



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Committee Report

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**Report of:** Chief Licensing Officer, Head of Licensing

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**Date:** 3 April 2012

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**Subject:** Licensing Act 2003

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**Author of Report:** Andy Ruston

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**Summary:** To consider Premises Licence Application made under the Licensing Act 2003.

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**Recommendations:** That members carefully consider the representations made and take such steps, as the Committee consider necessary for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives.

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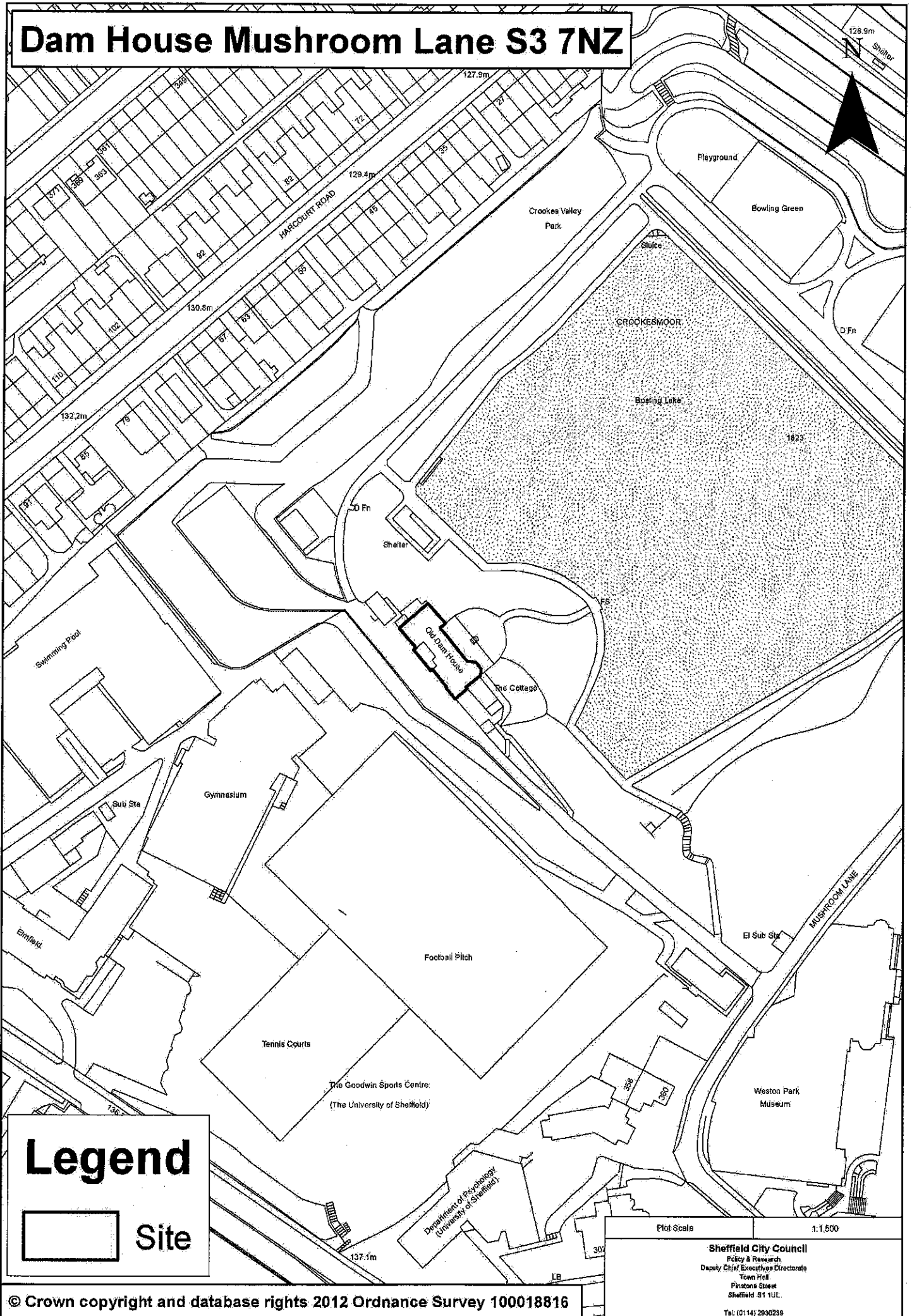
**Background Papers:** Attached documents

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

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# Dam House Mushroom Lane S3 7NZ



## Legend

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**REPORT OF THE CHIEF LICENSING OFFICER,  
HEAD OF LICENSING, TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Ref No: 32/12

**LICENSING ACT 2003**

**Dam House, Mushroom Lane, Sheffield, S3 7NZ.**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To consider a Premises Licence Application made under the Licensing Act 2003.

**2.0 THE APPLICATION**

2.1 The applicant is Mr Kamajit Singh Sangha and Mr Simrun Badh.

2.2 The application, which was received on 13 February 2012 is attached to this report labelled Appendix 'A'.

**3.0 REASONS FOR REFERRAL**

3.1 Representations concerning the application have been received from the following :-

- Health and Safety Attached at Appendix 'B'
- Local residents Attached at Appendix 'C'

3.2 As the representations have not been resolved, the matter is referred to the Licensing Committee.

3.3 The applicant and representatives from 3.1 have been invited to attend the hearing. Copies of the front page of the notices are attached to this report labelled Appendix 'D'.

**4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this application. However, additional costs may be incurred should the matter go to appeal. In such an eventuality it may not be possible to recover all these costs. The impact of these additional costs (if any) will be kept under review and may be subject of a further report during the year.

**5.0 THE LEGAL POSITION**

5.1 The Licensing Act 2003 at section 4 (1) requires the Licensing Authority to carry out its functions with a view to promoting the Licensing Objectives which section 4(2) sets out as: -

- a) the prevention of crime and disorder,
- b) public safety,
- c) the prevention of public nuisance,
- d) the protection of children from harm.

5.2 Section 4(3) of the Licensing Act also requires the Licensing Authority to have regard to the published statement of Licensing Policy and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182.

## **6.0 HEARINGS REGULATIONS**

- 6.1 Regulations governing hearings under the Licensing Act 2003 have been made by the Secretary of State.
- 6.2 The Licensing Authority has provided all parties with the information required in the Regulations to the 2003 Act as set out at Appendix 'E'.
- 6.3 Attached at Appendix 'E' is the following: -
  - a) a copy of the Notice of Hearing;
  - b) the rights of a party provided in Regulations 15 and 16;
  - c) the consequences if a party does not attend or is not represented at the hearing
  - d) the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

## **7.0 APPEALS**

- 7.1 The Licensing Act 2003 section 181 and Schedule 5 makes provision for appeals to be made by the applicant and those making representations against decisions of the Licensing Authority, to the Magistrates' Court.

## **8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 That members carefully consider the representations made and take such steps, as the Committee consider necessary for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives.

