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Turtle Bay, 50 King Street, Huddersfield

Erection of 2 'Jumbrellas' with weighted bases and integral heating and lighting, glazed screens with weighted bases and timber bench seating areas

These premises are situated in an area which suffers from high levels of crime and disorder, particularly in connection with the 'night time economy'.

The approval of this planning application as it stands would raise a number of concerns, because it would increase the potential for disorder and anti-social behaviour, resulting in additional calls for police service.

I am unable to support the application without having some clarification and amended detail regarding the following matters:

From Design and Access Statement accompanying the planning application:

"All benches, loose seating, barriers and large umbrellas with heaters will not be fixed to the pavement"

If the equipment is not secured to the pavement:

Are the applicants intending putting the equipment out and removing it again every day?

The equipment will need to be removed from the street and put away on a daily basis. If it is left insecurely, the equipment would be likely to be tampered with, moved or thrown about, damaged, and used for various unauthorised activity.

It could become a gathering place (also when the Turtle Bay premises has closed) for people coming out of other drinking establishments and using it as an unsupervised outdoor drinking area.

There needs to be a commitment from the applicants to remove the equipment from the street daily.

The applicants will also need to provide details of the times at which the equipment will be removed daily, for consideration and approval.

If the equipment is secured to the pavement and left out permanently:

A revised design of the equipment needs to be submitted, ensuring that the external seating area can be closed and made secure, preventing people from entering it and loitering in it outside of 'designated hours'. At present the design shows an open gateway that would allow people access at all times.

Laminated glazing would need to be used in the glazed screens.

Operating hours for the outdoor area

The police will seek that the outdoor seating area's operating hours do not extend any later than 2200 daily. This would include the provision that if the equipment is not secured to the pavement, it is removed by 2200.

Inadequate surveillance of the location

The exact intended location is on a pavement outside the Zetland Street side of the Turtle Bay premises, and does not benefit from adequate passing surveillance.

The installation of monitored CCTV to cover the area would be required should the planning application be approved.

I would ask to be provided with satisfactory detail by the applicants.

Supporting guidance

From '**National Planning Policy Framework**':

Planning policies and decisions should aim to ensure that developments:

- Create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.

From '**Planning Practice Guidance**' (2014):

Designing out crime and designing in community safety should be central to the planning and delivery of new development.

From **Policy BE23 (Crime Prevention) of the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan**:

New development should incorporate crime prevention measures to achieve:

- ii) Natural surveillance of public spaces from existing and proposed development

This report is submitted in the interests of crime prevention, and addresses our collective responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998

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