

For the attention of the Licensing Department,

I am writing to express my concerns and to oppose some of the changes that have been submitted by the owner of the above premises. The changes that I wish to oppose are:

- An extension to the current opening hours and sale of alcohol
- To change the requirement for the need of door staff to be by risk assessment only

Historically the residents of Fleetwood Street opposed the original application due to the opening hours and the impact that this would have on the quality of their lives. The owner agreed and altered his application in defence to the residents' objections however it would appear that he is now going back on his word leaving the residents of Fleetwood Street anxious about the outcome once again.

Following the previous agreement door staff were employed to manage customer when arriving and dispersing - they were always polite to the residents of Fleetwood Street and appeared to manage the customers well the majority of the time, ensuring that they were moved on away from Fleetwood Street once the bar was closed.

Given that Indigo is currently undergoing renovation and is expanding in size this allows for an increased number of customers to be in the bar at one time meaning that the footfall will be far greater and whilst it is of some relief that the main door will be moved on to Chapel Brow it is still cause for extreme concern that the bar will be without door staff every single weekend (Friday and Saturday). Should this be permitted, I fear that once again the residents of Fleetwood Street will be left to endure the repugnant behaviour of drunken customers such as urinating and snorting cocaine in the alleyways alongside smashed glass bottles and cigarette butts littering the street which is wholly unacceptable given that there are children and dogs who walk in the street.

In regards to the opening hours and sale of alcohol being extended I feel that the current opening hours are more than appropriate given the location of the bar (on a residential street) and the fact that there are small children who live directly opposite. I myself have a new born baby who sleeps in the front bedroom (directly opposite the current entrance to the bar) and I cannot begin to express the level of anxiety I am already feeling since hearing of the proposed changes.

To conclude, I believe that as a civil servant who worked extremely hard to be able to purchase her home in what used to be a peaceful and family-friendly street, both myself and my neighbours have the right to live a peaceful existence in our homes and should not have to endure antisocial behaviour which will undoubtedly occur should the proposed changes be approved.

I urge you to fully consider the above points and hope that the right decision will be made.

Sincerely,

Megan O'Dea
Resident of Fleetwood Street, Leyland