## **9.0 OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

- 9.1 To grant the premises licence in the terms requested.
- 9.2 To grant the premises licence with conditions.
- 9.3 To reject the whole or part of the application.

Stephen Lonnia  
Chief Licensing Officer, Head of Licensing  
**Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council, Block C Staniforth Road Depot, Staniforth Road,  
Sheffield, S9 3HD.**

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# Appendix 'A'

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# Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

LICENSING GENERAL

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(old lic)

13 FEB 2012

SECTION

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records

(1) I/We Mr Kamaljit Singh Sangha / Mr Simran Badh.

apply for a premises licence under section 17 the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

### Part 1 - Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, Ordnance Survey map reference or description <u>DAM HOUSE</u> <u>MOSHROOM LANE</u>	
Post town <u>SHEFFIELD</u>	Post code <u>S3 7NZ</u>

Telephone number at premises (if any) ~~0114~~ 0788 44 32287

Non-domestic rateable value of premises £ 41,000 E315.00

### Part 2 - Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as

Please tick ✓

- a) an individual or individuals\*  please complete section (A)
- b) a person other than an individual\*
  - i. as a limited company  please complete section (B)
  - ii. as a partnership  please complete section (B)
  - iii. as an unincorporated association; or  please complete section (B)
  - iv. other (for example a statutory corporation)  please complete section (B)

(1) Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)  
(2) Insert name(s) of applicant

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- c) a recognised club  please complete section (B)
- d) a charity  please complete section (B)
- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment  please complete section (B)
- f) a health service body  please complete section (B)
- g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital  please complete section (B)
- ga) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England  please complete section (B)
- h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales  please complete section (B)

\* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm: Please tick ✓ yes

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
- I am making the application pursuant to
  - a statutory function; or
  - a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

**(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS** (fill in as applicable)

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other title  (for example, Rev)

Surname  First names

I am 18 years old or over Please tick ✓ yes

Current postal address if different from premises address  
 14 WOODSEATS  
 GRENOSIDE

Post town  Post code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

**SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)**

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Mr

Mrs

Miss

Ms

Other title (for example, Rev)

Surname

BADH BADH.

First names

SIMRAN SIMRAN.

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick  yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

40 KUTUBA RD  
CROSSLAND

Post town

S35 8PB SUGGHO

Post code

S35 8PB

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

**(B) OTHER APPLICANTS**

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name

Address

Registered number (where applicable)

Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.)

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)



Part 3 - Operating Schedule

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When do you want the premises licences to start?

Day	Month	Year

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

Day	Month	Year

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)

PUBLIC HOUSE - SELLING BAR FOOD

LICENSE HOLDER HAS RECENTLY  
DISSOLVED AND SO THE CURRENT  
LICENSE HAS LAPSED

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend

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What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?  
(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedule 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

**Provision of regulated entertainment**

Please tick ✓ yes

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

**Provision of entertainment facilities for:**

- i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)
- j) dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J)
- k) entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j) (if ticking yes, fill in box K)

**Provision of late night refreshment** (if ticking yes, fill in box L)

**Supply of alcohol** (if ticking yes, fill in box M)

**In all cases complete boxes N, O and P**

**A**

<b>Plays</b>			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue			State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 4)
Wed			Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Thur			
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

**B** As per agreed times (EPs) agreed 05/3/12 + conditions

<b>Films</b>			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue	7.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 4)
Wed	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Thur	8.00	<del>01.00</del> 23.30	NYE 10.00 - 24.00 0.00 - 24.00 NYD
Fri	8.00	<del>01.00</del> 23.30	
Sat	8.00	<del>01.00</del> 23.30	
Sun	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	

**C**

<b>Indoor sporting events</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 4)
Mon	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	
Tue	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	
Wed	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	
Thur	8.00	<del>01.00</del> 23.30	
Fri	8.00	<del>01.00</del> 23.30	
Sat	8.00	<del>01.00</del> 23.30	
Sun	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)  N.Y.E 10.00 - 24.00  0.00 - 24.00 N.Y.D

**D**

<b>Boxing or wrestling entertainments</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue			
Wed			State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment (please read guidance note 4)
Thur			
Fri			Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Sat			
Sun			

**E**

\* As per agreement email with EPs 29/2/12

(11)

Live music			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
Day	Start	Finish	
Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:00	State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)
Wed	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Thur	8:00	<del>01:00</del> 23:30	NYE 8:00 - 24:00 NYD 0:00 - 24:00
Fri	8:00	01:00 23:30	NYE 8:00 - 24:00 NYD 0:00 - 24:00
Sat	8:00	01:00	NYE 8:00 - 24:00 NYD 0:00 - 24:00
Sun	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:00	NYE 8:00 - 24:00 NYD 0:00 - 24:00

**F**

\* Jamend times to the above

Recorded music			Will the playing of recorded music of take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
Day	Start	Finish	
Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:00	State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 4)
Wed	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music entertainment at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Thur	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:30	NYE 8:00 - 24:00 NYD 0:00 - 24:00
Fri	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:30	NYE 8:00 - 24:00 NYD 0:00 - 24:00
Sat	8:00	<del>1:00</del> 23:30	NYE 8:00 - 24:00 NYD 0:00 - 24:00
Sun	8:00	<del>24:00</del> 23:00	NYE 8:00 - 24:00 NYD 0:00 - 24:00

**G** As per agreed amendments with ERS 29/2/12

<b>Performances of dance</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon	8.00	21.00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)  - Also amend timings as per agreed email with ERS
		2300*	
Tue	8.00	24.00	State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 4)
		2300	
Wed	8.00	24.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance entertainment at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
		2300	
Thur	8.00	01.00	NYE 8.00 - 24.00 NYD 0.00 - 24.00
		23.30	
Fri	8.00	01.00	
		2330	
Sat	8.00	01.00	
		2330	
Sun	8.00	24.00	
		2300	

**H** ↑ As per agreed times with ERS 29/2/12

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
Mon	8.00	24.00	Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		2300	
Tue	8.00	24.00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
		2300	
Wed	8.00	24.00	State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (please read guidance note 4)
		2300	
Thur	8.00	1.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
		2330	
Fri	8.00	1.00	NYE 8.00 - 24.00 NYD 0.00 - 24.00
		2330	
Sat	8.00	1.00	
		2330	
Sun	8.00	24.00	
		2300	

(13)  
 \* As per agreed times with eps 29/2/12

<b>Provision of facilities for making music</b>			Please give a description of the facilities for making music you will be providing
Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the facilities for making music be indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for making music (please read guidance note 4)
Wed	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for provision of facilities for making music entertainment at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Thur	8.00	<del>1.00</del> 23.30	NYE 8.00 - 24.00
Fri	8.00	<del>1.00</del> 23.30	NYD 0.00 - 24.00
Sat	8.00	<del>1.00</del> 23.30	
Sun	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	

