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Licensing Department
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2nd September 2023

Dear Madam or Sir,

**Representation against an Application to Vary a Premises Licence
submitted by University [*sic*] of Leicester – Leicester Services Partnership, 7/8/2023**

Having read in full

- the University's Application to Vary a Premises Licence, dated 7th August 2023
- the existing Premises Licence for Beaumont House (Oadby & Wigston Borough Council Premises Licence ref. OWPMA0050, dated 30th March 2021)

my husband and I wish to make the following representations against the Application. We do so as close neighbours of the Botanical Gardens who will be significantly affected by any changes permitted in Beaumont House or the Botanical Gardens, but also as strong supporters of the University of Leicester, for whom I currently work as an honorary clinical lecturer.

Of the four Licensing Objectives listed in the Borough Council's *Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-2025*, our objections fall mainly into the area of Prevention of Public Nuisance. We are concerned that an extension to the Botanical Gardens of the current permissions relating to indoor activities at Beaumont House will be detrimental to local residents' peaceful enjoyment of their property and, more importantly, to the enjoyment that residents of Oadby, Wigston and further afield derive from the tranquillity of the Botanical Gardens and the surrounding area. We feel that, despite their claim in Section 16d of the Application to be a 'good neighbour [*sic*]', the University has not taken sufficient notice of the impact that their potential licence would have on the surrounding residential neighbourhood of Glebe Road, Glebe Close, Eynsford Close, Wilmington Court, Glebe Gardens, and Knighton Grange Road.

We are very much concerned about the following

Noise, both from the entertainments themselves and from the customers attending them. The proposed entertainments cover a very wide range of activities, with a wide range of performance styles and noise levels. We note that the Application does not include any details of anticipated noise levels, or even whether music is to be amplified or unamplified, in any of the categories of entertainment applied for, including the Provision of Live Music. Currently when there are events held at the Race course, or at the student accommodation the noise is so loud that we hear it inside our houses.

Traffic and Parking in Glebe Road and adjoining roads. At present, parking and traffic flows in Glebe Road are frequently very heavy, with consequent adverse effects both on the neighbourhood, and on public safety for pedestrians and car users. Extending the number of events held in the Botanical Gardens will only exacerbate these issues. People park on our drive during events held at botanical gardens, which are not many and don't go beyond the normal opening hours so we tend to tolerate them. Parking becomes a significant issue, if events are going to be held 7 days a week especially if they go on until midnight. This will also have an impact on privacy and safety. Added to that the rubbish and the litter that will be thrown on our grass within our boundaries, (being a corner house)

Extent: The Application is for a licence from 11.00am to midnight, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. It is our firm opinion that such extraordinarily broad terms, if granted, would open up the Botanical Gardens and surrounding area to all kinds of potential public nuisance. Moreover, we note with considerable surprise that Section 15 of the Application lists these as being the hours that the premises are already open to the public, when in fact they represent a very significant extension to the Botanical Gardens' existing opening hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm (5.00pm during BST). We can't help wondering whether the members of the University's governing Council and Senate have been made aware of this proposed alteration.

We are also concerned at the **Cumulative impact** that the granting of the Application would have on the area surrounding the Botanical Gardens. As the Council's Environmental Health team may be aware, our neighbourhood already experiences significant noise disturbance several times a year from the Racecourse, sufficient to drive us from our gardens, and still very audible even within closed doors, when it holds public events with amplified music. This disturbance is compounded when, a few times a year, similar public events are held on Victoria Park, some 2 miles away from the neighbourhood of Glebe Road. The addition of the unlimited public events now being proposed for the Botanical Gardens will have a very significant cumulative impact, and we strongly urge the Licencing Authority to reject the Application, or at least to take steps to mitigate its adverse effects.

Actions that may be taken to remedy our concerns

To meet the concerns that we have outlined above, we would like to suggest that the Licencing Authority might consider, amongst other things:

1. a drastic curtailment of the number of hours per day, and of the total number of days a year, in which a licence would be allowed to operate. Other than in very limited cases, evening activities will be particularly problematic;
2. the imposition of strict noise controls, in the form of decibel limits and the routine use of noise limiters, to ensure that noise levels in surrounding residential properties are kept within acceptable limits. We note with interest that the existing licence for Beaumont House stipulates (Annex 3.2) that 'windows and doors to the building are to be kept closed whenever Licensable Activities take place': this will clearly not be possible in the Botanical Gardens;
3. the imposition of evening parking restrictions in Glebe Road and surrounding roads, to prevent noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour from people arriving at or leaving the premises affecting the local residential area;
4. alcohol sales to be restricted to those attending events in Beaumont House and the Botanical Gardens (see restrictions imposed in Annex 3.5 of the existing licence);
5. the University to be required (as in the Notes to the Licence Holder at the end of the existing licence) to liaise with the Council's Environmental Health Department on good practice measures on noise control;

