

The Licensing Manager  
Rossendale Borough Council  
Futures Park  
Bacup

20<sup>th</sup> February 2012



Dear Sir,

Re: Application by the COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Haslingden for extension of their licence

I write to state my objection to the above extension for the reasons below:

As you can see from the enclosed documentation the Commercial Hotel has caused many anti social problems in the past. The Landlord Mr Thompson was the Landlord for a number of years and as you can see from the enclosed documentation and also from the files you have in your Protection Unit has caused many problems. The current Licence hours are being flaunted and the pub is serving customers long past the Licence hours. This has always been the case and as the Police reports back up that the trouble spills out onto the street.

There are residents living in the area and they are kept awake by the rowdy crowds who not only shout and swear out on the street but also fight and argue. The customers bring their drinks out onto the street, not stopped by the bouncers, to have a cigarette even though a smoking area is provided. People walking through town are verbally abused and in the early hours of the morning this is not acceptable, as indeed at any time. The area is designated 'An Alcohol Free Zone' again this is being ignored.

The music is also a nuisance, as witnessed by Daniel Dobson. The residents cannot sleep with the noise and on a balmy evening are stopped from having their windows open because of the noise. This in the past has gone on until after 3am yet the Licence is only until 1.00am. Weekends are a nightmare for the residents and the fact that these residents have to get up early for work, it is totally unacceptable. These residents Human Rights are being flaunted they have the right to peace and quiet and this will not happen if the application is granted.

Our Police Force is currently stretched. The extension will only increase their workload, the trouble in the past has meant that extra patrols have to be put out in order to help keep the peace, but they cannot be there all the time.

The current Landlord Mr Thompson cannot control his customers, cannot adhere to the current Licence, does not stop 'out of hours' drinking and the problem will only escalate. These premises are a 'Public House' not a 'Nightclub' an extension as proposed will turn it into a 'Nightclub' and Haslingden neither wants or needs this and I am certain the Police will be in agreement.

In conclusion I implore you not to grant this extension, indeed the current hours should be looked into and possibly dropped.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Stansfield', written over a horizontal line.

Cllr David Stansfield

Re. commercial Hotel.

We have two shop in Haslingden town center

We live

we have lived hear yrs.

When the commercial was last given a late licence living hear was unbearable. Because of antisocial behavior, loud music, fighting. Plus taxi's coming and going till 4.00 in the morning, Banging doors and sounding there horns.

We contacted the police on several occasions, The police were constantly at the property. We were also in contact with the Environmental Health, and licencing department.

They said that the noise was louder than permitted.

When the commercial's licence was reviewed they were told to put sound proof blinds on the windows, and also to have a noise monitor fitted to his music systems.

The sales of Alcohol 0700 to 0200 Monday to Thursday 0700 to 0100 Friday to Sunday. All these thing he ignored.

He was also told to have 2 SIA Registered door supervisors - the premises from 23.00 hours every Friday and Saturday.

The door were to be closed. All these conditions were ignored. The music was that loud we could not hear our T.V

We have also had damage to our property, The front door kicked in and the panels damaged, This cost £4.850 which our insurance company paid for. We have had our shop windows broken, drain pipe ripped off.

on a seprate occasion after a fight the police attended we were advised by them to Phone the council to see if they would send someone to clean the shop front and the pavement as there was that much blood.

Manchester Rd we rent out, during this period we had to cut the rent down so we could get someone to live there because of the noise.



We have a daughter, who at the time was at .....  
she is now at ..... college. and still catches the Bus. During the time he had the late licence it was impossible for her to sleep. The licencing department and Enviromental Health came out again. They said the noise was unacceptable. and could not belive that the live Bands came on at 23.00 hours. when they finished the disco started.

He ignored the licencing hours and had people running in and out of the pub all night.

The licencing Department told us to fill in the Review forms, when they came out on the Sunday night. On the Monday morning we were phoned by them, they said dont bother with the form he is leaving the commercial.