J \* As per agreed email 29/2/12

<b>Provision of facilities for dancing</b>			Please give a description of the facilities for dancing you will be providing
Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the facilities for dancing be indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mon	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	State any seasonal variations for providing dancing facilities (please read guidance note 4)
Wed	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for dancing entertainment at different times from those listed in the column of the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Thur	8.00	<del>1.00</del> 23.30	NYE 8.00 - 24.00
Fri	8.00	<del>1.00</del> 23.30	NYD 0.00 - 24.00
Sat	8.00	<del>1.00</del> 23.30	
Sun	8.00	<del>24.00</del> 23.00	

(14)  
As per agreed email with EPS 29/2/12

**L**

<b>Late night refreshment</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both - please tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 2)
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	9.00	24.00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)
Tue	9.00	24.00	State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 4)
Wed	9.00	24.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Thur	8.00	1.00	NYE 8.00 - 24.00
Fri	8.00	1.00	NYD 0.00 - 24.00
Sat	8.00	1.00	
Sun	8.00	24.00	

**M**

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption - please tick box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please read guidance note 7)
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	On the premises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off the premises <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	8.00	24.00	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4)
Tue	8.00	24.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Wed	8.00	24.00	NYE 8.00 - 24.00
Thur	8.00	1.00	NYD 0.00 - 24.00
Fri	8.00	1.00	
Sat	8.00	1.00	
Sun	8.00	24.00	



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State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name **KAMALJIT SINGH SAWHA**  
 Address **16 WOODSEATS  
 GRENOSIDE  
 SHEFFIELD**  
 Post code **S35 8RU**  
 Personal Licence number (if known)  
 Issuing licensing authority (if known)

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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8)

O

Hours premises are open to the public

Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	8:00	24:00
Tue	8:00	24:00
Wed	8:00	24:00
Thur	8:00	1:00
Fri	8:00	1:00
Sat	8:00	1:00
Sun	8:00	24:00

State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)

Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)

NYE 8:00 - 24:00  
 NYD 0:00 - 24:00

**P** Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General - all four licensing objectives (b, c, d, e) (please read guidance note 9)

The objective is to actively prevent crime & disorder, ensure public safety minimise nuisance within the public & surrounding area & ensure children are protected & are not harmed

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

- High visibility CCTV to assist in the prevention and detection of crime & disorder
- Blue lighting in toilets

c) Public safety

- Anti Safety flooring in toilets & bar area
- CCTV
- removing any visual black spots
- ensuring electrical & fire alarms are regularly serviced & maintained.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

- low level seating to encourage social drinking
- promotion of restaurant to encourage families to use facilities

e) The protection of children from harm

- Challenge 21
- Staff to be trained by Bell devices or similar training body

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee  Please tick ✓ yes
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises
- I have sent you copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be premises supervisor, if applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE [\*], UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

\* insert amount

**Part 5 - Signatures** (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent. (Please read guidance note 11)  
If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]  
Date 9.2.12  
Capacity Partner

For joint applications signature of 2nd applicant, 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent.  
(Please read guidance note 12)  
If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]  
Date 9.2.12  
Capacity Partner

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)  
RAMALjit SANGRA  
[Redacted Address]

Post town SHEFFIELD Post code [Redacted]

Telephone number (if any) [Redacted]

If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)  
[Redacted]

### Consent of individual to being specified as premises supervisor

I [full name of prospective premises supervisor]  
KAMALJIT SINGH SANHA

of [home address of prospective premises supervisor]  
14 WOODSEATS  
GRENSIDE  
SHEFFIELD  
S35 8RU

hereby confirm that I give my consent to be specified as the designated premises supervisor in relation to the application for

[type of application]

by

[name of applicant]

relating to a premises licence

[number of existing licence, if any]

for

[name and address of premises to which the application relates]  
DAN HOUSE  
MUSHROOM LANE  
SHEFFIELD S3 7NZ

and any premises licence to be granted or varied in respect of this application made by

[name of applicant]

concerning the supply of alcohol at

[name and address of premises to which application relates]

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*[Handwritten mark]*

I also confirm that I am applying for, intend to apply for or currently hold a personal licence, details of which I set out below.

Personal licence number  
[insert personal licence number, if any]

Personal licence issuing authority *TBC*

[insert name and address and telephone number of personal licence issuing authority, if any]

Signed *[Signature]*

Name (please print)

Date *11/02/12*

Agreed to amended times for  
Reg Ents + Prov Reg Ents (Indoors) + conditions

Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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From: Pates Neal  
Sent: 05 March 2012 09:29  
To: Hollis Georgina (CEX)  
Cc: kamaljit sangha  
Subject: RE: Premises Licence Application - Dam House

Hi Nina,

Yes, I can formally confirm that, on the understanding that all my agreed revisions will be implemented in the new licence, I am happy to withdraw my representation.

Kind Regards,

Neal Pates

Environmental Protection Officer  
Sheffield City Council

Tel: (0114) 205 3588

-----Original Message-----

From: Hollis Georgina (CEX)  
Sent: 05 March 2012 09:25  
To: Pates Neal  
Subject: FW: Premises Licence Application - Dam House  
Importance: High

Hi Neal - please could you confirm that you are in a position to withdraw your representation now that the applicant has agreed to the amended times and conditions (see thread below).

Regards

Nina

-----Original Message-----

From: kamaljit sangha [mailto:kamal.sangha@virgin.net]  
Sent: 02 March 2012 19:26  
To: Hollis Georgina (CEX)  
Subject: RE: FW: Premises Licence Application - Dam House

Yes, we agree to all the conditions

Thank you  
Kamal

"Hollis Georgina (CEX)" <Georgina.Hollis@sheffield.gov.uk> wrote:

>Kamal,  
>

\* Agreed to conditions

>For clarification, please could you also confirm that you are happy to agree to the conditions that Neal Pates (EPS) has requested.

>  
>Thank You

>  
>Regards  
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>Georgina

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>Georgina Hollis  
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>-----Original Message-----  
>From: kamaljit sangha [mailto:kamal.sangha@virgin.net]  
>Sent: 02 March 2012 16:37  
>To: Hollis Georgina (CEX)  
>Subject: Re: FW: Premises Licence Application - Dam House

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>Re. The damhouse      \* Agreed to times  
>We agree to the amended times for the live music and entertainment  
>Thank you for your help Kamal

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>"Hollis Georgina (CEX)" <Georgina.Hollis@sheffield.gov.uk> wrote:

>>Mr Sangha,  
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>>Please see amended objection from Environmental Protection - please could you confirm if you  
are happy to agree to the changes in times and requested conditions?

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>>I have emailed the objectors today giving your email address and mobile telephone number -  
as requested.

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>>Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further assistance.

