

The Licensing Act 2003

Interested Party Representation Form

The Licensing Act 2003 (the act) makes local authorities responsible for the licensing of pubs, clubs, theatres, cinemas, restaurants, takeaways and so on. Some premises may apply to extend their hours or add some form of regulated entertainment and this is where interested parties can have their say by making relevant representations and objecting to the proposals.

Interested parties

As well as Responsible Authorities, any other person can play a role in a number of licensing processes under the 2003 Act. This includes any individual, body or business entitled to make representations to licensing authorities in relation to application for the grant, variation, minor variation or review of premises licences and club premises certificates, regardless of their geographical proximity to the premises. Any representations made by these persons must be 'relevant'. For a representation to be relevant it must:

- relate to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives
- be made by an interested party or responsible authority
- not have been withdrawn
- not be 'frivolous' or 'vexatious' or, in the case of a review, 'repetitious' if made by an interested party

In the case of variation applications, the representation must be confined to the subject matter of the variation.

What are the Licensing Objectives?

- **The prevention of crime and disorder**

(Examples of representations relevant to this objective are illegal drugs, sex related activities, violent behaviour, anti-social behaviour, drunkenness, drug dealing, underage selling, however, guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act states that beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law)

- **Public safety**

(Examples of representations relevant to this objective are lack of adequate lighting, unauthorised alterations to property and so on)

- **The prevention of public nuisance**

(Examples of representations relevant to this objective are noise nuisance, noxious smells, anti-social behaviour, litter in the vicinity and so on)

- **The protection of children from harm**

(Examples of representations relevant to this objective are underage selling, sexual activities, access to premises, drugs use and so on)

The Section 182 Guidance is a valuable source of information that interested parties may wish to consult when considering making a representation and can be found online on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

Section 1 - Application Details

Applicants Name	Mr Jac Robert Billington
Premises Name	Albion Farm Shop/The Turkey Shed
Premises Address	Albion Farm, Oldham Road, Delph, Oldham OL3 5RQ
Type of Application	New Premises Licence

Section 2 – Details of Person making Representation

(if you are a representative for an objector please use the next section)

Title <i>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)</i>	Mr
Full Name	Alan Morton
Telephone	
Email Address <i>(we will use this to correspond with you unless you notify us otherwise)</i>	
Full Address <i>(Including postcode)</i>	1 Cross keys inn, Oldham road, Delph OL3 5RQ

Please note that a full copy of your objection (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at any hearing of this matter.

Section 3 – Details of Representative

Title <i>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)</i>	
Full Name	
Telephone	
Organisation	
Email Address <i>(we will use this to correspond with you unless you notify us otherwise)</i>	
Full Address <i>(Including postcode)</i>	

Please state nature of position:

(residents association / ward councillor / MP / trade association)

Section 4 – Representation Details

- ☒ I object to the application being granted at all
☐ I object to the application being granted in its current form*

*if you choose this option remember to tell us in Section 5 what changes you would like to see

You need to complete the boxes below as fully as possible. If you do not, then the Licensing Panel may not understand why you have objected.

Try to be as specific as possible and give examples such as “on 1st February 2021 I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises is allowed to open until 2am this will cause further public nuisance to me and other residents on the street”

Licensing Objectives

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

Public Safety

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

I, Alan Morton and my wife Helen Morton live at 1 Cross Keys Inn, Oldham RD, Delph, OL3 5RQ which is approximately 120m from the subject property which itself is elevated above the level of Oldham Rd.

We object to the proposed extension of hours and to the proposed variation to permit both internal and external areas to be used for live music etc.

Our objections are based on experience of the noise levels emanating from the subject property as external areas have already been so used contrary to the conditions of the licence..

The current licence limits entertainment to indoors. The premises are a converted agricultural building with poor acoustic attenuation. Music and amplified voices can be heard from outside our house and adjoining houses but are less audible internally.

During June amplified music and singing was carried out outside the premises contrary to the current licence. The noise levels were such that they drowned the noise of cars and commercial traffic on Oldham Rd (A62) and conversation outside was difficult. The noise could easily be heard inside with doors and windows closed. We are not the closest house. The subject premises are situated off Oldham Rd with a narrow footpath adjoining (approx 1m) and no safety barriers. People leaving use the lay-by adjacent to our house for taxi drop off/pick up with resultant noise into the night. An extension of hours would worsen this.

Protection of Children from Harm

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

Section 5 – Suggestions

(please provide any suggested conditions that could be added to the licence if granted which would remedy the cause of your representation, or other suggestions you would like the licensing panel to consider)

The applicants have already breached the conditions of their existing licence.

We do not believe that any conditions could be added to the licence which would mitigate the noise or would be implementable.

The noise level is such that it significantly affects our amenity and enjoyment of the premises.

Section 6 – Signature

Sign: Mr Alan Morton

Date: 19/08/2025

Guidance Notes:

Please provide all relevant information you feel is pertinent to the consideration of the application. The Licensing Authority will review all representations as they are received, and any information contained within representations that is not considered relevant for the purposes of determining the application will be highlighted.

Members of the Panel who preside over any subsequent hearing to determine the application will be alerted to the highlighted sections of representations and informed those sections cannot be considered in their decision-making process.

If you do make a representation you will be invited to attend the Licensing Panel hearing and any subsequent appeal hearings. Where you choose to attend the Panel, you may only address the panel around the relevant sections of your representation and will not be permitted to discuss the highlighted irrelevant information.

Please return the completed representation form, and any additional evidence, to the Licensing Service, Sir Robert Peacock House, Vulcan Street, Oldham, OL1 4LA or email to representations@oldham.gov.uk

TIME LIMITS

All representations must be returned within the statutory period, generally 28 days from the date the notice was displayed on the premises or the date specified in the public notice in the newspaper.

If you are unsure of the time limit to lodge a representation for a particular application, please check with the Licensing Service by emailing representations@oldham.gov.uk