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To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to proposed licensing hours for Indigo Club, Fleetwood Street, Leyland.

I have lived next door to the Knights of St Columbus on Fleetwood Street for three years. Having been made aware of the pending licensing application for Indigo I fear that the problems that I have previously only just been able to tolerate will become unbearable.

I can confirm that I experienced the following problems with the Knights of St Columbus:

Noise Pollution.

When the pub closes obviously people spill out into the street. However, in my experience, they do not leave quietly, nor do they leave quickly. They tend to loiter for at least an hour shouting to one another, in some cases having foul mouthed arguments in the road. As you will no doubt be aware, intoxicated people tend not to worry about their volume. May I add that in my time as a resident I have witnessed drunken fights occurring between customers of the club, This not only adds to the noise pollution but as a single woman walking past can be very intimidating.

I am concerned that this is what occurred when closing time was at 11pm. By adding 3 hours of drinking time onto this I have no doubt that the problem will only be exacerbated. The proposed licencing hours until 2am is bad enough, but please consider the additional loitering time and the noise that will accompany this.

The noise levels from the Knights of St Columbus, on nights when live music was being played, was intolerable. However, as they had an earlier closing time I was able to cope and, if needs be, could move to the back bedroom to get some sleep. Living on my own I have the luxury to be able to this. However, as I'm sure you are aware, there are families living on the street with young children. How are they expected to get the children off to sleep at a reasonable hour if music is being played until 2am. The building is old and has inadequate noise/sound insulation. Also, there are windows and door to the rear and I anticipate extreme noise at this location which faces onto Fleetwood Street.

Although public nuisance is not defined in the Licensing Act 2003 the guidance states:

"Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It may include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health."

As most people on the street I have a full time job and during the week I often retire to bed before 10pm. The new licensing proposals for the club to be able to play live music till 11pm on week days and open till midnight is unacceptable I fear I will not be able to get a full night's sleep needed to feel refreshed and ready to face the new day. In essence, I feel that there will be a reduction of the living and working amenity as stated above.

This Club is literally yards from the door to my home, so I get the full effect of any commotion occurring in the vicinity.

Alley ways.

There are two alleyways on Fleetwood Street which, in my three years residence, I have witnessed both used by the public whilst attending the club, as urinals and somewhere to vomit. This is then left to the

residents of Fleetwood Street to clean up. These are the same streets that small children play in during the day.

In addition to this, the alley ways are used as somewhere for the patrons to move to to take drugs before re-entering. Does this sound like something you would like on your doorstep? It is no secret that the pubs of Leyland have a drug problem. My concern is that having somewhere open until 2am in the morning, will only encourage bad behaviour in and around the surrounding communities of Leyland. I fear that this small venue will become the place where, already inebriated, people will flock to when other pubs in the town close. This may cause problems with crowds being unable to fit in and, therefore, causing problems in the street.

Smoking

The Knights of St Columbus allowed the public to smoke outside the front door, again adding to the noise/general pollution of the street. The amount of cigarette butts left on the street was disgraceful and no attempt was made to clear these up. In addition to this there is the litter problem that accompanies the premises being used as a pub such as discarded takeaway containers and broken glass bottles.

Devaluation of Houses on the Street.

If proposed opening hours are accepted the value of the all houses on the street will decrease dramatically. Putting the residents of the street at an unfair disadvantage in the housing market should they wish to sell their home. I now fear that if I wish to sell my house in the future I will be unable to do so. Who in their right mind would want to buy a house next door to a nightclub that is open until 2am?

May I strongly suggest that the music and opening hours are kept the same as imposed on the Knights of St Columbus. Anything else is simply unacceptable.

Regards,

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