6. similarly, the University to notify local residents of forthcoming events, and to provide local residents with a 365-days-a-year callout telephone number;
7. similarly, the University to host a liaison meeting with local residents on no fewer than two occasions per year.
8. Our final suggestion, is to hold these events at the college court instead, as it has all the required facilities, with ample parking and it stands away from houses and is on the main road which makes it less likely to impact on a quiet residential area

looking forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours,

Dr Perihan Ali & Mr M Abbas

To Licensing Authority

We are writing as concerned residents residing in close proximity to the Botanical Garden and Beaumont House. It is with great urgency that we express our objection to the recent application made by the University to extend their licensing permissions.

We are aware that the University has submitted an application to extend their licensing to include the sale of alcohol and the hosting of live music events on and off their premises from Monday to Sunday, with operational hours extending until midnight. This proposed extension deeply troubles us, as it threatens the quiet and tranquil environment that we consciously chose as our place of residence and retirement.

Living opposite the University grounds has allowed us to enjoy the peaceful ambiance that complements our daily lives. Granting such an extended license, however, has the potential to disrupt not only our peace but also our overall well-being in several significant ways.

First and foremost, we are concerned about the lack of accountability that may accompany this license extension. With the university's permission to host corporate events, weddings, and other gatherings, we are left questioning the logistics of accommodating the increased influx of vehicles and the potential strain on parking facilities. While parking may seem like a minor issue, it exacerbates the overall impact on our lives.

Moreover, the sale of alcohol until midnight poses a genuine concern. Experience has shown that late-night drinking often leads to disruptive and disrespectful behaviour by patrons who spill onto the streets and create disturbances. As responsible neighbours, we value our quietude, and this license extension would make it difficult for us to enjoy our homes when such disturbances occur from Monday to Sunday. We firmly believe that as residents, we have the right to rest and not to live under constant and prolonged stress due to noise pollution.

Furthermore, the university's proposal seems to lack an adequate plan to ensure the well-being of its own students who reside in this vicinity. Students require a conducive environment to study and rest, and the constant disruption caused by late-night noise and events may hinder their academic performance and overall quality of life.

Additionally, we are concerned that the University's shift towards a more corporate culture may detract from its primary educational mission. It is imperative that the council takes into consideration the balance between the university's commercial activities and its responsibility to provide a peaceful and suitable environment for both students and the neighbouring residents.

Over the upcoming weeks and months, we intend to monitor and document the noise levels in our neighbourhood. In the event that the council grants the proposed license extension to the University, we will be compelled to hold accountable, with

evidence, any irresponsible behaviour that negatively impacts our lives through excessive noise, anti-social conduct, and parking issues.

We kindly request that the council, in exercising its duty to protect our livelihoods and mental well-being, establishes stringent noise controls to mitigate the adverse effects of this licensing extension. While we understand the need to accommodate growth and development, we implore the council not to grant unrestricted permission for the sale of alcohol and live music, especially outdoors on the University grounds, as this would undoubtedly be detrimental to our health and well-being.

In closing, we trust that the council will give serious consideration to our concerns and objections and take measures to preserve the peaceful and tranquil atmosphere of our neighbourhood. We also trust that the council will prioritise our interests in line with its duty to uphold the well-being of its residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We eagerly await your response and trust that the council will act in the best interests of the community.

Yours sincerely,

Parvez & June Bhatti

11, Glebe Road.

