

Representations from Local Residents

Email – 24/10/2018

Local Resident, Owens Quay, Bingley, BD16 4DX

Hello

I am writing with concern over the opening hours for Delilah's Bar in Bingley. I live on Owens Quay, Bingley, just off Whitely Street which is a popular walk through for people on their way home.

Previously when other bars in town were open until 4am my husband and I would regularly be woken in the night by drunk people walking home either arguing (quite often) or generally being loud. Unfortunately our house is at a junction and is a regular place for people to finish talking before heading their separate ways. Twice we have had to call the police for people fighting quite seriously outside our house and once we had to call an ambulance and administer first aid to a man whilst we waited for an ambulance.

Since the last pub that was open until this time has closed, this late night noise has stopped and we have not once been woken.

I do not have concerns about the unit being used as a bar but I feel there is no need to be open so late and that there is a direct link to the late hours and public nuisance behaviour that we experience.

Any neighbours from Owens Quay and Whitley Street would be able to confirm the late night noise and 999 calls (one night more than 6 neighbours called 999 for the same event) and the absence of them recently.

There is no need for a bar in Bingley to try and compete with nearby cities that keep these hours.

Many thanks,

Email - 29/10/2018

Local Resident, Church Street, Bingley, BD16 2PU

Sir/Madam

I would like to put a formal objection in to yourselves regarding the new licencing application for Delilahs Bar (Formerly Bijou Nightclub) in Bingley

The establishment in question has an extremely chequered past due to an incident in December of last year

Since its closure I believe that the problems that were associated with it have dissipated.

It is also known that the licence application is coming from the same owner

As the subsequent court case is due to ensue I feel that it will be inappropriate to allow a licence for such an establishment to re-open without any restrictions

Bingley has enough late night establishments to cope without another 'Late Bar ' opening

Kind Regards

Email – 28/10/18

Local Resident, Crownest Road, Bingley, BD16 4PS

Good Evening

I would like to officially object to the reopening of Bijou in Bingley under the new name of Dehlilas. Following the death of James Etherington, our community does not want another venue of this type in the Town. The same owner has his name attached and as this case does not go to trial until next year we do not feel it appropriate to reopen.

Please seriously reconsider.

Regards

Email – 28/10/2018

Local Resident, Heaton Drive, Bingley, BD16 3DN

- > Sirs,
- > We would be grateful if you would give consideration to our objection to the licence application of the above - formerly Bijou.
- > Changing the name of the place will not change the practice of the company involved - under age drinking, drugs, assaults. Our nephew was the subject of a fatal assault there last November and we are still reeling from the after affects. Having to constantly go past that place is hard enough but to know another licence is being applied for is too much, and until 4.00am?!!!
- > Bingley does not need this - we are a small market town, not a vibrant night city.
- > We implore you to consider our objection and thank you for your time

Email – 29/10/2018

Local Resident, Agincourt Drive, Eldwick, BD16 3JY

To whom it may concern

I am writing to formally object to the application to open the new bar 'Delilah's' at the former site of Bijou nightclub in Bingley.

Looking at the 4 categories on which to base an objection I feel this breaches 3 of them.

Opening the club would fail to prevent crime and disorder. The management have previously failed to stop crime and disorder, which included a man, my cousin tragically losing his life at

the club when it was open as Bijou. Prior to that there were numerous complaints and reports of violence and drug taking.

Secondly public safety- the management have previously failed to protect their customers.

Thirdly, prevention of public nuisance. When the management previously had Bijou there were numerous reports of trouble and disorder made by neighbouring businesses.

Most importantly the people of Bingley do not want this club, operated by Rory Procter opening. He has proven he is not a responsible owner and to allow him to open another bar would be putting the public at risk. It is also an affront to James's memory, and granting this license will stir up bad feeling and hurt within a community trying to heal. There have been numerous acts of vandalism against the club when the management tried to reopen such is the strength of public feeling. To grant this license would be irresponsible.

I hope you will consider my objection.

