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Dear Sir/Madam,

INDIGO 1a Fleetwood Street, Leyland PR253NL

We are in receipt of a new premises licence application for this premises which was formerly the Knights of St Columba Club. I wish to make the following representation on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police.

As the Knights of Saint Columba Club, the premises was a members club with
Friday 0900 – 0200 (Supply of alcohol to 0100)
Saturday 0900-0200 (Supply of alcohol to 0100)

The application seeks hours for the weekend for a commercial bar as follows
Friday 1100 – 0230 (Supply of alcohol until 0200)
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These impact of hours together with the change from members club to public bar and certain deficiencies in the application as set out below are of particular concern to us.

We have visited the premises and note that it has more in common with a Night Club venue than a public house and that the licence seeks to provide amplified recorded or live music until 2300 hrs presumably to address complaints of noise nuisance.

The premises is sited at the top of a residential street with a number of nearby takeaway premises on Chapel Brow. We have concerns that siting a licenced premises with a licence to 2.30 am will encourage further late night drinking in the area with associated drunken nuisance and disorder to the detriment of local residents. We believe that this would impact negatively on public safety, nuisance and levels of crime and disorder in the immediate area.

The plans include a DJ booth but there is no application in respect of dancing. With an application for amplified music and the provision of a DJ booth we have concerns that this licensable activity will happen because it is set up to happen with a consequent impact on public safety and crime and disorder.

There is no formal provision in respect of door staff. If the premises is offering weekend drinking to 2.30am and what appears to be a nightclub type setting we believe that the absence of formal door staff arrangements poses an unacceptable level of risk in terms of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance. Our experience with other licensed premises in the immediate area is that adequate provision of doorstaff is a necessity.

The applicant seeks to have smoking area to the front of the premises on Chapel Brow. With the absence of proper door staffing conditions this location presents risk of crime and disorder with customers taking glasses and bottles onto Chapel Brow.

In summary, for the reasons above the Police object to the application on the following grounds that the grant will undermine the objectives of the Act in terms of public safety, the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

Should you have any queries in relation to any of the matters outlined above then please do not hesitate to contact the Licensing Unit.

Yours Sincerely,

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Licensing Sergeant