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Subject: Application Number 089776

Hi There,

With regards to licensing application number 089776 – The Woodlands Café, Dunwood Park, Shaw, Oldham, OL2 7UR, please see below.

With regards to this application, I live less than 50yards from this premises and have done so for 33 years. When I bought my property there was no café at all and this was a very quiet tranquil area which is why we moved here. This has slowly been eroded, in particularly since the presence of the café in the park, which has resulted in many issues including ASB, Drug use, parking issues, noise nuisance all of which happened last time this café was granted a license.

Under normal circumstances, the café is a perfectly acceptable addition to the areas, servicing dog walkers, mums and babies and many people seeking the tranquillity and ambiance of the park. However, whenever there is any kind of function other than normal activity involving the café, the local residents suffer from issues with parking and blocked access as the car park is insufficient for more than a dozen vehicles so the whole street becomes double parked. I have had to pay for restricted access outside my garage just to try and enable me to get my car out, with frequently fails due to double parking on the opposite side of the road. We receive no notice whatsoever of events in the park so cannot plan or prepare for any events and remove vehicles in time.

The local residents fought long and hard for the car park gates to be locked in the evening due to the number of youths congregating on the car park and outside the café, the ASB and drug taking/dealing on the car park plus noise nuisance, youths climbing on the roof and general abuse and rowdy behaviour. There has been no community impact assessment or consultation on this application, or all this would have been raised.

Indeed, the notices for this application were displayed in a clear position for a day, then somehow disappeared and took some searching to find, so am assuming will result in limited objections as very few people are aware this is even happening.

I am also sure you are aware that our local MP, Debbie Abrahams is holding a meeting for the residents of Woodend at Shaw Community Centre next Thursday 26th to discuss the issues currently being faced by local residents in this area, of which this is one.

I cannot understand why a license application would be from 0900hrs to 23300hrs at a tiny community café in a quiet residential area with no parking, limited lighting, in close proximity to residential properties and multiple hazards in the dark, in a park, with limited evacuation facilities would even be an option. There is no way to mitigate the parking or noise nuisance issues, plus we also had litter everywhere and public urination on top of all this last time.

I would be grateful if someone can provide me with the Community Impact Assessments for this plus the risk assessments for a license at a premises of this nature and alcohol and dark parks, in a local quiet residential area don't mix. There are several venues in Shaw, less than a mile away, where alcohol can be purchased from 0900hrs already without promoting this in a park.

In summary, I strongly object to this application and am willing to make any representation necessary to prevent this happening and a reoccurrence of the severe anti-social behaviour and public nuisance issue all the local residents experienced last time.

Kind Regards,

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