

## Representation 1 – Police

**From:** Nicola Stansbie

**Sent:** 23 August 2022 14:14

**To:** Licensing Team for Alcohol & Gambling <Licensing\_Team@sandwell.gov.uk>

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Application for a Premises Licence to be granted - Turks Head, Lower High Street, Wednesbury

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I refer to the above application and can confirm West Midlands Police object to this application for a Premises Licence to be granted.

West Midlands Police applied for an expedited review of the licence for this venue in May 2022 under its previous name of Seven Bar. The expedited review was as a result of a stabbing at the venue and a series of violent incidents at the Premises. The Licensing Sub Committee revoked the licence and maintained the interim step of the suspension of the licence to prevent the venue from re-opening. No appeal was made against that decision however prior to the hearing, the barrister acting for the Premises Licence Holder, Harjinder Bagri (who is also the landlord of the Premises) put forward the name of Mr Melia as a prospective new tenant for the business and asked if this would make a difference to the Police position of requesting revocation. West Midlands Police confirmed they still sought revocation.

The new application made by the same barrister who acted for the venue on the review, seeks the same times as the previous licence and offers few conditions or reassurances given the previous serious issues at the venue.

It is concerning that on viewing the conditions attached to the previous licence (attached) and the latest operating schedule, you will see very little by way of new conditions that are offered. The application is limited in addressing the serious concerns about this venue or offering anything to address how it will prevent a reoccurrence of the previous serious incidents. Additionally there is no DPS nominated on the application to also give an indication of who will be in control on a day to day basis.

The venue attracted crime and disorder when open prior to revocation and that is evidenced in the review papers attached, the statement made to the Committee by the Neighbourhood Team Sergeant and the volume of violent crimes connected to the venue and its customers. Given the application seeks for the venue to operate the same times as previously, has the same layout and would appear to be a similar style of operation, it is difficult to see how the venue will deter the previous problems.

West Midlands Police have no confidence that the re-opening of this venue will promote the licensing objectives and contests that it will seriously undermine the prevention of crime and disorder objectives within the Act.



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## Representation 2 – EHO

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 August 2022 13:28  
**To:** Geeta Bangerh  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: NEW PREMISES APPLICATION - The Turks Head, 25-26 Lower High Street, Wednesbury, WS10 7AQ

Hi Geeta,

In response to the new premises application. I comment as follows:

Between year 2016 and 2020, Environmental health received noise complaints relating to noise from patrons playing loud music in their cars outside the premises, loud music from the premises, reports of fighting, shouting as patrons left the premises in the early hours of the morning. These complaints were not substantiated to be statutory nuisance.

The complainants were residents living in the flats that are in close proximity. There is a risk of noise disturbance to these residents, particularly if this premises is allowed to operate until late.

I therefore object to the premises license to prevent public nuisance.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** Helen Brimelow  
**Sent:** 19 August 2022 15:17  
**To:** Licensing Team for Alcohol & Gambling <Licensing\_Team@sandwell.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Shane Middleton  
**Subject:** NEW PREMISES APPLICATION - The Turks Head, 25-26 Lower High Street, Wednesbury, WS10 7AQ

Attached (PLEASE SEE BELOW) is the representation from Environmental Health (including previous comments) in respect of The Turks Head Licence Application.

Best regards

Helen Brimelow

Environmental Health Officer - Citizen and Consumer Protection Team

“Between year 2016 and 2020, Environmental Health received a number of complaints relating to noise from the premise. The complainants were residents living in flats in close proximity. There is a risk of continued noise disturbance to these residents should the licence be granted.

**I therefore object to the premises license to prevent public nuisance.**

**Below are complaints made by residents to Environmental Health**

**Complainant 1 from Lower High St:** ‘Noise and fighting, spilling out onto streets, gangs fighting, cars trying to run people down. It’s not on. You expect a bit of noise but not like this.’

**Complainant 2 from Lower High St:** ‘Wednesbury is overrun from 9pm until 3am on Fridays and Saturdays, with people fighting, being sick, urinating, blasting music from cars. There is also, underage drinking, 16-year-old girls in pubs including Wetherspoons and Seven Bar. Shouting, singing, music from cars (drink driving potentially).’

**Complainant 3 from Lower High St:** ‘This problem is an ongoing issue. The pub has a late-night closing of 2am so drinkers move on to the pub after normal closing time at other pubs. The issues range from disorderly behaviour, noise issues and people staying on at the pub later than 2am, often up to 4am.

**Complainant 4 from Lower High St:** ‘Fighting, shouting, revving cars on the street. Can hear the music, not as bad as fighting, but audible. Police have been out a few times. They have a DJ on weekends, have door staff but they take no notice, 5 or 6 staff. Children are terrified, someone had a machete from a car, throwing beer bottles, 15 on 1 fighting, weekly occurrences. The noise and fighting are worse than ever, it’s every weekend. They are open till 3 am.’ “

### **Representation 3 – Licensing Enforcement**

**From:** Paul Franks

**Sent:** 22 August 2022 14:58

**To:** Licensing Team for Alcohol & Gambling <Licensing\_Team@sandwell.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Turks Head, 25-26 Lower High Street, Wednesbury, WS10 7AQ, Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence

I write in respect of the above premises, I note that the application for the grant of a new licence is for the same licensable hours and for the same style of operation as the previous premises licence, which was revoked by the Licensing Sub Committee in June 2022. Therefore, there is a concern that the venue will attract the same issues of disorder as previously experienced, owing to this the Licensing Authority object to the granting of a premises licence as it would undermine the licensing objective of Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

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#### **Representation 4 – Local Resident**

**From:**

**Sent:** 19 August 2022 15:43

**To:** Licensing Team for Alcohol & Gambling <Licensing\_Team@sandwell.gov.uk>

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Turks Head 25-26 Lower High Street Wednesbury WS10 7AQ

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Dear Sir

I do hope you do consider the residents who live in Lower High Street before you consider any licences. The residents are elderly and vulnerable and young families.

As you are fully aware of the incidents which have been happening due to your own responsibilities' when issuing licences, you try to pass related incidents over to the police. These premises since they had been operating, incidents were being reported to the police nearly every other week and especially the weekends. I do not need to report those incidents as yourselves are fully aware.

I do also hope CCTV is in operational and monitored. I would also like to know the businesses in the street that have suffered due to the street being closed after incidents happening at these premises' late nights early hours of the mornings, are yourselves going to compensate them due to loss of trade. Also, residents being forced from their homes not to cross the road. (This happened when two young women were run over by speeding car driving on pavement public footpath.) I do hope you have made all of those people who have been the victims from these premises aware of licence you are about to consider.

Kind Regards

**Continued email**

**From:**

**Sent:** 19 August 2022 17:05

**To:** Licensing Team for Alcohol & Gambling <Licensing\_Team@sandwell.gov.uk>

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Re: Turks Head 25-26 Lower High Street Wednesbury WS10 7AQ

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Dear Geeta

I have emailed you before as well regarding the incidents involving these premises. You and your department are aware of the problems and incidents which have occurred involving these premises.

I am reminding you and your department, when making any decision please consider the residents and businesses in the street, just do not turn a blind eye like you have done in the past.

Coming to the points you are making concerning CCTV. These premises have had CCTV installed and when you needed any coverage you were running around in the street looking for CCTV coverage, as these premises had no coverage or cameras were not working. What makes you think this will not happen again? This is the same with the incident book. This is nothing new.

My point is if any incident happens, are you and your department going to hold your hands up and pay compensation to the victims or turn a blind eye as this is what has been happening.

Kind Regards