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20th August 2007

Dear sir/madam,

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED
UNDER THE LICENCING ACT 2003
77A BOOTHAM JC & LM LOWERY

I have recently seen notification of the above application and would object to this application on the following grounds:-

1. Our family and these premises have had a licence and an unblemished record for well over 30 years, however that is not to imply that regulatory problems have not, and do not exist, rather that we are experienced, well organised and pro-active in preventing problems arising.

It is our policy not only to train our staff but to ensure the licence holder is on the premises for most of the opening hours and that there is a minimum staff presence of two responsible persons at all times (over 18 yrs of age).

I am concerned that if another licence were granted within the same small parade of shops there will inevitably be conflict between the two retailers but more importantly it will draw larger numbers of less welcome customers to to this predominantly residential area. It is our policy to serve only customers who are over 21 unless they provide the recognised form of identification or are known by us as over 18 whereas the applicant does not specify this requirement.

2. The proposed licenced premises(from the plan I have seen) do not indicate from which area of the shop alcohol will be served or where it will be stored, as these premises are mainly operated by a single member of staff, are open well before the licenced starting time of 8.00am and are frequented by large numbers of local schoolchildren. I have serious reservations regarding the suitability of the premises to serve alcohol even if it were served from behind the counter.

3. The main arterial road which links Clifton Green with Bootham to it's intersection with Gillygate is well served already with three licenced stores ie Spar Clifton Green ourselves in the middle and Jacksons, these stores are well spaced about

equidistant from each other on this busy main road and I cannot see a valid reason for the granting of another licence so close to ourselves. 4.

4. National and local government together with the populace at large are anxious and very concerned at the explosion of anti-social behaviour and drunkenness which seems to blight many cities and is certainly not absent in this area.

I know serious problems have arisen regarding drink related incidents at Jacksons and Spar Clifton Green. and I am anxious to ensure that similar incidents do not migrate to this area (I am sure that the Police will provide details).

To emphasise and support my case I have attached copies of our Challenges and refusals sheets covering the last five months which will give you an indication of the volume and type of incidents we deal with. (these do not include the people refused entry to the shop because they are either drunk or under the influence of drugs -or both).

You will note particularly that on 2nd August [redacted] tried to purchase alcohol at 7.20pm but was refused not because she was drunk but that she was known to me as an habitual drunkard. You will also note that on the 17th August we refused to sell alcohol to two girls who had been asked to make a test purchase by the licencing authority. This indicates that we are trying hard to stamp out underage drinking and anti-social behavior, which follows (we are a member of the Responsible Retailer Scheme).

Our concern is that another licenced premise in such close proximity would inevitably undermine our efforts ie persons refused here because they looked under 21 would inevitably attempt a purchase in another nearby shop where they might be judged to be over 18 yrs of age.

Restrictions placed upon those who drink in the street which have been enforced in that part of Bootham nearer the City are very welcome but this again has meant that the problem has moved a little nearer to us with benches and parkland frequented by alcoholics. I personally would welcome a ban on street drinking for the whole of Bootham and Clifton (or even the whole City)

5 The applicant premises are located on the corner of Bootham Crescent and Bootham where there is already a traffic hazard in that cars park on double yellow lines at the top of Bootham

Crescent whilst their drivers obtain a paper or upon the Zig-Zag for the pedestrian crossing, this danger is further exacerbated because as part of the Traffic Calming measures in Bootham Crescent the entrance has been greatly reduced thereby creating a funnel effect and any further vehicular movements including customers or delivery vans will lead to an increased risk to vehicles but more importantly to cyclists and pedestrians because of vehicle movements and restricted vision.

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APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGED	
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