Email – 28/10/2018

Local Resident, Old Main Street, Bingley, BD16 2RH

Dears sir/madam

Please note that I wish to raise an objection to the granting of a premises license for Unit 11b, Chapel Lane, Bingley; S H Bars Ltd to be known as Delilah's. This is on the same basis as my representation for and at the Premises License Review hearing for the same premises on January 2018. I would request that all documentation in connection with that hearing is considered as the business owner will be the same individual that had his license revoked at that hearing. The reasons for the license being revoked should also be considered as the current application is very similar to the revoked license.

Public information available confirms Rory Procter is one of the directors of S H Bars Ltd and was sole director of Procters Nightclubs Limited (owners of Club Bijou. Despite Rory Procter having his license revoked in January 2018, it would appear that, even with same individual's involvement, a change of company's name is all it could take to regain the license.

yours faithfully

Email – 28/10/2018

Local Resident, Tundra Grove, Bingley, BD16 3QG

To whom this may concern,

As a resident of Bingley, please accept this email as my objection to the proposed license of Delilah's. As you aware the Licensing Act 2003 has 4 main objectives;

1. Prevention of crime and disorder
2. Public Safety
3. Prevention of public nuisance
4. Protection of children from harm

The owner of Delilah's is in blatant disregard of all of the above and has no interest in ensuring his customers safety is paramount. Not only did his former business 'Bijou' lead to weekly fights and injuries, but children as young as 14 were served alcohol on his premises. The bouncers were regularly accused of supplying drugs to minors and as you are aware last year saw the tragic murder of a young man by one of his bouncers on his door step.

Bingley does not need a bar that is open until 4am. Bijou brought nothing but problems to Bingley, therefore I sincerely hope you will reconsider this application.

Kind regards

Email – 30/10/2018

Local Resident, Ayrton Crescent, Bingley, BD16 2PB

I strongly object to this bar opening for the reasons below.

The owner is trying to deceive the people of Bingley by trying to open it under S.H Bars, when it is clearly the owner from the bar known as Bijou. The opening hours are too late at weekends and will only incite more alcohol consumption which in turn can cause people to be more abusive and violent, hence putting the police force and the ambulance service under more pressure than they already are. There is already a pub which opens late and I think that is quite enough for the town of Bingley. I would like to know the statistics of any police arrests or trouble from the Locks pub in comparison to the Bijou as they both opened late. The shopkeepers around the old night club had damage to there property, plus fighting outside and people afraid to leave the pub next door. More night clubs means more drug abuse/pushing, violence and pressure on already stretched resources.

I hope this licence is revoked and not granted at all.

Regards

Email – 31/10/2018

Local Resident, Southlands Mount, Riddlesden, BD20 5HB

> As a concerned resident of Bingley I would like to place a very strong objection to the license of Delilah's , formerly Bijou. A young man lost his life outside this venue less than a year ago. The venue was run by Rory Proctor, whose name is attached to this application. Please carefully consider granting him this license.

> Regards

Email – 31/10/2018

Local Resident, Kent Road, Bingley, BD16 4PF

> I would like to make an objection to the application for a licence to open up a bar/club at 11b chapel lane, bingley. I think this club will bring lots of trouble to bingley town, the local people do not want this club, it has a lot of bad feeling towards it.

> Thank you

Email – 7.11.2018

Local Resident, Olive Terrace, Bingley, BD16 2TW

Dear Sir /Madame, I would like to strongly object to a late license for Delia's (formerly bjous)

I strongly object to a late night license, 4am, I am a resident of Dubb Lane, Bingley, whilst there was a previous late license, anti social behaviour was a regular event, every weekend at 4- 5am, we have many instances of being woken in the early hours by fighting, shouting, swearing, screaming outside the taxi office, most weekends our garden was used by club goers as a toilet too, these revelers must have come from the be-jou as it was the only placed licensed till this time and there was always a sudden influx at this time.