>>  
>>Kind Regards

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>>Nina

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>>Georgina Hollis  
>>Licensing Officer  
>>Licensing Service  
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>>From: Pates Neal  
>>Sent: 02 March 2012 14:54  
>>To: Hollis Georgina (CEX); Licensing(General)  
>>Subject: FW: Premises Licence Application - Dam House  
>>Importance: High

>>Hi Nina,  
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>>As requested, please find the email copied below, with the minor amendment as discussed. I have also added an extra line under the 'Revisions' sub-heading, to clarify my advice regarding your earlier query.

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>>I hope this is all OK now.

>>Best Regards,

>>Neal Pates

>>Environmental Protection Officer  
>>Sheffield City Council

>>Tel: (0114) 205 3588

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>>From: Pates Neal  
>>Sent: 29 February 2012 11:35  
>>To: 'kamaljit sangha'  
>>Cc: Bower Claire; Licensing(General)  
>>Subject: RE: Premises Licence Application - Dam House  
>>Importance: High

>>RE: Premises Licence Application - Dam House Bar & Restaurant, Mushroom Lane, SHEFFIELD S3 7NZ

>>Date: 15 Feb 2012  
>>Licensing Ref: 37921  
>>EPS REF: 447848/NEP

>>This emailed representation is made in accordance with the agreement with the Licensing Authority on the 18th October 2006 to accept representations by email.

>>Dear Messrs Sangha & Bains,

>>Thank you for your recent telephone call; I am sorry I was not able to discuss this application with you in person on that occasion. I am now happy to formalise my representation as Responsible Authority for the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

>>The Dam House is situated in Crooks Valley Park, a highly used and valued recreational space in the city. It is also close to a number of residential properties on Harcourt Road. Environmental



Protection has a history of complaints under the previous licence from local residents, involving noise from regulated entertainment and the use of external areas of the premises. The current application seeks to extend the provisions of the previous Premises Licence to include Late Night Refreshment and Regulated Entertainment in both internal and external areas of the premises. It also seeks to have all such activities licensed until midnight and beyond.

>>I am of the opinion that such extensions to the previous licence afford the potential for operations to change and evolve away from the desired function as a Bar/Restaurant with a focus on dining, and that such changes would give rise to an undesirable potential for public nuisance due to noise associated with licensable activities occurring in outdoor areas, and noise breakout from late evening regulated entertainment events.

>>On this basis I must advise you of my objection to this application in its current form.

>>However, as the current applicant you have stated a desire to continue to operate the premises as a food-based establishment, and conceded that the outdoor uses can be dispensed with in terms of the day to day operation of the premises. I would therefore like to propose that the current application be revised to reflect the following changes, and that the following conditions be included.

>>Revisions

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>> \* Regulated Entertainment Sections; B, C, E, F, G & H to be changed to 'indoors only'; Hours to be reduced to 23:00 finish Sunday to Wednesday, 23:30 finish Thursday to Saturday.

>> \* Provision of Entertainment Facilities Sections; I, J & K to be changed to 'indoors only'; Hours to be reduced to 23:00 finish Sunday to Wednesday, 23:30 finish Thursday to Saturday.

>> \* Provision of Late Night Refreshment Section L to be changed to 'indoors only'.

>> \* No changes to Sections M (Supply of Alcohol) or O (Hours of Opening) are requested.

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>>Conditions

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>>1. Noise or vibration shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.

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>> \* The Designated Premises Supervisor or designated member of staff must take a proactive approach to noise control, checking outside the premise to ensure that noise is kept to a reasonable level from patrons using the external area and manage noise levels internally so as to be inaudible at the nearest noise sensitive property.

>> \* All doors and windows shall remain closed, save for access and egress, at all times whenever regulated entertainment is present in the premises, and after 22:00 on all days.

>> \* The premises licence holder shall prominently display notices on all exits reminding patrons to leave the premises in a quite and orderly fashion and to respect the local neighbours' needs.

>> \* Use of the external area is to cease entirely at 23:30 on each day and the holder of the premises licence or the designated premises supervisor is to take steps to advise persons to leave the area and return inside the building from 23:00.

>> \* The doors to the terrace are to be closed for use, excepting in the case of emergency, from 23:30 on all days.

>>If the above recommendations are acceptable, and the application is revised in accordance with the above, I shall be pleased to withdraw my objection to this application.

>>If there are any aspects of these recommendations that you wish to discuss, or find unacceptable for any reason, I shall be happy to be contacted directly to discuss alternative controls.

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>>Best Regards,

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>>Neal Pates

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>>Neal Pates  
>>Environmental Protection Officer  
>>Environmental Protection Service  
>>Sheffield City Council  
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>>-----Original Message-----

>>From: kamaljit sangha [mailto:kamal.sangha@virgin.net]  
>>Sent: 28 February 2012 11:59  
>>To: Pates Neal  
>>Subject: Re: Premises Licence Application - Dam House

>>Dear Mr Pates

>>I have been trying to ring you but have been having difficulty getting through could you please  
ring my business partner on 07884432287 as I am in meetings most of the day.

>>Regards

>>Kamal Sangha

>>Pates Neal <Neal.Pates@sheffield.gov.uk> wrote:

>>>Dear Mr Sangha,

>>>I am the officer with responsibility for commenting on the Prevention  
>>>of

>>>Public Nuisance. I have tried to call you today, but not been able  
>>>to

>>>contact you.

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 >>>I have a number of concerns regarding your recent application, and I  
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 >>>would like to discuss these with you prior to formalising my comments.  
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 >>>If I cannot resolve this, I shall make a formal objection to your  
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 >>>application. I hope we can discuss things and progress your  
 >>>application  
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 >>>more readily. You should be aware that the application as it stands  
 >>>has  
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 >>>caused at least one objection from a local resident, on the basis of  
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 >>>concerns about noise and other nuisances.  
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 >>>Please give me a ring as soon as possible. My details are below.  
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 >>>Best Regards,  
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 >>>Neal Pates  
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Due to the size of the plan provided with the application, a copy will be available for inspection at the hearing.

# Appendix 'B'

Hollis Georgina (CEX)

From: Lobo Rose  
Sent: 06 March 2012 12:32  
To: Licensing(General)  
Subject: DAM HOUSE, MUSHROOM LANE, SHEFFIELD S3 7NZ

Importance: High

Attachments: Dam House.doc



Dam House.doc (82 KB)

Hi

Please see attached which I am sending on behalf of Steve Pitts.

Regards

Rose Lobo

Information Officer

Health Protection Service

Environment and Regulatory Services

Sheffield City Council

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Officer: Mr S Pitts

Tel: 0114 273 4609

Ref: DamH/rl

Date: 1 March 2012

Kamaljit Sangha

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SHEFFIELD

S35 8RU

Dear Sirs

**Licensing Act 2003**

**Application for a New Premises Licence**

**Premises: Dam House, Mushroom Lane, Sheffield S3 7NZ**

I refer to the application concerning the above premises and write to inform you that I am making a formal representation (objection) under the Licensing Act 2003.

