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Subject: Licensing: 166 Barton Road (PL078342) [REDACTED]
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Good afternoon,

I'm emailing on behalf of the residents of Pinfold Court (as listed at the end of this email).

We are collectively objecting to the licensing applications concerning the above premises on the following grounds:

The prevention of public nuisance

The residents of Pinfold Court were inconvenienced on countless occasions by Sip Club (the previous incumbents of 164a Barton Road. Noise from inside the venue going on til late at night, noise from customers arriving, and leaving. Taxis dropping off and picking up. Cigarette smoke and noise from those smoking outside the venue. And deliveries blocking access to our carpark. That itself was a small bar. These new premises will more than double the capacity of the site, meaning we are more likely to experience noise and access issues relating to our residences. We already experience a great deal of noise from the main road, our concerns lie in the noise from the site adding to this, into the late hours, impacting our health and wellbeing, and our working lives. In the time of COVID many of us are now working from home, and we've already had to raise complaints with Trafford Borough Council around noise and dirt/dust levels during renovations. We would have appreciated the opportunity to feed into a 'change of use' request, but we've unfortunately not been able to source any requests.

The access issue is of great concern. We have already had to speak to those involved in the renovation of the site about a lorry attempting to deposit a skip in our residents carpark, several delivery drivers using it, and the bar owner themselves parking there. It has blocked access for residents, and for carers attempting to visit to care for vulnerable residents. The owner has been somewhat unhelpful when we've tried to facilitate the removal of vehicles.

We can only imagine it being much worse when the bar itself is in full use, with deliveries coming in and out, suppliers unaware that our residents carpark is just that, and not for the business' access.

We are also concerned about visitors to the bar, drunk and disorderly, creating noise, using our outside space as a lavatory (which we have experienced during the existence of the previous bar) and especially in the times of COVID this adding an additional hazard to our residents.

Finally on this point, behind us is further sheltered housing. This is unfair on those residents also, who will be inconvenienced by deliveries to the rear, and noise levels.

Public safety

A busy junction of two main roads is by no means the ideal space for a bar – particularly one with no parking space, or anywhere for taxi drivers etc to conveniently drop off customers. We already have had a number of near misses with taxis, cars, and the bus stop near the premises. More visitors to the site will only increase the likelihood of an accident, especially involving intoxicated customers.

The prevention of crime and disorder

We are further concerned, that the off licence next door to the premises has already had a conviction for selling alcohol to those under age, and in addition are aware that the incoming bar owner has also been reprimanded for

flouting lockdown rules at his premises in Urmston. This really does not inspire confidence, that the venue will be well run, safe, and local residents' needs will be taken into consideration by the owner.

We hope you'll take our concerns into consideration when it comes to these licensing requests.

Yours on behalf of the below residents of Pinfold Court:

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