Since the be-jou has closed, it's vastly improved the quality of life for my partner and myself, as well as our immediate neighbours, we have been able to sleep every weekend instead of being woken in the early hours every weekend, by shouting, screaming, general drunkenness and even occasional fights.

I appreciate I don't live next to the club, but it does affect non residents of Chapel Lane as the taxi office is a magnet for the revelers at 4-5am. We dread the thought of this anti social behaviour and noise reacuring with another late license being granted to the new club, especially now there is no police station in Bingley anymore.

I don't believe Bingley is suitable for such a late license and we seriously dread that another license will be granted, this will have a serious impact on the quality of our lives.

Email – 08.11.2018

Local Resident, Lund Street, Bingley, BD16 4JN

To whom it may concern

I write to present my objection to the application for an alcohol and regulated entertainment grant license at 'Delilah's' of property Unit 11b Five Rise Shopping Centre, Chapel Lane, Bingley, BD16 2NG by SH Bars Ltd.

I object as a local resident to the property being used as a bar/nightclub on the following grounds...

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

As a local resident the number of late-night incidents outside my home resulting noise and violence (resulting in my husband and I having to give witness statements to police) drastically increased when the property previously had a late licence. Since it closed down we have had zero incidents of noise, violence and general disturbances after 2 am. I am extremely concerned that should the licence be granted and, the property open until 4am we shall, again, be subjected to anti-social behaviour outside our bedroom window every weekend again.

Public Safety

As I am sure you are already aware as a panel, of the tragic events of around this time last year that resulted in the loss of life of a young local man. The court case is still ongoing and the family still very much dealing with the early stages of their grief. It is deeply concerning the lack of insensitivity for this business to open at the time of the first anniversary of the incident. It is widely speculated that the man connected with the directorship of the company that remains connected to this 'new company' albeit with a different name, has connections within the licensing department. It would seem this is in fact the case given the sheer number of objections to the repeating attempts to gain licensing. It is also a matter of public safety that the opening of this 'new' business in the same property may potentially evoke such emotion in this market town that protests may occur. I am concerned for the general public (that may not be aware of the history of the business) that may use the bar for recreation, should there be protests by disgruntled members of the community the safety of the general public is at risk, as a consequence. It is a concern that the previous ownership outsourced their security to agency firms who are now being held responsible for a death. The late licence would require door staff again and I feel deeply concerned that this will again be outsourced and they may have to deal with emotionally charged incidents following on from the tragic death of last year.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

As a resident of Bingley over the last 8 years (4 in our current property) I am fully aware of how much noise is generated from this property when it was open as '*Bijou*' nightclub with similar opening hours. I cannot imagine how disrupting it is for the residents that live in a much closer vicinity. Our home is directly the other side of the canal/railway tracks and the music can be heard very clearly and loudly not to mention the disturbance from the noise of those loitering/smoking/queuing for entrance outside. As a previous business owner in the town I can say I have first-hand experience of the nuisance the previous late licence at this property encouraged. Windows were cracked or smashed, toileting in doorways, take-away food posted through letterboxes of businesses, sexual paraphernalia. All this certainly declined if not ceased after the closure of the previous business at the same property.

The prevention of children from harm

The property has a reputation amongst young people (I have a teenage son and a daughter at secondary school) for turning a blind eye to underage drinking and drug use. It is concerning that this already seems to be expected within the young community to continue at the premises with language that suggests the bar is just under a different name but will operate the same. '*bijou's* is reopening'. When the property previously operated as a licensed premises I was reluctant to take my children & dogs out early Saturday and Sunday mornings. Just taking my daughter to dance class we would frequently see pools of blood, vomit, drug paraphernalia and police tape and broken glass which we would have to avoid. My children were afraid, asking if drink people were still around.

Please consider not granting this licence on behalf of the general public safety and the local community. It brings no benefit to the town. I can see no reason the premises could not apply for change of use and become a different, respectable business with regard for the wellbeing of the community it serves.

