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The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Town Hall
Macclesfield
SK10 1DX.

Dear Sir,

Re: Alcohol and music licence at 69 King Street, Knutsford WA16 6DX

I write with reference to the above mentioned application for an alcohol and music license.

I live

There are a number of issues that force me to strongly object to this application.

1. The main issue being noise;

This would considerably worsen if there was a bar atmosphere, with music being played all day, and into the evening.

2. Drunken behaviour, vandalism and violence as regularly witnessed in other areas in town, where there are drinking/social establishments.
3. These premises are designed as small retail units, and are completely unsuitable for the type of business being proposed. The external areas to these retail units, would lend to an easily created open courtyard setting, which again would create unacceptable noise levels and hinder access to my property.
4. I purchased my apartment in 2001 but only after careful research of the adjoining businesses, and in particular after reading a quote by a local councillor in the Knutsford Guardian stating that no more alcohol licenses would ever be issued in Knutsford.
5. The businesses at that time were: a book shop, a clothes shop and a card shop – they closed at 5pm and didn't open on Sundays, didn't play live music, and didn't serve alcohol. Smokers also did not stand outside at any point. This in turn raises a health issue and surely a right to enjoyment of unpolluted, noise free air!

A further, and equally serious concern, is the approach a number of similar local businesses have used for this sort of business activity. The Canvas lounge; from being a restricted bar with restricted hours, has progressively pushed the boundaries to its current 2 am license. Prima Vera that has evolved to Parma, started with a 7pm license, and has progressed to an 11pm license. A clear pattern has been set here, and I note the application stating "Non-standard timings for cheese and wine tastings to 10pm" thus demonstrating a clear aim.

The applicants are already advertising the new premises on twitter; The Cha Bar - Live soul / jazz music, licensed, private parties, and with a great atmosphere! This appears to me, as a conceited assumption, that all is going ahead regardless of your views as grantors of licenses, and permissions.

I already have experience of noise from The Cross Keys and The Belle Epoch, both which are within 50 metres of my property. I was however, aware of the noise relating to these licensed premises before I made the purchase of my apartment, and this was acceptable too me

Having researched soundproofing in trying to take an open minded and progressive view, I have been unable to find any products that would allow me to continue with reasonable and quiet enjoyment of my property. I am therefore unable to see, how even a condition of the granting of any form of license would resolve this issue of noise.

As a matter of course, I urge you to visit these premises so you are able to understand how valid and relevant to applicable laws my grounds for objection are.

Yours Faithfully

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APPENDIX 02

Re 69 King Street
Knutsford
Cheshire
Wa16 6du

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Dear Sirs,

With reference to the proposed application for a license to sell alcohol and to play live and recorded indoor music at the above premises.

I wish to oppose the application on the grounds that although the application states indoor music, given the size of the property and nature of the proposed business it is inevitable that the clientele would venture outside the premises. Live music as you are no doubt aware carries, our living quarters are directly opposite and I do believe it would not only have an effect on my family but also on guests who are staying my hotel.

As far as a license to sell alcohol goes I strongly feel that another license premises in such close proximity can only have a detrimental effect on my business.

I trust that you will be sympathetic when considering this application and it will be rejected.

Yours Faithfully,