

About the application

Application number: 2023/93514	
What is the application for?:	Variation of condition 2 (opening hours) on previous permission 2020/90523 for c
Address of the site or building:	2, Marsden Lane, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6AF
Postcode:	HD7 6AF

User comments

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I wish to log my objection to application 2023/93514.

For context, I am a local resident and close neighbours of the Little Lock.
, and I am therefore a daily visitor to their property as well as a Marsden resident.

Parking has become increasingly challenging – particularly after 6pm when all spaces are taken up (quite rightly) by residents. There isn't the scope for additional parking for customers in the evenings without direct impact on residents. This is already a bubbling frustration at weekends, with customers sometimes blocking access and obstructing already limited pedestrian right-of-way.

The Little Lock is located close to the narrow T junction of Marsden Lane and Grange Street, where there are no pavements and limited visibility for people walking along that stretch of road. Anyone pushing prams or using wheelchairs is forced into the road. Attracting evening customers – whether on foot or using cars etc – increases the risk to all.

I have witnessed the distressing impact that the noise disruption has had particularly when the outdoor area is in use. This is at least limited due to the current opening hours. Nonetheless, garden is rendered unusable on sunny afternoons due to the loud (often drunken) conversation and cigarette smoke.

Any extension of opening hours would negatively impact wellbeing plus that of other immediate neighbours.

The premises were granted approval for a café space, albeit with a licence, but the focus has shifted from café to bar since the business changed hands. The fact remains that this quiet, residential stretch of road isn't able to support a licenced venue in the evenings without it resulting in fundamental changes to the nature, atmosphere and safety of the area.