

Licensing representation

I wish to **object** to the following Licensing Act application:

Applicant name: Bean & Bun Ltd

Premise Name & Address: Bean & Bun, 4 Broadoak Crescent, Ashton Under Lyne, OL6 8QE

Representative details: [REDACTED] Broadoak Crescent, Ashton Under Lyne, OL6 8QE

As a resident and business owner in the local community, [REDACTED] premises in question, I believe granting this license would pose a significant risk to the four licensing objectives outlined in the Licensing Act 2003.

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

Firstly, I would like to draw your attention to the number of surrounding pubs and bars within a one-mile distance of Broadoak Crescent, including but not limited to :

- Pegs Langtern, 148 St Albans Avenue, Ashton-Under-Lyne OL6 8TU
- The Lord Nelson, 78 Nook Ln, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 9HJ
- The Broadoak, 69 Broadoak Rd, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 8QD (directly opposite)
- Old Ball Inn, Broadoak Rd, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 8QW
- The Ash Tree - JD Wetherspoon, 9-11 Wellington Rd, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6DA
- Dog and Partridge, 275 Oldham Rd, Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 9PT
- Dog & Pheasant, 528 Oldham Rd, Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 9PQ

Given the abundance and concentration of alcohol-serving premises in the area, granting a license for Bean & Bun to serve alcohol would only serve to increase the crime and disorder in the local area. Late-night alcohol consumption has been shown to be a gateway to incidents of violence, vandalism, and other criminal activities. The potential for intoxicated patrons to cause accidents or injuries to themselves and others has already been seen and puts families in the residential area at unease. Last year saw the rape and murder of Elizabeth McCann, who was deliberately plied with alcoholic drinks at the Star Inn pub on Old Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne and brutally taken advantage of by the perpetrator. Frequently I have been a victim of noise pollution during the late and early hours of the morning, antisocial behaviour, and verbal abuse from those who have been drinking alcohol at local pubs, which disrupts my sleep, my business, and makes me feel unsafe in my own home. I am deeply concerned that the sale of alcohol during the specified hours will only attract a disruptive and violent clientele, and breed alcoholism, leading to unpredictable and dangerous outbursts from local residents, which will threaten public safety in the area. This kind of behaviour would increase hostility in the community and deter customers from entering the local area to shop and eat.

Additionally, since the restaurant's opening last year, there has been a constant conflict occurring due to the limited parking availability at Broadoak Crescent. The nature of service at Bean & Bun means the restaurant's customers are occupying all of the little parking space available for hours at a time to dine, whilst my customers and others looking to access the Post Office or salon or prevented from doing so due to the inability to park in front. This lack of parking options also deters potential visitors to the area, impacting the local economy and community. Not only this, but customers at Bean & Bun have resorted to dangerous parking – wholly on the pavement and blocking store

entrances and exits – which has caused dangerous obstructions to pedestrians, cyclists and children walking to and from school, as well as preventing me from leaving my driveway on many occasions. This has been an increasing nuisance for local residents, and myself when leaving my premises, interfering with my business operations. This is an ongoing issue that the owners of Bean & Bun have not attempted to address nor resolve, and consequently, I believe that were the license granted, it would further potentiate this challenging parking situation by causing increased unnecessary congestion and chaotic conditions on Broadoak Crescent.

I believe that granting a license to Bean & Bun to serve alcohol and potentially increasing their customer base will only exacerbate the issue of parking and pedestrian safety.

The area is home to several schools which are in close proximity to Broadoak Crescent:

- Little Pandas Preschool Broadoak Community Centre Broadoak Road, Ashton-Under-Lyne OL6 8RS
- Oasis Academy Broadoak, Norman Road, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 8QG
- Great Academy Ashton, Broadoak Road, Ashton-Under-Lyne OL6 8RF
- Samuel Laycock School, Broadoak Road, Ashton Under Lyne OL6 8RF
- St. Christopher's R C Primary School, St Christopher's Road, Ashton-Under-Lyne OL6 9DP
- Holden Clough Community Primary School, St Albans Avenue, Ashton-Under-Lyne OL6 8XN
- St. Damian's RC Science College, Lees Road, Ashton Under Lyne OL6 8BH

With the hours of Bean & Bun coinciding with peak hours of school children commuting to and from school, it is a real concern that the young children in our community could be exposed to distressing and dangerous situations such as rowdy and disruptive behaviour, verbal altercations or drunk driving, which could endanger the safety of schools in the local area, dissuading parents from allowing their children to attend these schools.

In the past, Bean & Bun has operated as a family-friendly establishment, even hosting parties for young children which have been met with the approval of most parents and children in the area. The supply of alcohol on the premises raises the question of how the owners will ensure their restaurant is safe for children. It is evident that it would not sufficiently protect children from harm. Increasing the availability of alcohol in the area can attract and influence impressionable minors, putting them at greater risk of underage drinking and associated harm, creating a potential for additional hazardous situations. As a member of the community, I believe that the safety and well-being of our children should be a top priority and granting a license to Bean & Bun to serve alcohol could put them at unnecessary risk.

In conclusion, the presence of yet another alcohol-serving business in the local area poses a serious danger to the sense of safety and security which is already under threat. I urge you to consider the detrimental impact that this will have on the local community and businesses, and to take necessary steps to ensure that Bean & Bun and their customers do not contribute to these problems.

### **Supporting documents**

The Crown Prosecution Service. (2023, February 22). Man jailed for life for raping and murdering woman in Ashton-Under-Lyne. Cps.gov.uk. <https://www.cps.gov.uk/north-west/news/man-jailed-life-raping-and-murdering-woman-ashton-under-lyne>

Figure 1 and 2: A van parked haphazardly in front of my driveway and on the pavement



Figure 3: Another instance of a car parked dangerously on the pavement