Kind regards

Email – 7.11.2018

Local Resident, Elder Bank, Cullingworth, BD13 5HU

Dear sir/madam

Please take this email as my strong objection to the recent application for licence in reference to the above premises, specifically due to:

1) The licence application being submitted by Rory Proctor, under a newly formed company name, having dissolved the company he previously owned and under which opened the nightclub Bijou which, under Mr Proctor's management, was the location and/or cause of several antisocial behavioural incidents, the last being the assault on James Etherington which ultimately led to him losing his life.

2) Prior to the assault on James Etherington, there were a number of late hour, anti-social behaviour, nuisances and noise disturbances reported in and around the area of Chapel Lane. Prior to Bijou's opening in 2014 and following its subsequent closure in 2018, there were no such incidents reported. Another late hours licence, conducted at the same venue, under the same management that led to James Etherington's death, would no doubt ignite the same levels of violence and antisocial behaviour once more.

3) The first anniversary of the death of James Etherington is coming up shortly. The timing of this licence application by Mr Proctor could not be more insensitive to James' family, his memory, and the many 100's of others who have been affected by this, and other incidents at the closed club. Mr Proctor will be well aware of this and once again shows the nature of someone only looking to make a profit at any cost, not add real value to a town with a business that supports local residents, makes patrons feel safe, and if nothing else, abides by the law.

Email – 8.11.2018

Local Resident, Kingsway, Bingley, BD16 4RP

Dear sir/madam,

I am wishing to formally object to a license being granted to this premise/applicant - Delilah's, Unit 11b Five Rise Shopping Centre, Chapel Lane, Bingley, BD16 2NG/SH Bars Ltd.

This is due to the premise/applicant breaching three of the four licensing objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance

The objectives have been breached as this applicant is the same as Bijou, the previous premise/applicant, both have the same Director (Rory Proctor) involved in both businesses and there were numerous breaches of the peace, whilst this establishment was open, from fighting to a stabbing to the most notable case of the death of James Etherington.

The cost to West Yorkshire Police having to attend to these incidents is an unnecessary impact to an already tight budget, which could be used focusing on actual crime, instead of having to attend weekly incidents at this establishment.

None of the local businesses want a late night bar open in this part of Bingley as previous drunken behaviour of the public who have visited has led to damage and destruction of their businesses, such as smashed and broken windows, which they then have to repaired at a cost to them, as they will either have to pay for this directly or claim through their insurance, which in turn will increase their renewal prices.

I hope this objection is taken into consideration and that this application is declined.

Email – 8.11.2018

Local Resident, The Courtyard, Thornbury, Bradford, BD3 7AY

Hi

Further to the correspondence I would like to put forward that I object wholeheartedly to the opening of a new late night entertainment venue as submitted by SH Bars Limited under the name Delilah's at Unit 11b, Five Rise Shopping Centre, Chapel Lane, Bingley

As a resident of Bingley I have seen first-hand how poorly this venue was managed by the same named owner of SH Bars Limited, who has a genuine disregard for public safety.

Following the death of James Etherington last year at this venue, there has been a cloud over Bingley nightlife with a fear for public safety and I strongly object to him opening at the premises under a new company name, for genuine fear of violence. I find the fact that he is even attempting to apply for a late night licence an insult to the family and friends of the murdered young man, but in main have already heard rumours on social media of public backlash and violent threats if he reopens the venue, no matter what company name he uses.

Personally, I stopped going into Bingley after witnessing a violent affray outside the previous venue, and watching the door staff and owner laughing at and watching the violence from inside the venue. This was before the tragic loss of James life. Since the venue was closed, the trouble in Bingley is definitely less (I don't have official figures of this but it is obvious) and I fear that if this reopens I will once again be forced to not to be able to go into my local town on an evening for fear of violence or drug attacks from the clientele that attend his venues, no matter how he markets them on social media. There are also many people who hold him responsible for the multiple accounts of violence at his last venue who are known to openly say if he reopens there will be trouble on the back of it.

I, and many others, have finally started to feel safe in Bingley again. Please keep it that way and reject this application for Rory Procter's new company, SH Bars Ltd.

Thanks