I will require the proposed conditions set out below to be imposed in the new premise licence for the promotion of Public Safety.

My representation will be withdrawn subject to the condition being agreed.

1. A satisfactory electrical certificate shall be provided for the premises.
2. A permanently fixed residual current device (RCD) must protect the electrical supply serving amplified music equipment.
3. When dancing is to take place on the premises in an area not previously approved for dancing by the Authority, at least 14 days notice must be given to Environment and Regulatory Services (Health Protection Service) and the Licensing Authority, identifying the area used which should be suitable and adequate in size as the designated dance floor for the intended use and dancing must not take place in that area unless approved by the authority.
4. Indoor sporting events shall be restricted to traditional pub games.

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I would be grateful, if you would confirm in writing, as a matter of urgency, whether or not you are prepared to agree to this condition.

Other issues that require your attention that are not proposed to be conditions:

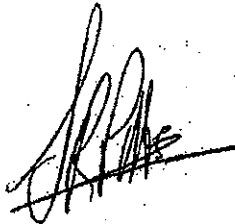
1. A plan of the premises is required which indicates the dance floor area as agreed on site, should include a capacity for the premises and the layout of tables and soft furnishings etc.
2. A satisfactory gas safe certificate will be required for the premises.
3. The perimeter boundary wall and gateway opposite the dam will require modification to increase the height to restrict access to dam details to be agreed.
4. The facilities are adequate for a capacity of 400 persons.
5. Anti slip mats are required in all entrances.

Disabled Access

The City Council encourages the provision of disabled access and facilities to licensed premises within Sheffield and when a new application is being made or when substantial alterations are taking place, reasonable provision must be made under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 for people to access and use the building and its facilities.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Mr S R Pitts  
Environmental Health Technician

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# Appendix 'C'

Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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From: Adrian Riley [REDACTED]  
Sent: 12 March 2012 23:05  
To: Licensing(General)  
Subject: Dam House

I would like to comment on the licensing application for the Dam House.

Although I would much prefer that the Dam House be in use than degenerate back to the semi-derelict state of a few years ago, I should like to draw your attention to this flyer:

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?pid=726932&l=1073c04eb9&id=293570050698995>

It seems clear from this and other advertising on social media that, although the new owners have tried to present their development as being a "family-friendly restaurant", their actual target market is the local population of students and young people, who are already well catered for by local pubs offering much the same type of environment. In addition, I question whether this is an appropriate use for a building in a public park with a lake close by.

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Adrian Riley  
[REDACTED] Harcourt Road  
Sheffield  
S10 1DH

Claire Bower – Principal Licensing Officer  
Place Portfolio, Sheffield City Council,  
Block C, Staniforth Road Depot, Staniforth Road,  
Sheffield S9 3HD

7<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Dear Ms. Bower,

**Re: Licence Application for The Dam House, Crookes Valley Park**

We are aware of the licence application for the reopening of the Dam House Bar/Restaurant in Crookes Valley Park. This gives us the following concerns:-

- The very extensive opening hours (8 am until midnight Sunday to Thursday and 8.00 am until 1.00 am on Fridays and Saturdays) are compatible neither with the setting of a public park, with an adjoining residential area, nor with the stated aim of a 'family-favourite eating establishment' (see the recent flier to residents from James Travis, newly appointed manager).
- The marketing material aimed at Sheffield's student population which states that, it will be a student venue with cheap drinks, is also incompatible with a 'family-favourite eating establishment'.
- We are not reassured by the statement that music will not continue after 11 pm, because there is bound to be nuisance and noise from persons leaving The Dam House. All noise from the venue will be accentuated by the fact that Crookes Valley Park is, in effect, an acoustic bowl, across which sound travels very well.
- We are also concerned about public safety, particularly given the proximity of the lake, which is very deep, up to forty feet in places, and is virtually adjacent to this proposed source of cheap alcohol.
- We are concerned about the potential increase in crime and public disorder, especially in respect of the interaction of an increased number of inebriated people at night, in a poorly lit park, where there is already a history of robbery and sexual assault. Similarly we are concerned about the obvious likelihood of an increase in vandalism and littering.

We hope that the Licensing Services for Sheffield City Council will hear our concerns and ensure appropriate restrictions on the Licence, fully compatible with the setting of The Dam House.

Yours sincerely,

*Andrew EVERSON and Hope Everson*

Andrew and Hope Everson

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Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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**From:** Anne Daw [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 March 2012 22:53  
**To:** Bower Claire; Licensing(General)  
**Subject:** Objection to the Dam House License application

**Importance:** High

**Attachments:** ADaw Dam House License objection letter.pdf



ADaw Dam House  
License objecti...

Dear Ms. Bower,

Please see my objection letter to the license application from the Dam House in Crookes Valley Park attached. I trust that this will arrive within the designated period for comments, which I understand to be through the 12th of March. If at all possible, I would appreciate an acknowledgement of your receipt of this letter.

Regards,

A. Daw

A. Daw  
Harcourt Road  
Sheffield S10 1DJ

Claire Bower  
Principal Licensing Officer  
Licensing General Section  
Place Portfolio, Sheffield City Council  
Block C, Staniforth Road Depot  
Staniforth Road  
Sheffield, S9 3HD

11 March 2012

Dear Ms. Bower,

I am writing to object to the license application for the Dam House in Crookes Valley Park. The hours and activities requested on the application are not compatible with the residential neighbourhood abutting the park:

**Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

My primary objection is regarding the high probability of problems from noise. Evidence from the previous license holder at this same location indicates that there was a problem of noise disturbing residences on Harcourt Road when the Dam House was run primarily as a restaurant. The new license application is changing the emphasis of the establishment from a restaurant that serves drinks, to a bar with live and recorded entertainment and dancing. The noise in this location travels across the lake and is amplified by the water and the bowl shape of the park. It is therefore a fairly sensitive site for noise disturbance to the abutting residential area.

To make matters worse, the houses on Harcourt Road are primarily Victorian stone and brick structures with a high thermal mass and a southern exposure. So, during the months of April through September, the houses absorb a large amount of solar heat and it is essential to open windows in the evenings so that the structure can cool down overnight. Without this night time cooling effect, the houses would overheat very quickly and become untenable. The combination of opened windows and noise travelling across the park is guaranteed to create further complaints.

Music from the Dam House should therefore be restricted to inside only, and the dB levels restricted and enforced so that it is clear to all parties what is legally acceptable under the license.

