

## We are human beings.... Not offices!!!

Those passing by they our building ...do not know that offices are gone long time ago... and us...families... are living there....

I would like to make a statement. The apartment in 6, Chestergate is both my life and my work. And ...it is important for me to be able to live in a place where stress is minimum...even though it is a town centre location.....I have been living in this apartment for more than 4 years and.....until recently we could enjoy a decent and peaceful life. Since the empty shop (which is part of our building) has been leased everything changed.

I know that we are here to discuss alcohol licensing and amplified music both inside and outside licensing, but I think it is also important to look at what has been happening since the shop has been leased.

We are tenants of a housing Association and we have been treated as second-class citizens. Since the beginning we faced complete disrespect of our lives, the noises produced in the last weeks from work without planning permission have affected us not only in our personal capacity but also our work. Since my heart operation and because of lockdown I have been working from home. I am a specialist tutor and mentor and I work with students in university in one-to-one basis. Students with learning disabilities, autism and mental health. I am also a psychotherapist and working both as self-employed but also doing volunteer work for the Women's Centre in Stockport.

I know how difficult it has been the lockdown in economic terms. Although, this is not an excuse to disregard laws. Our building is a listed building but building works have been carried out without planning permission. Even after the enforcement officer asked to stop any building works, works kept going!!!. I know the planning permission will be discussed separately but it is an indication of how it has been put business before preservation of historical buildings and families lives.

I do not think anyone would like to have a business like this underneath their bedrooms or in their backyards. A business that is going to sell alcohol all day long (creating drunken crowds), every day of the week and playing amplified music both indoors and outdoors.

Chestergate is lovely town centre street that have several coffee shops and local businesses, nobody has amplified music indoor and outdoor... not sure why we should have this kind of situation underneath our apartments...

The backyard will be used for drinking, playing music, smoking, etc. it would mean for those living on the back of the building (where we got both bedrooms and living space) constant pollution, noise such as chatter, laughter and so on.

I believe that profit has been put before families and wellbeing of local communities therefore, I ask this licensing hearing to deny both alcohol and music licensing for the following reasons related to Licensing Act 2003, and include but are not limited

to, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Prevention of Crime and Disorder, and Public Safety.

Public Nuisance: if the license is accepted for live and amplified recorded music indoors and outdoors together with the sale of alcohol will create a huge amount of hours of public nuisance which will have a harmful impact to all residents. Not only for those residents with apartments to the front of the building but for those at the back of the building where we have both bedrooms and living spaces.

Preventions of Crime and Disorder/Public safety: The long hour of selling alcohol in the premise will create a high consumption of alcohol (that will affect people's behaviour) not only inside the premise (that has a backyard just underneath our apartments) but also outside the building. I am a woman living on my own and I will feel intimidated to go through group of people to access our main building door. I will not feel safe, and I will feel scared if those people are intoxicated.

Also living in a town centre location, I will feel that those people can easily identify myself and where I live.

For the reasons stated above I object for any licensing granted to the applicants.