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Dear Bradford council,

I'd like to raise an objection in regards to the opening of a 'Super Nightclub' and the granting of an Alcohol licence at the premises 54 Sunbridge Road, Bradford, BD12AB.

I am the postmaster of Sunbridge Road Post Office, 52 Sunbridge Road, which is next to the proposed location of the new nightclub.

There are several factors which the council have failed to take into consideration when granting this license:

1. Increase in Drugs, And Alcohol related crime in the area is Inevitable.

It was not long ago that the council closed down Titos Nightclub on Ivegate, following series of such incidents. Tipples on Barry Street, and Club C on Sackville Street were all closed down for the same reason.

As recently as last year there have been numerous mass brawls and stabbings (See enclosed articles). A large number of customers at the Post office, who come to draw their pensions, pay their bills, are elderly and vulnerable. This proposal really puts them at risk.

2. Noise pollution. A Nightclub without loud vibrating music is unheard of.

The close proximity of the proposed Nightclub to the Post Office means it will very difficult to hear elderly customers and those who are hard of hearing.

The large vibrations from the Nightclub are also likely to trigger the intruder alarm at the Post Office. I doubt the council is willing to accept liability for the constant call outs.

Also there are residential properties not far from the proposed location on top of Tesco's only 20-30 metres away. Some of these residents have small babies and children. How will they sleep or have peace with Music blaring out all night on their doorstep.

3. An increase in Traffic and lack of parking spaces available in the area to cater for such a big venue. I recently read an article, where the council rejected an application for a property on Ingleby Road to become a wedding venue, citing lack of parking spaces (it had its own car park), so how can they accept this proposal without such consideration. (The T and A article states up to 600 revellers)

4. Increase in Vandalism.

When Titos Nightclub was open on Ivegate, and before Tipple was closed down, I would constantly be cleaning vomit and blood off the street outside the Post Office. When I would come into work, the shutters would be kicked in, graffiti sprayed all over the ATM machine outside and the streets would be littered with Nitrogen Oxide canisters or used condoms.

5. Negative impact on other businesses in the area. As you may know, The Post office now offers many of the transactions previously carried out by banks. Customers are unwillingly to travel to an area, especially whilst carrying large sums of money or valuables if they feel unsafe. This will result in a huge loss of income to many of the businesses in the area.

6. Alternative establishments.

They are a number of venues in Bradford town centre, which are further away from other businesses and residential properties, and which cater for daytime drinkers (The Ambassador, Sun Hotel, and The Drumwinder), is there any need to have another one in an unsuitable location?

The Superclub would be better suited closer to the University, away from the city centre, where I understand they are numerous empty buildings. Also I imagine most of their clientele would be students anyway.

I'd just like to say nothing would make me happier than to see a new business occupy the property next door if it means the growth and rejuvenation of the town centre, however I feel this is not the type of business that will contribute to any positive progression, but actually have the adverse effect.

I am not the only business owner/manager in the area who has these concerns. I have asked the others to put their name to the objection below.

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**FIVE people were taken to hospital in the early hours of Sunday with knife wounds after a fight broke out in a nightclub and spilled into the street in Bradford city centre.**

Police are investigating a "large scale disorder" in the city centre, and five men aged from 19 to 27 have been arrested.

Officers were called at 3.30am on Sunday to Westgate in the city centre at the junction with Sackville Street to reports of disorder.

It was discovered an altercation had broken out inside The Village nightclub in Sackville Street, before spilling out onto the street and continuing down onto Westgate.

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Five people were taken to hospital with stab and slash wounds, and two remain in hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Five men, aged 19 to 27, were arrested in connection to the incident.

Detective Sergeant Tom Levitt, of Bradford District CID, said: "We have spoken to a number of people already; however we believe that there may be

further witnesses, including some who have captured video footage of this incident on their mobile phones.

"I would urge anyone who has seen any part of this incident, both in the nightclub and outside on the street, to please make contact."

Information can be passed to police by calling 101 quoting log number 318 of July 21, using the live chat facility on the West Yorkshire Police website, or by speaking to independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

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### Police raised concerns about Bradford club linked to 'numerous incidents of crime and disorder'



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**POLICE** raised serious concerns over the running of a city centre nightclub after incidents including a stabbing and alleged sexual assaults.

West Yorkshire Police say that over a seven month period there were a string of incidents at Tipple Bar on Barry Street.

A panel of Councillors will hear that complaints included the stabbing of door staff, numerous assaults, allegations of serious sexual assaults, and public order offences. The club was known to often operate outside of its licensed hours, and there were incidents where clubbers blocked traffic on Barry Street.

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The club shut in late July when the owners of the building terminated the tenancy agreement held with Tipple Entertainment Limited. At the time a message to customers on the club's Facebook page saying the business had been "spoilt by those that go out in Bradford looking for trouble."

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Next Wednesday members of Bradford Council's District Licensing Panel will meet to review the licence that currently exists for the business. They will be told there have been "numerous incidents of crime and disorder" linked to the bar.

