

To whom this may concern,

The fact that I will not be directly affected by the presence of yet another premises for the consumption of alcohol in Longton is immaterial. I am lodging an objection to the licensing hours as proposed by ST Leisure & Entertainment Ltd on the site of 2 - 4a Chapel Lane because of their inappropriate length in view of the immediate proximity to the premises of a funeral director. I believe that a person of any faith or no faith would share the same misgivings about the proposed licensing hours in these probable unique circumstances.

FIRSTLY, I propose that there ought to be a reduction of the hours of opening in the evening, so that the premises would close by 20.00H from Sunday to Thursday evenings and 21.00H on Friday and Saturday evenings.

SECONDLY, I understand that the pavement outside is on the public highway, which should preclude any possibility of outdoor seating. Nevertheless, it is essential that privacy should be afforded for mourners who are entering and leaving the premises of the funeral director.

THIRDLY, I note that planning permission was given to the applicant to set up a premises to sell alcohol ONLY yet the licensing application contains a request for "a late night snack" which must be refused by Licensing in those circumstances and also because the approved plans do not contain any such conditions to set up catering facilities.

FOURTHLY, according to planning conditions, sound proofing must be installed by the applicant against the adjoining wall between the funeral director's and the planned new premises, similarly on the rear wall of the new premises, as there is an occupied dwelling behind 2 - 4a. This is to ensure that both the householders of the occupied dwelling, the funeral director's premises and other local residences in the vicinity are shielded from excessive entertainment noise.

FIFTHLY there is no available parking whatsoever for potential clients of the new premises which is problematic and clearly an unresolved issue in the planning process. Business operators occupying the offices above the new premises park in front of the building, School Lane and apparently in the Ram's Head car park, which I understand is private. Also, vehicles belonging to the householders living in the house behind the building have been damaged on several occasions by people attempting to manoeuvre their vehicles carelessly in this strictly limited space.

Yours sincerely,

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