**Protection of children from harm:**

There are a substantial number of children living on Harcourt Road since the University sold off approximately 20 houses with covenants preventing rental to students. Nearly all of these children are under 10 years old, and our newest resident is only a few months old. Children of this young age need sleep to grow and to function properly in school. If the Dam House were allowed to play music and stay open late into the evening, there would be adverse affects on the welfare of these children. Misuse of the park and playground by patrons of the Dam House, fuelled by cheap alcohol, would also be a hazard to the many children who use Crookes Valley Park on a daily basis.

**Prevention of Crime and disorder and Public Safety:**

There are also several houses on Harcourt Road that house vulnerable adults recovering from addiction. The availability and draw of a late night, cheap drinks pub on their doorstep could increase the number of incidents in these houses. Last year one incident ended in gun shots and police responding. This is not the type of incident that should be taken lightly. Adding any fuel to this fire would be a big mistake.

**Conclusion:**

The Dam House is situated within a public park and adjoining a residential neighbourhood with working families and children. It is clear from this fact alone that this establishment should not be a location for late night opening hours and live or recorded dance music. I urge you as the principal licensing officer to restrict this license to 11pm closing Sunday through Thursday and 12 midnight Fridays and Saturdays. New Years Eve opening could be extended to 2am, but New Years Day should return to the regular closing time as we will all be going back to work the following day. Music should be restricted to a specified dB level at a specific distance from the establishment, and dancing should not be allowed as it will create an incentive to raise the volume of music.

I trust that you will consider these points carefully when reviewing this license application. Should you wish to contact me, please do so at the address at the top of this letter.

Regards,

A. Daw

Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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From: Bernard Little [REDACTED]  
Sent: 11 March 2012 12:20  
To: Licensing(General)  
Subject: Dam House, Mushroom Lane, Sheffield, S3 7NZ

To General.Licensing@sheffield.gov.uk <mailto:General.Licensing@sheffield.gov.uk>

March 11th 2012

Objection to Dam House, Mushroom Lane, Sheffield, S3 7NZ

Following discussions with local residents I am objecting to this application. The location in Crookes Valley Park provides a distinctive setting for a restaurant but is unsuitable for a late night bar aimed at the student population. The criteria of Public nuisance, Crime and disorder and Public safety will all be at high risk levels if drunken students are on the move around the unlit park late at night. Regrettably, drunken behaviour and student bars go hand in hand. It has to be planned for and policed ; it can't be stopped however hard any license holder tries.

I note the concerns raised by the Environmental Protection Officer based on the location and proposed use and support the suggested conditions. I am also aware of additional concerns to be submitted by Harcourt Community Action based on their proximity, need for sleep and experience under the previous licensee. I also support their proposals for hours and conditions and would encourage the owners to pursue a "bar/restaurant with a focus on dining" usage. The community wants to see the Dam House in use again but this is the only appropriate, safe option in this location.

Bernard Little Broomhill Green Party.  
[REDACTED] Birkendale Road. Crookesmoor, Sheffield S6 3NL  
[REDACTED]



**Hollis Georgina (CEX)**

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**From:** Cathryn Mason [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 March 2012 00:24  
**To:** Licensing(General)  
**Subject:** Licening Objection - Dam House

**Importance:** High

**Attachments:** Dam House License Objection.docx



Dam House License  
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Derar Ms Bower

Please find attached my letter objecting to the granting of the license in the terms of the application.

I would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of this Kind regards Cath Mason

Harcourt Road

SHEFFIELD

S10 1DH

Ms Claire Bower

Licensing General Section

Sheffield City Council

Dear Ms Bower

**Licensing Objection – Dam House, Crookes Valley Park**

I wish to make representations against a license being granted to the Dam House, Crookes Valley Park, Sheffield, in the terms contained within the application on the ground of Public Nuisance, Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

**Public Nuisance**

The Dam House is situated less than one hundred yards from my home with no intervening properties. I believe that the premises are situated closer to private dwellings than any other facilities within Sheffield’s Public Parks.

Given the nature of the landscape, which acts as a natural amphitheatre, activities at the premises have a considerable impact at and inside my home. Noise is a significant issue – loud conversations on the terrace area are clearly audible in my home when windows are open – and the floodlighting used around the premises have a considerable impact. Music is again, clearly audible, and any recorded music with prominent bass tones causes significant vibration.

Equally, the premises give easy access to the park, which generates further noise, particularly during summer months when people have been drinking. This can continue beyond the early hours of the morning.

I accept that the premises have been used as a public house or restaurant in the past and that living next to a public park makes noise inevitable, but the proposed opening hours mean that noise directly from the premises is likely to continue to midnight during the week and into the early hours at the weekend and the consequential noise from the park is likely to continue for much longer.

Also, the use of the premises as a “student bar” is a cause for greater concern. It has been widely advertised in these terms:

*“Right in the beating heart of Sheffield Uni student turf, and just a stone’s throw away from the student’s union, Dam House offers good honest cheap food and drink everyday of the week – no gimmicks”.*

This gives rise to greater concern from music, outdoor smoking areas and generally more lively, noisier behaviour outside the premises than with previous uses as a restaurant.

My husband and I work in essential services in the public sector and this intrusion would have a detrimental impact on our work and family life.

Were the license to be granted to the premises, I ask that consideration be given to limiting the hours of opening to 11pm on weekdays and midnight at the weekend, with steps being taken to reduce the noise impact by limiting access to the terrace area in the evening after 10 pm, noise abatement measures in outdoor smoking areas and limiting access to the park as patrons leave.

### Crime and Disorder and Public Safety

Crookes Valley Park is in the heart of one of the highest crime areas of Sheffield which is the subject of a specific police operation to address the high rates of burglary and car crime. The park itself has had significant problems with robberies, assault and criminal damage to property. It is frequently used to access the rear of properties on Harcourt Road for burglary and theft. The park itself is also the scene of significant disorder with the paths regularly being strewn with broken glass during summer months, benches being thrown into the lake and the lifesaving equipment regularly being misused and thrown into the water. This causes considerable inconvenience for me as a daily user of the park in the morning prior to the Park Keepers carrying out the necessary work to clear paths and restore the equipment. The abuse of the public safety equipment in the vicinity of the lake is obviously of the greatest concern, but broken glass and debris also presents a problem for users of the park with children or dogs.

I believe that the operation of the Dam House within the terms of the proposed license is sure to add to these problems by presenting larger numbers of people who have been influenced by drink in the park during the evening and early hours of the morning.

I welcome the renewed use of the Dam House, but consider the proposed license conditions are not appropriate for premises in a residential area. I cannot imagine that premises in any of the other parks in Sheffield would be granted a drinks license until 1 a.m. and can only suggest that this application is made on the basis of our street being somehow seen as a "student area" where noise and nuisance is allowable beyond the levels that would be tolerated in any other area.

