disorder increased.

I am all for these kinds of social establishments in the town centre but they should not encroach on the residential areas which are the most peaceful I have ever lived in. Slaithwaite is a wonderful place to live because it is both peaceful and interesting and diverse. The separation between the town and residential areas as it exists at the moment is a significant positive and I feel that the character of the town will be unpleasantly and unnecessarily compromised if this licence is granted.

I do hope you will take these objections into account when considering this application.

With warm regards,

From:
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 10:29 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@kirklees.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Licensing Application PR00384

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Hello,

I am emailing in relation to the licensing application at Bank Gate Mills, Bank Gate, Slaithwaite PR00384.

I would like to raise my concerns about the location of the potential new venue, which I believe could breach the four licensing objectives.

The location of the venue will draw large groups of visitors from the centre of the village to a largely residential area, with potential for noise pollution, anti-social behaviour, littering etc. This is especially true given Slaithwaite is a popular stop on the Ale Trail and attracts stag dos etc.

I have also heard that there are plans for regular live music - again, this would create noise issue for residents, particularly those with young families. If the planned development of the mill further up the road goes ahead then this will also impact these properties and their residents.

The parking situation would create issues both for drivers and the safety of pedestrians trying to cross the road, as there doesn't currently appear to be a big enough car park for customers. This is already apparent at the bottom of the hill since Rumpus opened, where cars now park on both sides of the road to visit (despite one side being double yellow lines), creating a chaotic one way system and making it more dangerous for pedestrians. The new venue, if popular, has the potential to replicate this issue all the way up to the top of Bank Gate and surrounding roads. For a street lined with housing - and therefore families and pets - it could be a public safety issue.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Kind regards,

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 4:40 PM

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

Subject: Reference PR00384 - alcohol licence request for Bank Gate Mills

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I am writing in relation to the recent application for an alcohol licence for Bank Gate Mills. I am a resident of Slaithwaite and feel that such a development would not be in the best interests of the village, or the existing businesses. There are already numerous places selling alcohol in the village whose income would be impacted by yet another bar/pub.

In particular, attempting to open a new business in such close proximity to a residential area whose owners didn't choose to live opposite a venue with outdoor drinking areas and live and recorded music, and all the antisocial noise and disruption this would cause, seems like a very poor decision. It is also located on a narrow road and people attempting to drive to and park at the venue would add further problems to an already difficult road.

I feel sure there are better-suited premises where drunken customers leaving late at night when locals are trying to sleep would cause much less disruption. I would ask that this application be denied.

Best wishes,