

I (insert name of person making representation whether as an individual or as a responsible authority)

hereby make representation in respect of an application under the Licensing Act 2003

**Section 1 – Premises or club premises details**

Name, address and postcode of premises or club premises in respect of which you are making representations.	
The Green Squirrel 148 Manchester Road Haslingden Rossendale	
Post town Lancashire	Post code (if known) BB4 6NP

**Section 2 - Applicant details**

Please provide your details below. If you are an individual applicant complete Section A only. If you are a responsible authority complete Section B only.

**SECTION A**

DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (tick as appropriate)

Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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Surname		First Name	
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(Please tick)

I am 18 years old or older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Current address

Manchester Road Haslingden Rossendale  Postcode
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Daytime contact telephone number	
E-mail address	

**SECTION C**  
**DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name of the responsible authority	Environmental Health
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Surname of representative of responsible authority	Robinson	First Name of representative of responsible authority	Lorna
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Address of responsible authority

Lorna Robinson Principal Environmental Health Officer Rossendale Borough Council Business Directorate Futures Park Bacup Lancashire OL13 0BB	
Daytime contact telephone number	01706 252564
E-mail address	lornarobinson@rossendalebc.gov.uk

**SECTION 3**

Details of the licensing objectives which will be undermined by the application.

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s) (tick as appropriate)

the prevention of crime and disorder	X
public safety	
the prevention of public nuisance	X
the protection of children from harm	

**Section 4**

**Information and details of the representation**

Please state the grounds for your representation

*We purchased our home 6 years ago when of course there was a pub and several residents purchased their homes several years before us. However, licensing laws have changed as too has the ownership of the pub. Previously, we have experienced no negative issues with a pub operating as the pub was managed appropriately considering the location of the pub in a high residential area, and managers worked in co-operation with local residents to ensure they were not disturbed. Since the Green Squirrel opened approximately 15 months ago our quality of home life has been decreased significantly, to the point of being intolerable each weekend night. The issues caused by the noise and people drinking on the street outside the pub have caused us continued, significant stress. What we thought was an initial celebration period; where the pub played music until late each weekend evening often followed by loud noise from people leaving the premises until early hours of the morning, has proved to be a weekly occurrence.*

*We have found ourselves to be unable to enjoy our weekends and relax within our own home. Each weekend, due to the noise from the pub, we are now unable to go to bed before 12am as live bands play until after 11pm, and loud music is played until 2am, at which time we then continue to be disturbed by noise and disturbances from persons leaving and numerous vehicles outside. The music is normally louder than the television inside our living room and it is impossible to sleep in our bedroom. The implications of sleep deprivation are obviously extremely stressful and impact hugely on our quality of life.*

*Following steps to address these issues, details of which I will explain, we are now in a position where we are required to call the out of hours noise service on an extremely regular basis. This in itself impacts hugely on our home life as, due to noise from the pub, we must invite strangers into our home late at night in order to witness the levels of disturbance we are experiencing.*

*Initially, I have been over to the pub approximately 5 times to complain about the noise. I received little response as the owners were either not present or on one occasion, Mr Sourbutts stated that he was busy and could I call back to talk to him. On the day he suggested, Mr Sourbutts was not present at the pub but I tried again at a later date. It was on the final attempt, when I was told by one of the owners that they were allowed to play live music until 12am that I decided to contact licensing because their license was until 11pm.*

*Licensing advised that we could apply for a review and after numerous residents mentioned the disturbance that the pub was causing them, paperwork was completed and sent to Licensing.*

*The Green Squirrel asked to meet with residents to negotiate any issues. In this meeting, attended by Danny Dobson, Michelle Dixon and Mark Driver along with the residents, the problems the pub had caused the residents were explained to Mr Sourbutts. It was also explained to them that their business is operating in the middle of a residential area, and this must be taken into account in their business plans and action. They were advised to fit a noise*

limiter and look at soundproofing. They were also advised that patrons were not to drink outside of the premises and that Mr Sourbutts should advise taxi companies to avoid beeping horns in the early hours.

Mr Sourbutts agreed to the suggestions but no action appears to have been taken. There was an improvement from the taxis causing disturbance, but the loud music showed no sign of change. The Bar Manager did visit us on the pub's 1 year anniversary (Sunday) and explained that a party was taking place that day, where live bands would be playing during the day and a BBQ was being held outside the pub, but he would ensure everyone was be inside by 9pm. This indeed was the case and whilst the music was extremely loud all day, it did quieten at 9pm. Apart from this one occasion, I'm sorry to say that we feel that little effort has been made to help the neighbours of the premises and the music has continued to be at a level that is intolerable to live next to. On a number of occasions over this summer our who sleeps in a bedroom at the back of the house, has been woken up and explained that he could not sleep because of the noise. In addition to the general disturbances of several people leaving the pub at 2am, there have also been occasions where violent altercations between customers of the pub have taken place outside the pub on the street and on some occasions in the road crossing over to our house, to the point where my wife has felt unsafe in our own home and telephoned the police when she and our son have been at home when I am working away. Due to some of the issues with customers outside the pub late at night and into the early hours, and the general change of atmosphere in the local area due to the change in business of the pub, several local residents have expressed concern at raising issues formally and having their contact details passed to the pub through formal documentation. We however, feel that our home life is so significantly affected that we must continue to raise these issues until action is taken that enables our home life not to be affected by the pub. We do not feel that the current license is appropriate for a pub in such a high residential area. Sleep deprivation to our entire family and the obvious stress involved, my wife feeling unsafe in our home, requiring strangers to visit our home late at night to record noise levels, being unable to complete work, watch television and relax in our own home combined with the stress of knowing that these issues will occur each weekend have made it impossible for us to enjoy any quality of life within our home due to the issues caused by the Green Squirrel pub.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support your representation. Please note that if you have not disclosed this information, you may not be able to introduce it at the hearing unless all the other parties consent.**

### Section 5

Have you made any representations in respect of these premises before? (Circle relevant option)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Date that you made representations	27/5/12	

I understand that the Licensing Authority is obliged to give notice of a hearing to all parties to the hearing and this must include a copy of this representation. (You must tick this box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION OR REPRESENTATION.

### Section 6 Signatures

Signature of person making representation or a solicitor or other duly authorised agent. If signing on behalf of a body representing a person living or carrying on a business in the vicinity of the premises or on behalf of a responsible authority please ensure that have the right to sign a representation on their behalf and state the capacity in which you are signing.

Signature

Date 30/10/12

Capacity Local Resident.