

Relevant Representations

	Received on	From
1	19 th June 2025	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I am writing in relation to the Application for a premises licence submitted by Mr Awais Bukhari in respect of Bosphorus Dining of 2 Lawton Road, Alsager ST7 2AF.</p> <p>I work as a Solicitor at Poole Alcock LLP of 2a Lawton Road, Alsager ST7 2BJ, making Bosphorus Dining our next-door neighbours, with our offices sitting on top of their dining area. I write to urge you not to grant to application for licence currently submitted, as the proposed times for playing live music and recorded music as well as supplying alcohol are simply incompatible with the work we do at our law firm.</p> <p>Bosphorus Dining requests a licence to play live music from 8am to 11pm from Monday to Sunday, alongside playing recorded music and supplying alcohol from 8am to 1am Sunday to Thursday and from 8am to 2am Friday to Saturday, all of which directly impacts the working hours of our law firm, this being 9am to 5:15pm.</p> <p>We deal with a multitude of clients who are seeking advice for matters which are often deeply personal and at times distressing, therefore, it is vital that we are able to offer a safe and peaceful environment to meet with these clients to provide legal advice. It is simply unacceptable for Bosphorous Dining to be able to play loud music both live and recorded, alongside inviting individuals to consume alcohol during working hours when we are meeting with vulnerable clients who will be directly and negatively impacted by such disturbances.</p> <p>I am deeply concerned that should the Licence application be approved it will have detrimental consequences to our business and the comfortability of our clients. In light of this, I ask that you do not grant the licence application submitted by Mr Awais Bukhari and request that a revised application be submitted with proposed hours that reflect that there are surrounding businesses that require peace and quiet during the working hours of 9am-5pm Monday to Friday, to be able to offer effective services.</p> <p>Moreover, I am a local resident of Alsager and cannot see how a business on the main high street being able to serve alcohol and play music at 8am will have a beneficial impact on Alsager town centre. I worry that such activities will deter individuals who would normally frequent the high street in the morning and will be completely at odds with the current atmosphere of the town centre.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email and look forward to hearing from you with any updates.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p>	

	Received on	From
2	20 th June 2025	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	<p>Hello</p> <p>We write to object to the above application.</p> <p>If this licence is allowed we are concerned for the extra noise to the local area as well as the potential smells emitted from persons using the planned shisha pipes. We cannot understand why this planned business change is being allowed in the centre of Alsager. Surely this type of commercial smoking is to be banned in line with current legislation for regular smoking or vaping. We are aware that people are already using shisha pipes while seated outside these premises, even before the refurbishment of said bar is complete ..we saw it ourselves just a few evenings ago ... how can this be acceptable to local residents of our wonderful village?</p> <p>And what about hygiene .. sharing bubble pipes is ok .. even with a clean mouthpiece and tubes which are cleaned out...really! Who will oversee this cleaning regime to ensure users are safe and how will it be carried out?</p> <p>Surely the possible negatives or more serious and dangerous health consequences alone should be sufficient to sound alarm bells .. and how will young people know what's clean and safe to use .. any one can be fooled into thinking this is trendy, fun, sociable and legal... any one of any age.. be it on your conscience if something goes wrong.</p> <p>My husband and I feel strongly that this bar should be refused access to going ahead at all .. let's keep our village safe, clean and reasonably quiet for us all. The parking charges, increases in business rates are already creating problems with the local economy ..this is not going to be the 'fixer' of Alsager.. just a 'fix' ... something new and way too different to accept in our village. We're sure this is simply a money making scheme, backed by cultural acceptance and a fear of being accused of racism if you refuse to let it go ahead. We don't need it here.</p> <p>Regular cafes and bars are aplenty .. we don't need more.</p> <p>Come on Cheshire East Council, wake up and let's keep Alsager beautiful and a place where folk want to come to.. we're not a big town or a city where this type of bar is more acceptable or expected these days.</p> <p>Your thoughts / comments will be gratefully appreciated Yours faithfully</p> <p>Pamela Rutherford XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p>	

	Received on	From
3	26 th June 2025	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	<p>Please see comments from Alsager Town Council regarding the application below:</p> <p>Bosphorus Dining, 2 Lawton Road, Alsager, ST7 2AF</p> <p>APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE LICENSING ACT 2003</p> <p>NOTICE is hereby given that I, Mr Awais Bukhari have applied on 12th June 2025 to Cheshire East Council in respect of the premises known as Bosphorus Dining, 2 Lawton Road, Alsager, ST7 2AF for a premises licence to provide the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Music – Monday – Sunday – 08:00 – 23:00 • Recorded Music & Supply of Alcohol – Sunday – Thursday - 08:00 – 01:00, Friday – Saturday – 08:00 – 02:00 • Late Night Refreshment – Sunday – Thursday – 23:00 – 01:00, Friday – Saturday – 23:00 – 02:00 	

