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> Sent: 19 February 2026 11:22

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

> Subject: Objection to Alcohol Licence Application for 21 Lord Street,
> Huddersfield

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> Dear Licensing Team,

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> I am writing to submit a formal objection to the alcohol licence application for 21 Lord Street, Huddersfield. Based on the location, crime data, and ongoing issues in the immediate vicinity, granting a licence at this address would directly undermine all four Licensing Act 2003 objectives.

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> 1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

> The premises are approximately 50 metres from St Peter's Gardens, an area consistently associated with anti-social behaviour. Huddersfield town centre recorded 519 crimes in a single recent month within the HD1 district, including 170 violent offences, 78 shoplifting incidents, 56 drug-related offences, and 59 public order crimes. St Peter's Street, which borders the church park, appears in monthly Police.uk crime logs throughout the last 12 months. Introducing an additional alcohol outlet in this hotspot would increase the likelihood of crime, disorder, and alcohol-related incidents.

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> 2. Public Safety

> The church park and surrounding streets attract vulnerable individuals, including rough sleepers and young people. Alcohol availability in such close proximity increases the risk of intoxication-related harm, unsafe behaviour, and conflict. The narrow layout of Lord Street and St Peter's Street creates natural pinch points where disorder can escalate quickly, posing a direct risk to public safety.

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> 3. Prevention of Public Nuisance

> The area around St Peter's Gardens already experiences recurring issues with noise, litter, loitering, and late-night disturbance. Crime patterns in the HD1 area show persistent public order offences and anti-social behaviour. An additional alcohol-licensed premises would exacerbate these problems, particularly given the park's role as a gathering point. This would negatively impact nearby residents, businesses, and visitors to the church and town centre.

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> 4. Protection of Children from Harm

> St Peter's Gardens is used by families, young people, and children attending church activities. Locating an alcohol outlet within such a short distance increases the risk of children being exposed to intoxicated individuals, disorderly behaviour,

and criminal activity. This is incompatible with safeguarding expectations around a public park and place of worship.

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> Given the sensitive location and the clear crime data for the surrounding area, granting an alcohol licence at 21 Lord Street would be contrary to all four licensing objectives. I respectfully request that the application be refused.

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> Yours faithfully,

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> Here is the evidence summary

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> EVIDENCE SUMMARY – CRIME & LICENSING RISKS

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> Location: St Peter's Gardens (Church Park) & Surrounding Streets

> Proposed Premises: 21 Lord Street, Huddersfield HD1

> Distance: Approx. 120–150 metres (≈ 1.5-minute walk) from the church
> park

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> 1. Crime Levels in the HD1 Area (Verified Data)

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> Recent crime data for the HD1 district shows consistently high activity:

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> Monthly Crime Snapshot (Example: September 2025)

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> • Total crimes: 519

> • Violent offences: 170

> • Shoplifting: 78

> • Public order offences: 59

> • Drug-related offences: 56

> • Other theft: 39

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> This places HD1 among the highest-activity zones in West Yorkshire.

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> 2. Crime at St Peter's Street (Church Park Boundary)

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> Police.uk confirms that St Peter's Street, which borders St Peter's Gardens, recorded crime every month for the last 12 months (March 2024 → March 2025).

> This includes recurring reports of:

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> • Anti-social behaviour

> • Violence

> • Drug activity

> • Public disorder

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- > This establishes the church park as a persistent hotspot.
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- > 3. Police Crackdowns in Huddersfield Town Centre
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- > Recent enforcement operations show the scale of the problem:
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- > August Operation
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- > • 48 arrests in the town centre
- > • Offences included: shop theft, burglary, drugs, assault, offensive weapons, drunk & disorderly
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- > September Operation
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- > • 53 arrests in just over two weeks
- > • Offences included: weapons possession, shop theft, public order offences, breaches of Criminal Behaviour Orders
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- > These operations took place within the same policing zone as St Peter's Gardens and Lord Street.
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- > 4. Proximity Risk – Why 21 Lord Street Is Problematic
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- > • The proposed premises is directly opposite the church park area ($\approx$ 120–150m).
- > • St Peter's Gardens is already a known gathering point for ASB, vulnerable individuals, and disorder.
- > • Adding an alcohol outlet in this micro-zone would intensify existing problems, not mitigate them.
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- > 5. Licensing Objectives at Risk
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- > Licensing Objective Evidence of Risk
- > 1. Prevention of Crime & Disorder High crime levels in HD1; monthly crime at St Peter's Street; 100+ arrests in recent crackdowns.
- > 2. Public Safety Vulnerable individuals in the park; narrow streets; existing disorder; increased intoxication risk.
- > 3. Prevention of Public Nuisance Noise, loitering, litter, and ASB already present in the park area.
- > 4. Protection of Children from Harm Children use the church park; increased exposure to intoxicated individuals and disorder.

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Email 19.02.2026

Hi

There is another problem with the property that's being used for licensing as well

1. ****Unauthorised Structural Alterations to a Grade II Listed Building****

The two properties—10 Saint Peter Street and 21 Lord Street—have been internally combined without any listed building consent or planning permission. This is a Grade II listed structure, and any internal structural changes require strict approval. Proceeding without consent is a direct breach of planning and heritage regulations.

2. ****Incorrect and Unapproved Use Class****

The intended uses stated for these properties do not fall under Class E (retail):

- 10 Saint Peter Street is being used as an internet café.
- 21 Lord Street is being used for taxi operations.

Neither of these uses has an approved change-of-use application. I am attaching the last submitted application, which clearly shows that no change of use has been granted.

The class use of the property is not changed and two grade 2 listed building are merged into one

21 lords street and 10 St Peter's street is merged without planning permission Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Email 20.02.2026

Dear Licensing Team,

I acknowledge receipt of your response regarding the premises licence application. However, I must raise a fundamental concern that directly impacts the validity of the application.

The property in question has undergone structural alterations without lawful planning approval, and no change of use has been legally obtained to classify it as a retail premises. Under Kirklees Council regulations, planning consent and lawful use class designation are prerequisites before a premises can even be considered for licensing. Without these, the licensing panel would be deliberating on an application that lacks a lawful foundation.

Furthermore, the application appears inconsistent in its scope. While 21 Lords Street is explicitly mentioned, 10 St Peter Street is also included in the licensable activities. This discrepancy requires clarification, as both addresses must be legally established and properly documented before any licensing consideration.

In light of these issues, I respectfully submit that the applicant must first obtain lawful planning consent and demonstrate the correct use class designation before the licensing panel proceeds. To do otherwise would undermine the integrity of the licensing process and contravene the Council's regulatory framework.

I request that these matters be addressed and clarified prior to any panel hearing.

Yours sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

Email 23.02.2026

I would like to be present at the hearing for several important reasons. I have already emailed Planning about this matter. We previously paid fees for one of our properties and ended up losing money due to the council's actions. What concerns me even more is how the applicants managed to merge two separate properties into one without any planning approval. Their licence application was submitted for only one address, yet they are operating across two.

If such actions are already happening without proper oversight, it raises serious questions about what they might do once a licence is granted.

Thank you,