OBJECTION TO VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENSE APPLICATION- UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

We: Mr D.S.Flora and Mr H.S.Flora

of: 4, Eynsford Close, Oadby, Leicester LE2 2LN

WISH TO FILE OUR OBJECTION TO THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION:

LICENSING ACT 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE

Name of Applicant: University of Leicester – Leicester Services Partnership

Registered Postal Address of Premises: Percy Gee Building, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH

Postal Address of Premises:

- Beaumont House, University of Leicester Hall of Residence, Stoughton Drive South, Oadby Leicester LE2 2NA
- AND
- University of Leicester Botanical Gardens, Glebe Road Leicester LE2

Details of Application:

- A licensable activities to be on and off Premises. Monday to Sunday for:- Performance of Dance, Plays and Live Music. Provisions of anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music, or performances of Dance. Exhibition of film, Recorded music. From 11.00am to 00.00 midnight
- Late Night refreshment from 23.00 to 00:00
- Sale of Alcohol from 11:00 to 23:00

To: Licensing Authority

STATEMENT OF OBJECTION

We: Mr Delbag Flora and Mr Hardeesh Flora at: No.4,Eynsford Close, Oadby, Leicester LE2 2LN.

We are writing to formally lodge a strong objection to the proposed variation of the premises license application submitted by the University of Leicester – Leicester Services Partnership under the Licensing Act 2003. The applicant seeks to make significant changes to the licensable activities, including Performance of Dance, Plays, Live Music, Sale of Alcohol, and Late Night Refreshment, within the premises located at Percy Gee Building, Beaumont House, and University of Leicester Botanical Gardens.

While we acknowledge the valuable role that educational institutions like the University of Leicester play within our community and in our neighborhood, the changes to the premises license will adversely impact the wellbeing of ourselves as residents and community members in the surrounding areas.

IMPACT STATEMENT

Our objections are based on the following impact reasons:

Noise and Disruption: The proposed extension of licensable activities, particularly Live Music and Performance of Dance, until midnight, raises significant and real concerns about increased noise levels and potential disruptions in the vicinity. Studies consistently show that noise pollution beyond certain hours can have long-lasting health impacts on residents, including increased stress levels and reduced sleep quality. The noise pollution created by this Licence variation will have an extremely detrimental effect on our health, sleep patterns, and overall quality of life.

Impact on Residential Areas: Beaumont House is situated within a residential area. Extending the hours for Late Night Refreshment and Sale of Alcohol in this location will lead to late-night revelers, resulting in disturbances, littering, anti-social behaviour and will surely compromise the safety and tranquility of the local community.

Alcohol-Related Issues: Extending the Sale of Alcohol until 11:00 pm will exacerbate alcohol-related problems among the student population and the patrons frequenting the licensed establishment. There is ample evidence linking alcohol service hours to an increase in anti-social behavior, public order incidents, and alcohol-related accidents. This will place additional strain on security and other local law enforcement resources.

Botanical Gardens: The University of Leicester Botanical Gardens are intended to serve as a peaceful and contemplative space for visitors. Allowing performances of Dance, Plays, and Live Music in this area will disrupt its primary purpose and negatively affect the experience of those seeking tranquility and solace.

Precedent and Community Balance: The proposed license variation could set a precedent for other establishments seeking similar extensions. The Licensing Authority must carefully consider the balance between the interests of the applicant and the rights and well-being of the local community.

In support of our objection, I urge you to consider similar cases where extended licensable activities have led to community discord and negative outcomes. For instance, need to cite some real-life example where we see an increase in crime rates and disturbances after a similar license variation was granted to a local establishment.

In conclusion, we strongly oppose the proposed variation of the premises license for the University of Leicester – Leicester Services Partnership. It is imperative that the Licensing Authority carefully weighs the potential negative consequences against any perceived benefits before granting such a significant change. I respectfully request that you consider our objections and take appropriate action to protect the rights, safety, and quality of life of the community members.

Thank you for considering this objection.

Dated: 01/09/2023

Signed: DSFLORA

Signed: HSFLORA

Dear All, Please record my / our objections to the proposed variation of licences to supply alcohol etc. at Beaumont Hall premises as outlined in the Public Notice via Greenhill Agents August 2023.

Namely

Noise...intrusive to the immediate neighbourhood and reflecting an inconsiderate " neighbour " as such.

Traffic...increase in such to the inconvenience of neighbourhood. This is already problematic in visitors to the Gardens and especially Glebe Rd. & will increase especially in the absence of provision of a suitable car park by the University. Pollution...see 2 Student Escapades...Combination of music, alcohol & diminished control may lead to dangerous escapades in the immediate environs including Gardens. In my occupancy of our abode at 3a Glebe Rd some 48 years, the University unfortunately encountered a student death in the Pond/ Pergola area in somewhat similar circumstances and furthermore, students in the Knoll habitually arrived drunk at weekends, noisy & oblivious to the requests not to urinate near our property. Thankfully the Knoll does no longer cater for them of late.