I completely refute this suggestion and would point to the recent efforts of the city council to ensure that the Harcourt Road area is a genuinely mixed community by the encouragement of the use of houses as family homes, many of which were sold by Sheffield University with covenants preventing their use as "houses of multiple occupation". Equally, the "Good Neighbours – Great Communities" initiative by the University and City Council was directly aimed at integrating the students living within the Crookesmoor area into the normal bounds of community life.

A late licensed bar in the heart of the community is directly opposed to this objective.

I would ask that that, if a license were granted to the applicant,

The hours of opening be restricted to 11pm between Sunday and Thursday and 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday;

Egress from the premises be allowed only via Dam House Lane after 10.00 pm and not into Crookes Valley Park;

The Terrace Area be closed after 10pm;

Outdoor smoking areas be the subject of noise abatement measures

Consideration be given to shrouding the exterior lights on the car park side of the building.

I would ask that these be made conditions of the license as this would provide the only practical basis for enforcement in any breach.

Yours sincerely

Cathryn Mason

Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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**From:** Colette Walsh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 March 2012 23:04  
**To:** Licensing(General)  
**Subject:** Objection to Dam House License application

**Attachments:** Walsh letter to council 110312.docx



Walsh letter to council 110312...

Hi

Please find attached my formal objection to the current license application for Dam House in Crookes Valley Park.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Colette Walsh  
[REDACTED] Harcourt Road  
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Mr & Mrs Walsh  
Harcourt Road  
Sheffield  
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Claire Bower  
Principal Licensing Officer  
Licensing General Section  
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Sheffield, S9 3HD

9th March 2012

Dear Ms Bower

We are writing to you to object to the license application for Dam House in Crookes Valley Park. Although we are pleased that the pub will be re-opening, and are in favour of the Dam House being granted a license, we are concerned about the following issues in relation to the current application;

- Public safety in the park – The lake is a dangerous place - somebody drowned in the lake as recently as 2010. The park doesn't currently have any lighting, and is in a relatively high crime area (as seen on the www.police.uk website). The introduction of cheap drinks in conjunction with extended opening hours can only make this a more dangerous environment, and may attract further opportunist criminals.
- The licensing hours that are being applied for are not appropriate for an establishment in a residential area which is also within a public park.
- The upkeep of the park – If Crookes Valley Park is used as an entrance/exit to the Dam House, this will potentially increase the litter, damage and vandalism in the park. This is currently the responsibility of the council to maintain. Whilst they currently do a very good job of this, we feel that the cost of any additional maintenance or repairs should be met by the licensee. The council have also recently invested in improvements to the park, such as the duck island to encourage wildlife which we do not want to disturb. We feel that the park should be maintained and promoted as a place for families to enjoy.

In order to address some of our concerns we suggest the following conditions be attached to the license;

- That Dam House Drive /Mushroom Lane be used as the only permitted exit from Dam House beyond 23:00. This keeps people away from the park (and the lake), and addresses our concerns surrounding public safety within the park at night.

- That drink served in Dam House should be consumed either on the premises, or on the outdoor patio – under no circumstances should drinks be taken away from the premises into the park – this is a significant risk, especially to children, and was an issue under the previous license.
- That any licence granted has opening hours in keeping with the residential setting and the surrounding park. This should also include specific times when the licensee is and isn't able to use the outdoor patio area – we understand this was a condition of the previous license, and see no reason it should change. We suggest the following licensing hours would be appropriate, with no access to the outdoor patio area permitted after 22:00 on any day:
  - Sunday to Thursday 11:00 to 23:00
  - Friday 11:00 to 00:00
  - Saturday 11:00 to 01:00
- That the licensing department pay particular regard to risk assessment of the venue given the proximity of the lake and lack of lighting in the evening.

We look forward to hearing your feedback regarding the issues above, and would be happy to clarify any of our points further should you wish us to do so.

Yours faithfully,

Colette and Colin Walsh

Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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From: Debbie Rodgers [REDACTED]  
Sent: 08 March 2012 18:20  
To: Hollis Georgina (CEX)  
Subject: Re: Dam House

Dear Georgina

Many apologies. The address was in the original, the curse of copy and paste!

regards  
Debbie Rodgers  
[REDACTED]

Debbie Rodgers & Chris Pick

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6th March 2012

Subject: Licensing Application for Dam House, Crookes Valley Park.

Dear Ms Bower,



We are writing to express our concerns over the application for a late night licence at Dam House. While we are generally pleased at the venue re-opening, it is with a great deal of apprehension having read the promotional material supporting its launch. Our objection can be categorised into two areas of concern relating to increased noise and safety of patrons and local residents.

## 1. Noise

The location of Dam House is such that the noise is naturally amplified by the combination of the steep sided walls and open water, creating a natural amphitheatre, meaning that late-night events held at Dam House are very noisy for local residents especially for those on Harcourt Road facing the park. The promotional material currently circulating is geared towards the student demographic and clearly promotes cheap alcohol. The combination of this alongside extended opening hours and live music is a very concerning for those that have to live alongside the venue.

## 2. General Safety

This holds a significant amount of concern, for both the local residents and the patrons of Dam House. With the boating lake in close proximity to the establishment there are genuine fears that the mix of cheap alcohol and high spirits could well end in a serious incident. Kicking out time becomes a potential flash point for those exiting via the park onto Crookes Valley Road passing the boating lake or those exiting through Mushroom Lane generating increased noise levels as they exit the venue and car-park.

Our objections are not to Dam House opening up again, but are directed at the active promotion of late night live music venue to 1am that provides cheap alcohol. Dam House is located in a residential area and as such due consideration should be given to those that live within it, with regulated licensing being granted (11pm Sunday through to Thursday and 12pm Friday to Saturday)

There have been a number of incidents this year alone that have affected the local community of both incumbent residences and students. Normal opening hours are welcome and encouraged, the granting of a late licence to open till 1pm over weekend and bank holiday periods is our concern.

The promotion of the venue as place to have fun and drink responsibly is what we should all strive to achieve as we build and support what should be a place for all to enjoy.

Harcourt Community Action has submitted a complaint on behalf of the street with which we fully concur.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Rodgers & Chris Pick

Please find attached a copy of the promotional material being circulated a link to an article in Exposed.

