

Licensing Act 2003 Representation (Objection Form)

I object to the following application:

Section 1 – Premises Details

Name of Premises The Railway Tavern
Name of applicant RV Bars Ltd
Address of Premises 51, Bury Road Rawtenstall BB4 6DD
What is the application you oppose New Premises Licence in respect of The Railway Tavern, 51 Bury Road, Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancashire, BB4 6DD

Section 2 – Objector’s Details

Title: ██████████
Surname: ██████████
First Names: ██████████
Address: ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Email:* ██████████ <i>*By providing an email address, you consent to receiving notices and correspondence in this regard by return email.</i>
Daytime phone number: ██████████ <i>(This is essential as we may need to contact you at short notice)</i>

If you are representing residents or businesses, please complete the boxes below and attach any additional sheets showing the details of those you have been requested to represent and authority to do so.

Organisation name (if applicable):
Nature of representation, for example, Resident’s Association, Ward Councillor etc:

Section 3 – Representation Details

Which of the four licensing objectives does your representation relate to? (Tick as appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please state your representation here. Use separate sheets if necessary.
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<p>Prevention of crime and disorder</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>The only thing the applicant has said is that CCTV will be installed.</p> <p>The applicant has not said whether “Licensed Trained Security Staff” will be employed to deal with customers being drunk or under the influence of drugs which can result in theft, conflict, violence, and anti-social behaviour.</p>
<p>Prevention of public nuisance</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>The Licensing Authority should include in their assessment any low-level nuisance affecting people living locally. It should also take into account that in the refurbishment of existing premises any historical noise problems should be considered; with measures put in place to prevent them from recurring.</p> <p>The applicant does not address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether steps have been taken to limit noise escape from the premises and that it will not be audible at sensitive locations, such as residential dwellings. (e.g use of approved sound limiting devices, windows and doors kept closed, automatic closing doors, adequate indoor ventilation etc). • What measures have been adopted to minimise and control noise from customers entering and leaving the premises. • Whether people standing outside the premises e.g for a smoke, are likely to cause a nuisance to residents. • Taxis waiting outside the premises, with engines running. • Noise from the car park as clients leave
<p>Public Safety</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Protection of children from harm</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	

Use this space to provide further information in support of your representation or to explain any supporting documentation you have provided with this representation:

We have lived [REDACTED] almost [REDACTED] years and are very aware of how sound can travel easily from the main road up to the houses nearby.

Noise is part of everyday life in a populated environment, but it can become a nuisance when the level and frequency make an unreasonable invasion on your right to peace and quiet. Reviewing the application noise disruption could occur every day of the week, all day, and into the early hours of the morning.

We have had previous experience of unacceptable noise from the building when it was a public house. We have had to put up with loud music and karaoke via the pub's open windows and doors plus noise from clientele standing outside to smoke and when they were leaving at closing time. This could be clearly heard (a 100yds away through closed double-glazed windows!). The advantage to the residents then was that it closed at a reasonable hour. The new proposal is likely to cause greater disruption and anti-social behaviour due its larger capacity, longer opening hours, live music etc.

We cannot understand why such an application being considered in a residential area. Residential properties are extremely close to the venue (Some elderly people's flats are directly opposite behind the car park). In the application it states that the general description of the premises is a 'High Street Public House/Restaurant - We would consider that it is basically a nightclub; we are not against nightclubs existing but believe they should be located far away from any residential areas.

We consider the hours of opening are excessive and provision for live entertainment as well as music and dancing are not appropriate in a residential area. In particular, the extended weekend hours, extended Bank Holiday and Christmas hours and also the 24-hour opening on New Year's Eve/Day.

Drug dealers are known to operate in this area. A high degree of vigilance by staff would be required both inside and outside of the venue – The new premises and surrounding area could become a breeding ground for dealers.

Clientele leaving the venue are highly likely to use the local take a ways and taxi office just up the road, this means they would cause further disruption to even more residential dwellings on Bury Road and Lomas Lane flats. It could also encourage these take a ways to open for much longer periods.

We are aware that the new proposed owner has already been ordered to close a previous establishment on Bacup Road, Rawtenstall following strong evidence from residents and businesses – It was closed due to breaking Covid regulations, noise complaints etc. Clientele exiting the venue were often seen drunk and disorderly, fighting and causing general disturbance. By granting this application a problem could still exist, but now in a more residential area; would the over stretched police be able to cope in this out of town location?

The type of behaviour (mentioned above), noise control etc is not acceptable. We have zero confidence that controlling such behaviour and noise could be managed successfully.

We cannot understand why a licensing committee would even consider a new application, for a similar venue, from the same company/person; who did not adhere to regulations or was able to control the behaviour of their clientele. Particularly as it is in a residential area.

If this application were to be passed a contact telephone number should be made available to residents which they can use to report noise/anti-social disturbances to a responsible person at the venue as and when they occur. The phone line should be available at all times the licence is in use.

Please tick as appropriate:

	I object to the application being granted at all
✓	I object to the application being granted in its current form

Are there any changes the applicant could take which would alleviate your concerns detailed above?
✓ YES NO

If yes, please give details below (use separate sheets if necessary):

Opening times greatly reduced due to its proximity to residential dwellings

Open a traditional public house for the local community

Determination hearings are held on weekdays during normal business hours. If your representation is deemed relevant in whole or part, would you want to attend the hearing?

YES ✓ NO

If no, please say why:
[REDACTED]

Section 4 – Declarations

I am aware that a full copy of my representation (including my name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will form part of a public document prior to any hearing on this matter. [REDACTED]	✓*
I declare that all information contained within this form is correct and true to my knowledge.	✓
By providing an email address, I consent to receiving notices and correspondence about this matter by return email.	✓

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 20/05/2021

Once complete, this form should be returned to the Licensing department by email to licensing@rossendalebc.gov.uk or by post or personal service to the Council offices. You must ensure that the representation is received within the statutory objection period as late representations cannot be considered.