Security....is inadequate as recent thefts & also Youths intrusions late evening & night emphasise You may not be aware of late night ingress , but we are.

Litter/Rubbish...already a concern from the visitors to the Garden, plus general public's disrespect for waste bins by dispersing their capsules of nitrous oxide, beer cans, McDonalds, bottles, nappies, yes nappies, sometimes thoughtfully contained in a large plastic bag deposited on the roadside or pavement. Seems unlikely to diminish with the request for more events at Beaumont Hall good neighbour.

Ambience...the pleasant area as yet, of tranquility available (on occasions) to visitors to the Gardens, will be eroded. To that end being Friends of The Gardens I / We object vehemently to the Proposals envisaged.

Yours Sincerely,
BH & K Bishop.

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Particular anxieties exist in relation to:

Noise, both from the entertainments themselves and from the customers attending them. The proposed entertainments cover a very wide range of activities, with a wide range of performance styles and noise levels. We note that the Application does not include any details of anticipated noise levels, or even whether music is to be amplified or unamplified, in any of the categories of entertainment applied for, including the Provision of Live Music.

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7. similarly, the University to host a liaison meeting with local residents on no fewer than two occasions per year.

I trust that you will find these comments helpful, and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours,

(Dr) Tim Hobbs

Hi Tracey,

I have still not received any communication or letter in regards to my objection for the application from UOL botanic garden premises license. Please can you give me an update in regards to my strong objection letter I sent.

Regards,

Mr Gaffar

On 5 Sep 2023, at 09:15, Licensing <Licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for your email, I can confirm that your objections have been noted and will be considered along with any other objections when the consultation period has ended.

Kindest regards

Tracey Aldwinckle
Licensing Team

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From: Mo Gaffar [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 2:56 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to University of Leic application

To whom it may concern,

Please see attached Objection letter for the application of alcohol, live music and entertainment for University of Leicester in oadby.

Many Thanks,

Kind Regards,

Mr Gaffar

Dear Tracey,

Thank you for your email reply. This is to confirm we are **not** withdrawing our objection.

While we appreciate the work done by the Environmental Health Team, we still have concerns and reservations regarding the license application submitted by the University of Leicester despite the Agreement with the Council's Environmental Health Officer. The conditions as recommended by the EHO do not address our concerns fully and do not guard against public nuisance to those most closely affected. There also seems to be some ambiguity which we fear would make meaningful enforcement and protection difficult.

To date we have not been approached by the University nor included in the negotiations. We would have appreciated a meeting with the EHO prior to him meeting with the University so that our collective views were represented and negotiated.

In light of this, we kindly request a meeting with Licensing and EHO in order for us to explain our concerns and gain assistance in terms of mediation with the University.

Please be informed that together with other concerned neighbours we may ask for professional help and representation in the matter from our end.

Kind regards

Sanjay Samani

From: [Licensing](#)

Sent: 05 October 2023 10:58

To: Sanjay Samani

Subject: RE: Objection to Vary a Premises Licence

Good morning Mr Samani,

Please accept my apologies, I omitted to include you in the email.

Following receipt of your representation following advertisement of the application to vary the premises licence at the Botanic Gardens the council's Environmental Health Team have been in negotiation with the agents acting on behalf of the University.

As a result of those negotiations an agreement has been drawn up which substantially amends the original application.

A copy of the agreement is attached for your information and consideration.

If the agreement satisfactorily addresses the concerns that you raised in your representation, I would appreciate it if you would confirm in writing by return (hard copy or email) that your representation has been addressed and is therefore withdrawn.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards

Tracey

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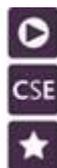
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From: Sanjay Samani [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 8:00 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk>; Tracey Aldwinckle <Tracey.Aldwinckle@oadby-wigston.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Objection to Vary a Premises Licence

Dear Tracey - I hope you are well. Is there an update that you can provide on this matter? I understand some of my neighbours have had follow up emails from yourself but I have not received anything yet.

Thank you

Sanjay

On 31 Aug 2023, at 15:30, Licensing <Licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr and Mrs Samarni

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Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 3:00 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Vary a Premises Licence

We: Mr Sanjay Samani and Mrs Sonal Samani, of: 3 Eynsford Close, Leicester LE2 2LN

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AND

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Dated: 31st August 2023

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While we appreciate the work done by the Environmental Health Team, we still have concerns and reservations regarding the license application submitted by the University of Leicester for outdoor events near our residential area despite the Agreement with the Council's Environmental Health Officer.

