

Mr and Mrs Greaves

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Mr & Mrs Michael and Lorraine Greaves

Wickersley

Rotherham

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Proposed re-opening of Joker Public House, Blackthorn Avenue, Bramley

We write to object to the Joker Public house being given back their licence to trade and hope that Rotherham council will consider the mental well being of the residents who unfortunately live in the near vicinity of this nuisance establishment.

We live [REDACTED] from the Joker and have, in recent years really suffered from the goings on across the road.

During lockdown it was peaceful except that every single day young males would congregate with their hood up in the smoking shelter and then big cars would roar up, reving the engine and an exchange of drugs and money would take place and the cars would roar off and the youths would walk away.

After lockdown ended we have experienced growing problems with noise and anti social behaviour as well as the above mentioned drug dealing still occurring up until lunchtime on an almost daily basis when the Pub would usually open.

We have complained numerous times to Kyle, the former landlord regarding excessive and disturbing noise from loud music or "entertainers" (we say entertainers in the broadest sense of the word as they were generally shocking). We also had to put up with cars revving engines and again exchanging drugs outside the pub both in the afternoons and right up to closing time. Kyle always insisted that it was "the councils fault" because you had given them a licence to play loud disturbing music until 2am 7 days a week and we should think ourselves lucky that he only had loud entertainers on a Friday and a Saturday. Regarding the drug dealing he said it was nothing to do with him and we should contact the police, which of course we tried to do. Every weekend we would be subjected also to drunken men and women fighting with each other as they made their way home in the early hours.

These haven't been isolated incidents, these have been daily as in the case of drug dealing and always Friday and Saturday for the noise disturbance necessitating us having to have our lounge at the back of the house and squeeze for sleeping in the small back bedroom. But still the noise is so loud that it thumps with a rhythm as we try to sleep.

Should you decide to give the Joker back its licence to trade then please don't give them back an entertainment licence and they will need to employ security every day to counteract the drug dealing and anti social behaviour.

We do not know who the brewery is but please pass on my concerns to them. We have repeatedly contacted the council and we know from our emails that you have in the past visited the Joker and tried to get them to alter their behaviour.

The best thing that could happen would be that The Joker never re-opens, the land is sold off and a

commercial unit is built in it's place.

Yours faithfully

Mr and Mrs Greaves

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