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	<p>Comments: Alsager Town Council strongly objects to the extension in hours, it will lead to anti-social behaviour, and we are not solely a town centre, we have many residential properties in the town and we feel to open until 1am Monday to Thursday is setting a precedent and not acceptable. We feel this needs to be referred to Environmental Services as noise carries and we have evidence of residential complaints from a nearby club travelling as far as Station Road. If in any way this is considered it should also be strictly confined to the inside of the building and not outdoors, the town council also feel 2:00am is excessive for weekends as it is noted 2 Lawton Road is a restaurant not a nightclub.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>Admin Assistant Alsager Town Council</p>
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	Received on	From
4	9 th July 2025	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	<p>Objection</p> <p>Dear Licensing Team</p> <p>I am objecting to the Bosphorus Dining licensing application.. The basis for my objection is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder, public disorder and public safety.</p> <p>The location is extremely close to quiet residential housing. A business which wants a music license for their business - it is not compatible with the premises location and will increase noise levels that will increase public nuisance, and a fear of crime taking place. It will disturb the way of life for nearby residents, they will not be able to enjoy their own outside space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded Music & Supply of Alcohol – Sunday – Thursday - 08:00 – 01:00, Friday – Saturday – 08:00 – 02:00. <p>Where alcohol is involved. there is a risk for increased noise levels from patrons sitting outside the establishment and leaving the establishment. There will be an increased activity involving increased numbers of people, music and alcohol at night is not appropriate for a residential area, especially the properties that are nearby, and it increases a public nuisance and significantly raises the risk of criminal and disorderly behaviour. Having people leave the premises at 1 am and 2 am , this will be deemed as a public nuisance/public safety to the nearby residents. There is an outside decking area and having people sitting there until 1 am/2 am will disturb the nearby residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Night Refreshment – Sunday – Thursday – 23:00 – 01:00, Friday – Saturday – 23:00 – 02:00 <p>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p>	

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5	10 th July 2025	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
<p>Dear Sir / Madam</p> <p>We live very close to this venue.</p> <p>Whilst we wish the new proprietors every success in this venture, we have concerns about the times for recorded music and supply of alcohol and late night refreshments.</p> <p>Recorded music and supply of alcohol is requested for: Sun-Thurs 8.00 -1.00 Fri-Sat 8.00 -2.00 We feel this is too late and could disturb us and other nearby residents who live close by particularly on Sandbach Road South. Please consider earlier closing times, e.g. 11pm Sun-Thurs and 12.30am Fri-Sat</p> <p>Late night refreshments are requested for: Sun-Thurs 23.00 -1.00 Fri-Sat 23.00 -2.00 Again, we feel this is too late and could disturb us and other nearby residents who live close by particularly on Sandbach Road South. Please consider earlier end of business times, e.g. 11pm Sun-Thurs and 12.30am Fri-Sat.</p> <p>In general, we have concerns about a growing number of licensed establishments in Alsager which are open late, promoting an unhealthy excessive alcohol-drinking lifestyle, disturbances of the peace and other anti-social behaviour. We frequently deal with vomit on pavements and littering in the vicinity of the crossroads Crewe Rd/ Lawton Road/ Sandbach Road North/ Sandbach Road South, especially on Sat and Sun mornings.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p>		

	Received on	From
6	10 th July 2025	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I hereby wish to formally tender my objection to the application in relation to the above venue.</p> <p>I have reviewed their application and I am concerned regarding the hours that they wish to serve alcohol and also have recorded music. The music side of the application will have a great impact on the local residents. There are a number of residents close by and this could cause a noise disturbance to them. There is also a solicitors upstairs and if the music is played too loud this could have a detrimental impact on them being able to provide their legal services to the people of Alsager.</p> <p>Regarding the supply of alcohol, we now have a large number of venues within our town that serve alcohol and none of them are open this late at night and serving alcohol. In fact should you frequent our town on a Friday and or Saturday night you will find that most venues if not all are closed by 11pm. So the need for these opening hours and serving alcohol is not required. A major point to consider is the safety of the patrons leaving the venue while under the influence of alcohol. The</p>		

venue is situated on a major crossroad within the town and even though this is a 30mph area vehicles do drive along here at some considerable speed. There is a serious risk that someone could get seriously injured or even killed. Another factor to consider are the other local shops. During the period of The Bank Corner, just a few doors along from the above venue, being open there were numerous acts of vandalism and criminal damage to the local shop frontages. I'm sure that no-one would like a repeat of this time.

From passing by the venue over the past few days I have noted that they appear to have mounted a TV unit to the external wall of the building facing Sandbach Road South. If this is allowed to stay in place this could cause a distraction to drivers at the crossroads and they could miss the changing of the traffic lights and, as above, this could result in someone being seriously injured or the road having to be closed because of an RTA.

I have seen on their Facebook page they are advertising themselves as a restaurant and Shisha. I have had to research about what a Shisha bar is and have read that this is a way of smoking tobacco. Considering the laws we have regarding the selling of tobacco products to under 18's and also the ban on smoking indoors I don't feel that this practice is one that should be happening on a main junction in our town. More to the point this is an area that pupils from the high school will walk past at least twice each day and also the venue is located where parents of most of the local primary schools either walk or drive past. I strongly believe that this practice should not be on display in such a public area so that our younger generation deem it ok to participate in. This way of smoking tobacco is different to cigarettes and will automatically pip their interest and could result in them smoking this way. There is a shop a little further down the road from the venue that does actually sell the Shisha's. Also who knows the type of people this could bring into the town, it is a new gimmicky way to smoke tobacco in a world where it is now greatly frowned upon due to the serious implications to our health.,

Overall I feel that an entertainment licence from 9am - 11pm would be ideal and an alcohol licence from 12:00 noon to 11pm. I would recommend that they are required to have SIA registered door staff over the weekend and for any private functions that may be held at the venue. I would also like to see the removal of the outdoor tv screen and that they are not allowed to smoke Shisha's outside in front of young and easily influenced members of the local community.

I hope you will consider my points and thoughts on this matter and come to the correct outcome regarding the application for the above venue.

Many thanks,

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Concerned resident of Alsager.

Member of the local community since 2006