The conditions as recommended by the EHO do not address our concerns fully and do not guard against public nuisance to those most closely affected. There seems to be some ambiguity which we fear would make meaningful enforcement and protection difficult. Therefore, this is to strongly confirm that our representations have not been addressed and we are not withdrawing our objections.

To date we have not been approached by the University nor included in the negotiations. We would have appreciated a meeting with the EHO prior to him meeting with the University so that our collective views as residents were represented and negotiated.

In light of this, we kindly request a meeting with Licensing and EHO in order for us to explain our concerns and gain assistance in terms of mediation with the University.

Please be informed we may ask for professional help and representation in the matter from our end.

Kind regards,

Mr B Berry

Mrs A Berry Brincat

5, Glebe Road, Leicester LE2 2LD

From: Licensing <Licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk>

Sent: 06 October 2023 09:20

To: Brian Berry [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Representation variation of the premises license application submitted by the University of Leicester

Good morning

Please accept my apologies, It would appear that I used an incorrect list and omitted to include you in the email.

Following receipt of your representation following advertisement of the application to vary the premises licence at the Botanic Gardens the council's Environmental Health Team have been in negotiation with the agents acting on behalf of the University.

As a result of those negotiations an agreement has been drawn up which substantially amends the original application.

A copy of the agreement is attached for your information and consideration.

If the agreement satisfactorily addresses the concerns that you raised in your representation, I would appreciate it if you would confirm in writing by return (hard copy or email) that your representation has been addressed and is therefore withdrawn.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards

Tracey

Tracey Aldwinckle

Licensing Team

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From: Brian Berry [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 3:47 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Representation variation of the premises license application submitted by the University of Leicester
Importance: High

Dear Tracey,

I am aware some resident started to receive an update following their objection with regards to the above captioned.

We have not received any communication apart from the kind acknowledgement below.

I would be grateful if you could please let us have a copy of this Council update to the licence application. Thanks.

Kind regards,
Brian

From: Licensing <Licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk>
Sent: 31 August 2023 08:26
To: Brian Berry [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Representation variation of the premises license application submitted by the University of Leicester

Good morning Mr and Mrs Berry

Thank you for your email, I can confirm that your objections have been noted and will be considered along with any other objections when the consultation period has ended.

Kind regards

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From: Brian Berry [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:14 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk>

Cc: Antonella Berry-Brincat [REDACTED]

Subject: Representation variation of the premises license application submitted by the University of Leicester

Licensing Authority
Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
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LE2 5JJ

Mr Brian Berry and Mrs Antonella Berry Brincat
5, Glebe Road, Oadby,
Leicester
LE2 2LD

30.08.2023

SENT BY EMAIL: licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk

(Please find Letter Attached)

Dear Licensing Authority Team,

RE: REPRESENTATION WITH REGARDS TO PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER LICENSING ACT 2003

This representation refers to the following application details:

Name of Applicant: University of Leicester – Leicester Services Partnership

Registered Postal Address of Premises: Percy Gee Building, University of Leicester,
University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH

Postal Address of Premises:

- Beaumont House, University of Leicester Hall of Residence, Stoughton Drive South,
Oadby Leicester LE2 2NA AND
- University of Leicester Botanical Gardens, Glebe Road Leicester LE2

Details of Application:

- A licensable activities to be on and off Premises. Monday to Sunday
for:- Performance of Dance, Plays and Live Music. Provisions of anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music, or performances of Dance. Exhibition of film, Recorded music. From 11.00am to 00.00 midnight
- Late Night refreshment from 23.00 to 00:00
- Sale of Alcohol from 11:00 to 23:00

We, Brian Berry and Antonella Berry Brincat, residents at No.5, Glebe Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 2LD, consider the variation of the terms of the existing licence would undermine all four licencing objectives.

We are writing to formally submit our representation and objection to the proposed variation of the premises license application submitted by the University of Leicester – Leicester Services Partnership under the Licensing Act 2003. The applicant seeks to make significant changes to the licensable activities, including Performance of Dance, Plays, Live Music, Sale of Alcohol, and Late Night Refreshment, within the premises located at Beaumont House, and University of Leicester Botanical Gardens.