Tipple Bar opened two years ago in the former Campbells Sports Bar building, and quickly became a popular venue in the city's nightlife. But a letter from West Yorkshire Police's licensing officers says there were "many occasions" the club was overcrowded. The force called for a licence review in early July, a few weeks before the business shut its doors.

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Tipple was licensed to open until 6am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, to 3am on Monday to Wednesday and 4am on Sunday. The existing licence for the business council could be transferred to another party.

The police submission says: "Since January there has been numerous incidents of crime and disorder linked to Tipple Bar which includes the stabbing of door staff, allegations of serious sexual assaults, numerous assaults, affrays and public order occurrences. There have also been incidents of breaches of licensing conditions and operating outside of authorised opening hours.

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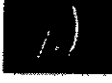

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"There have been many occasions where there has been overcrowding at the premises. This has led to an increased risk of violence and/or has compromised the safety of people in the premises. There have been occasions where the lack of management of customers inside and outside has led to concerns over their safety. In addition there have been numerous reports of customers being

hurt or injured in the licensed premises or in its immediate vicinity, including staff.

"The premises are located on a major route out of the city centre. There have been countless incidents of the road being blocked due to customers spilling out onto the highway or from vehicles stopping to collect/engage with patrons. This presents not only a nuisance but a danger to the public."

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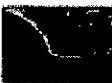


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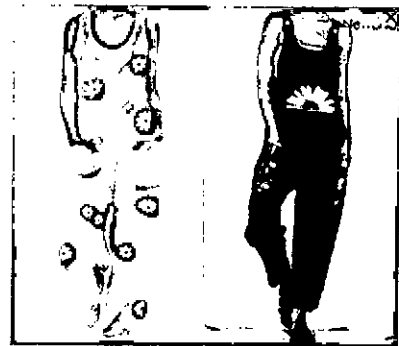


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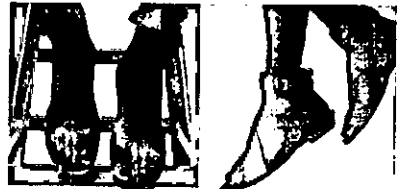


The Council's Licensing Committee has been discussing Tipple a nightclub on Barry Street in Bradford, which has closed

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Tito's nightclub in Ivegate, Bradford, which is closing down

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**A notorious city centre nightclub has been closed down.**

The owners of Tito's have surrendered their licence following a series of high-profile problems that included fights spilling out on to the street.

The club, in Ivegate, was already on a final warning. The last straw came when it failed a test-purchase operation by selling alcohol to an under-age boy.



Bosses of the nightclub, formerly called Funky's, have now agreed to shut the premises down and have handed over their licence to West Yorkshire Police and Bradford Council.

PC Su Dawson, licensing officer for Bradford South Police, said: "We're pleased that Tito's has now closed.

"We have experienced numerous issues while the club has been running and it was only a matter of time before it came to this. Problems with people fighting outside the club have been highlighted several times so the closure should ease this situation."

Chief Inspector Paul Hepworth said: "We've tried working with the owners over previous months, but we have still had issues with the club, despite the owners being given several chances.

"We will not tolerate bad behaviour in the city. Pressure will be put on pubs and clubs to work with us and the community to prevent disorder and crime-related issues."

Derek Greenaway, general manager and designated premises supervisor of Tito's, said: "It didn't help that the club was filmed 24 hours a day by a resident, so each time something happened outside our club Bradford was made to look like a no-go area.

"When it was Funky's, it was Bradford's biggest nightclub. I'm proud to say that Funky's was the only club in Bradford that brought people in from other towns.

"To keep the police happy, we have agreed to shut it down. It's put 20 people out of jobs. It's the end of an era. I'm a Bradfordian born and bred and all I wanted to do was give the people of Bradford proper entertainment."

Mr Greenaway said he was disappointed that the test-purchasing exercise was carried out while he was in Bradford Royal Infirmary with pneumonia.


He said: "In all the years I have been a licensee, I have had loads of test purchases and passed every one."


A resident of Ivegate, who did not want to be named, said: "Residents have endured years of street disorder in the early hours right up until this present weekend. The worry is there is nothing to stop the club reopening with a new supervisor to the same hours and starting the cycle of misery again."


But PC Dawson said: "Any new owners of the premises will have to submit a new application to both the police and Council. Should this happen, I will meet with them and discuss the conditions that I would require on the licence before allowing them to open."


A Council spokesman said: "We support the police in bringing pressure to bear on Tito's nightclub in Ivegate to surrender their licence. They have not complied with the terms of their licence and are now having to deal with the consequences. We hope that incidences of anti-social behaviour will reduce in Ivegate as a result."


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**A Bradford city centre nightclub has been shut down following a string of violent incidents, including two stabbings.**

Police were granted an interim suspension of Club C's licence in the light of five serious incidents of violence since February.

Bradford Area Licensing Panel agreed to suspend the club's licence, pending a summary review later this month.

It is the first time in two years such a move has been made.

