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FAO Kirklees Planning Office

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Hip Hops Beer Shop - 77 Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD3 3JP

Objection to application 2019/62/92810/W- Change of use from A1 (retail) to mixed use A1 (retail) and A4 (drinking establishment).

I am writing to register my objection to the above application.

Residents in this area already suffer from noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour at all hours of the day and night.

Most importantly the residents suffer from a severe lack of parking for residents, business owners and shoppers to the area, permit areas are regularly blocked and shared accessways are always inaccessible due to delivery vans.

Whilst it is good to see shops and businesses doing well a change of use to create yet another drinking establishment is at the expense of other shops as the parking on Lidget Street, Thomas Street, Thornccliffe Street and Brian Street and surrounding areas are jammed with cars throughout the day for patrons of the existing eating and drinking establishments. By granting a change of use this will increase the number of cars.

Despite having some permit parking in the area this is not enforced and not respected by customers. Local residents continue to endure this inconvenience since the licensing legislation was first amended and it is unacceptable to expect them to continue to do so.

The future of Lindley's main street and the village as a whole, relies on people visiting the village centre and looking around the stores and shops.

The amount of pubs, restaurants and cafes are becoming excessive on the 0.4 mile stretch of the main street which include

in addition are the various cafes and tea rooms. This does not even include the eateries

We feel that anymore restaurants and cafes would have a major impact on the foot traffic and cause detriment to other existing businesses on the main street which shop owners have already started to experience. The previous occupant of 77 Lidget Street was forced to close business due to lack of customers during the day as the majority of people would arrive in the evening to visit the bars and restaurants.

As planning officers, we feel that you should be looking at the bigger picture and taking into consideration the consequences of granting planning on the community of Lindley generally. Unlike the town centre which is full of pound shops and generic places, Lindley has taken pride in having unique businesses which over time are being pushed out of business due to lack of other shops for people to visit.

In view of the above, I would urge the planning authority to refuse the application. I also enclose details of residents of the area below who also collectively object to this change.