We acknowledge the valuable role that educational institutions like the University of Leicester play within our community and in our neighbourhood, however the proposed changes to the premises license will adversely undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; and the protection of children from harm.

Our representations are based on the following reasons:

Prevention of crime and disorder

The proposal to extend Alcohol Sales until 11:00 pm will undoubtedly cause a surge in alcohol-related problems among both students and patrons frequenting the licensed establishment. Well-established data unequivocally links extended alcohol service hours to a rise in anti-social conduct, crime, public disturbances, and alcohol-induced accidents. By endorsing these extended hours, we risk overburdening security and local law enforcement, straining already limited resources.

As an example, the city of Brighton and Hove implemented an "Early Morning Restriction Order" (EMRO) to tackle the negative impact of extended alcohol service hours on public order, safety, and quality of life. The report by Brighton & Hove City Council highlighted that crime increased in areas with extended hours, with alcohol-related violence being a significant concern.

Camden also experienced an increase in crime and public disorder due to extended alcohol service hours and a vibrant nightlife. The borough took measures to address the situation. According to the study by the Institute of Alcohol Studies, the London Borough of Camden saw a 44% increase in violent crime from 2005 to 2010, partly attributed to extended licensing hours.

Public safety

Beaumont House is situated within a residential area and Conservation Area. Beaumont House's proposed extension of Late Night Refreshment and Alcohol Sales hours is nothing short of an invitation to daytime and nocturnal chaos. Extending the hours for Late Night Refreshment and Sale of Alcohol in this location will lead to late-night revellers, resulting in disturbances, littering, anti-social behaviour and will surely compromise public safety and tranquillity of the local community.

The envisioned influx of patrons during the day and night threatens to sow the seeds of anti-social behaviour and littering, and above all will compromise public safety. The tranquillity and safety of our community is at stake, and public safety hangs in the balance.

Our community is already blighted with visitors who frequently come after sunset to partake in what seems recreational drink and drunks on Glebe Road. The proposed variation in licence will make matters worse.

The prevention of public nuisance

The proposed extension of licensable activities, particularly Live Music and Performance of Dance, until midnight, raises significant and real concerns about increased noise levels and potential public disruptions for us residents.

This proposition sparked significant concern among the neighbours. There is a great alarm and feeling of disbelief at the total disregard the University of Leicester has for its resident neighbours and also for its students residing in the halls of residence in applying for variation of its licence in its quest to generate income. As residents we have an unabating sense of alarm regarding the meteoric surge in noise levels that will inevitably reverberate through the heart of our neighbourhood, day in day out 7 days a week from 11.00am to 00.00 midnight.

Furthermore, studies consistently show that noise pollution beyond certain hours can have long-lasting health impacts on residents, including increased stress levels and reduced sleep quality. The noise pollution created by this Licence variation will have an extremely detrimental effect on our well-being, health, sleep patterns, and overall quality of life.

A study conducted by Imperial College London and King's College London assessed the health impact of noise pollution, including that from extended nightlife activities. The study found that long-term exposure to noise pollution is associated with an increased risk of heart disease and stroke. Source: Imperial College London - Noise Pollution Increases Risk of Heart Disease.

The proposed license variation could set a precedent for other establishments seeking similar extensions. The Licensing Authority must carefully consider the balance between the interests of the applicant on one hand and the prevention of public nuisance and well-being of the local community on the other consisting of a quiet residential neighbourhood.

It is not a mere matter of tolerating inconvenience; it is the erosion of our fundamental right to reside in an environment that respects our well-being and health.

The protection of children from harm

The University of Leicester Botanical Gardens are intended to serve as a serene and educational setting for the general public but especially for school children and other pupils. Allowing performances of Live Music and serving of alcohol in this tranquil area will disrupt its primary purpose and negatively affect the experience of those seeking tranquillity and solace.

We are duty-bound to shield the sanctity of these spaces, preserving their essence for the younger generation seeking learning opportunities, serenity and respite. We urge you to consider similar cases where extended licensable activities have led to community discord and negative outcomes negatively impacting on the licensing objectives.

In conclusion, we strongly oppose the proposed variation of the premises license for the University of Leicester – Leicester Services Partnership. It is imperative that the Licensing Authority carefully weighs the potential negative consequences against any perceived benefits before granting such a significant and negatively impactful change.

We kindly request that you consider our representations and reject the application to protect the rights, safety, and quality of life of the community members. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.

Brian Berry Antonella Berry Brincat