Last night, club boss Neal Allen, said he had taken steps to improve security at the premises in Sackville Street, including extra infra red CCTV cameras, more security staff, and an airport-style walk in metal detector to prevent knives being brought in.

Police asked for the licence review following five separate incidents of serious violence since February 24.






The panel considered police evidence about the incidents, along with "acknowledged deficiencies in the CCTV system in providing adequate monitoring and supervision of the internal area of the premises, the lack

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of proper supervision by Security Industry Authority registered door staff and  
the lack of control by the Licensee/ Designated Premises Supervisor in the  
prevention of serious incidents of crime and disorder in the premises."

It said: "The Panel considered this compelling enough to justify the immediate suspension of the licence, pending a full review, under the prevention of crime and disorder objective and promotion of public safety."

Chairman of the Licensing Panel, **Councillor John Ruding**, said it agreed to the police request to close the club after being given some information by licensing officer PC Su Dawson. He said the licensee attended the panel meeting and accepted the majority of the evidence.

Coun Ruding said: "There will now be a full review, at which the panel will be presented with the full evidence. The club will remain closed until then."

He added: "This was not a usual process, it is two years since it last happened. The panel's decision was based on public safety and to prevent criminal disorder."



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The incidents included stabbings in the early hours of April 14 and April 27, and an assault on April 6.

In another of the incidents, 21-year-old mum Chantelle Da Costa allegedly had part of her lip bitten off.

But, after examination of CCTV footage, police are now taking no further action in that case and a 51-year-old man who had been arrested has now been

released from his police bail.

Mr Allen told the Telegraph & Argus he was doing whatever it takes to stop outbreaks of violence at his premises.

He said: "We have had four incidents in a month and I don't know what is behind them. But this is not a club that experiences violence every week. We would like to see the panel's decision reversed. I am introducing measures to improve things. It is my duty to stop anything happening inside that place. We are not here to spread violence. The infra red cameras I am introducing will show people's faces and the colour of their clothes and that will be handed over to police."

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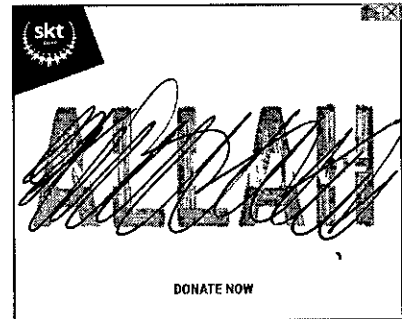


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# Wedding venue plans for former catalogue store refused by Bradford Council

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**AMBITIOUS** plans to turn an empty mill into a wedding hall have been refused, after highways officers disputed claims that 25 per cent of its guests would arrive on foot or by public transport.

Earlier this year plans were submitted to turn **Westfield** House on Ingleby Road, a former Grattan catalogue shop, into an Asian wedding venue and restaurant.

But Bradford Council has this week refused the application.

When the initial plan was submitted, highways officers said there would be a shortfall of at least 54 spaces.

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The mill dates back to the 1930s, and was converted to a clothes shop with warehouse space in the early 1990s.

The application, by Mohammed Tayyab, showed that the former shop would be split into a 290 square metre restaurant and a 1,040 square metre banqueting hall, complete with a stage.

It said: "Over recent years, the demand for banqueting facilities to serve the

Asian wedding market has grown significantly. This growth combined with a limited choice of venues in the city has led to a number of new venues opening across the city to serve this growing sector.

"Overall the scheme will bring a large unused building back into life, and re-energise this area of Bradford."

The plans included parking spaces for 69 cars, but highways officers at the council said this was "unrealistic" for the proposed wedding venue.

Their report into the plans said: "The plans say the maximum number of people at the venue at any one time is predicted to be 109. No evidence to support where these figures have come from has been submitted, however they seem very low considering the large floor area and the amount of seating shown on the proposed ground floor plan, which indicates seating for 480 people.

"The plans suggest that 25 per cent of the customers are assumed to be likely to travel by train/bus/taxi/bicycle/on foot, based on data from the 2011 Census. For an event such as a wedding, it is unlikely that as many as 25 per cent would travel by these sustainable modes."

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The application did not give details of how the first floor would be used. Highways officers said that if the whole building was used as a wedding venue, it would need 164 parking spaces. Even if the first floor was left empty, the venue would need at least 123 spaces.

After their objections, the restaurant element was removed.

However, in their final decision, made

this week, planning officers said the number of parking spaces was still far too low.

They added: "The applicant has stated they have permission to park at a nearby mosque but this is remote from the site and therefore it is unlikely this would be used and people would look to park at close to the site as possible.

"There are parking restrictions on Ingleby Road and this would lead to vehicles parking for longer periods being parked in residential areas on Princeville Street and Northside Road.

"The development would therefore lead to indiscriminate parking in and around the application site leading to highway safety concerns."

As well as the highways concerns, planners said the new business: "Would be detrimental to the amenities of neighbouring residents by reason of noise, vehicular activity and general disturbance, particularly late at night or at other unsocial hours."

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