Bower Claire

Sent email 08/3/12 for address details. (48)

**From:** Debbie Rodgers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 March 2012 11:44  
**To:** Bower Claire  
**Subject:** Dam House  
**Attachments:** damhouse.pdf; ATT00001.htm; damhouse2.pdf; ATT00002.htm

**Subject: Licensing Application for Dam House, Crookes Valley Park.**

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Yours sincerely

Debbie Rodgers & Chris Pick

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[http://www.exposedmagazine.co.uk/news/2012/02/22/Dam\\_House\\_returns\\_to\\_Crookes/](http://www.exposedmagazine.co.uk/news/2012/02/22/Dam_House_returns_to_Crookes/)

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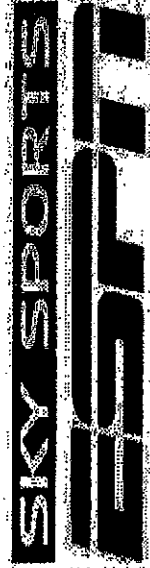
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Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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**From:** Gemma Linley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 March 2012 20:39  
**To:** Licensing(General)  
**Subject:** FAO Claire Bower - Dam House application

**Attachments:** Dam house license.doc



Dam house  
license.doc (36 KB)

Please find attached a letter regarding the license application for Dam House

Regards,  
Gemma Binney

Mr and Mrs M. Pharey  
Harcourt Road,  
Crookesmoor,  
Sheffield,  
S10 1BH.  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Dear Ms. Bower,

We are writing to you with regards to the recent license application to reopen Dam House, which is positioned directly behind our house. We would like to make it clear that we are supportive of Dam House opening again and would like to see the venture succeed. It sits in a public park in the middle of a residential area with a diverse group of residents, many of which are homeowners, long standing residents and families alike. Therefore we feel that is reasonable for the proprietors of Dam House to take this into consideration. However, on close examination of the details of the license application we are greatly concerned that the proposals will impact negatively on our family life and on that of other members of our community. Our main concerns are as follows:

- The late night opening hours are not acceptable in this kind of setting. We believe that the noise of people entering and leaving (especially under the influence of alcohol) at these times will have a huge impact on our ability to go to bed at a reasonable hour and get a peaceful nights sleep, considering we get up before 6 am for work.
- Live and recorded music and entertainment of various kinds to be played inside and outside until eleven o'clock Monday to Wednesday and even later on Thursday, Friday and Saturday is totally unreasonable. This is particularly pertinent considering the bowl shaped physicality of the park itself and how the sound is amplified through an otherwise peaceful and quiet space.
- The target market aimed at in all the marketing material (Exposed magazine, Facebook and Twitter) suggests a student, late night bar with cheap drinks and entertainment. This is in direct contrast to the 'steps intended to be taken' on the licence application under section P part d, in which the applicant proposes to 'promote the

restaurant to encourage families to use the facilities'. This disparity is concerning as it suggests that if the licence is granted the venture will not be operated in the manner that has been proposed.

- Attracting large numbers of people to drink alcohol until the early hours of the morning is a recipe for noise disturbance, damage to park property and possible harm to the surrounding wildlife. We have two dogs which we regularly walk in the park both mornings and evenings and also have a very young child who enjoys playing in the playground. Therefore it is an important part of our daily life. Although the parks service does a superb job of cleaning up the park and maintaining it to the best of their ability, resources are limited and we fear that the safety of the park will be compromised (E.g. bottles littering the park, broken glass, damaged equipment) as a result of drunken disorderly behaviour.
- In a more general concern for health and safety, we believe that potential problems might occur as a result of the vulnerability of being heavily under the influence of alcohol, such as drowning in the lake and physical and or sexual assaults and robberies.

In order to address some our concerns we suggest the following:

- The opening hours should be restricted to those which are considered reasonable for a residential area. We propose 8am until 11pm Sunday to Thursday and 8am until 12am Friday and Saturday.
- The 48 hours of opening from 8am New Year's Eve to midnight New Year's Day, should be reduced.
- Live or recorded music and regulated entertainment of various kinds to be played **inside only** and all doors and windows should remain closed at all times, except for access and people leaving.
- The use of the outside area, including the terrace, to cease completely by 10.30 pm each day.





- The staff of Dam House to ensure that people leave the premises from the rear of the building and leave along the Mushroom Lane exit and not through the park.
- Have clear boundaries for which the proprietors are responsible for keeping clean and safe upon closing E.g. removal of any litter; including bottles, glasses and cigarette ends.

We hope that these concerns will be taken into consideration by the licensing department.

Yours sincerely,  
Gemma and Martin Binney

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Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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From: juliann hall [REDACTED]  
Sent: 12 March 2012 11:06  
To: Licensing(General)  
Subject: Dam House

Attachments: letter to council.docx



letter to council.docx (15 KB)

Dear Sir/ madam,

Please find attached a letter outlining our objections to the license for the Dam House. We will also forward a hard copy of the attached letter.

Kind regards

Juliann and Matthew Hall

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Claire Bower  
Licensing Services  
Place Portfolio/ Sheffield City Council  
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Sheffield  
S9 3HP

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We have recently become aware of the licence application for the reopening of the Dam House which sits in Crookes Valley Park behind our house on 51 Harcourt Road. While we welcome plans to keep the building in use we have concerns regarding some of the terms on the application. Our concerns are as follows;

- The licensing hours being applied for are not appropriate for an establishment in a residential area with a large number of families. If approved this establishment would potentially attract inebriated people to the park when other pubs in the surrounding residential areas of Broomhill and Crookes have shut.
- There appears to be a lack of integrity and transparency with regards to the licensing application. While the new owner states on the application that the venue will be a 'family restaurant' all of the marketing material (Exposed magazine, Facebook and Twitter) for the venue states it will be a student venue with very cheap drinks. This lack of integrity is concerning as it suggests that there is a lack of professionalism with regards to the venture which could lead to further problems with how the venue is managed. A lack of transparency also makes it difficult for local residents to engage with the new owner in a meaningful way.
- The venue promoted in the marketing materials is clearly not in keeping with a number of the stated aims in the council own 'Green and Open Spaces Strategy'. This strategy states the councils aims to 'ensure safety and security', to 'promote health and activity' and to 'support education and learning' in Sheffield's parks. It is difficult to see how a bar offering cheap drinks deals and potentially low grade entertainment will support these aims for the park.
- A venue of the type stated in the marketing materials is not in keeping with the ambience of a public park in Sheffield. It poses the risk of disruption to the existing wildlife in the area.

and to the use of the park by the families that frequent it on a day to day basis. 'Cheap drinks offers' from 8am in the morning will potentially lead to events being held which will attract large numbers of inebriated people to the park during daytime hours (particularly in summer).

- A venue of the type stated in the marketing materials has potential to increase costs of maintaining the park e.g. increased litter and damage to the facilities in the park.
- There are growing national and local concerns about the supply of cheap alcohol and many venues are moving away from low cost deals. In contrast the new owner of the Dam House has referenced the low cost of alcohol frequently in the marketing of the venue. Crookes Valley Park, Weston Park and Ponderosa have already had difficulties with incidents of robbery and sexual assault. This venue is likely to exacerbate these problems if it pursues a strategy of selling cheap drinks.
- The park setting poses potential health and safety risks to those frequenting the venue e.g. risk of drowning in the boating lake, risk of being a victim of crime due to the lack of lighting in the park at night. The supply of cheap drinks and a later licensing time will exacerbate this risk.

In order to address some of the aforementioned concerns we would suggest the following;

- Some further investigation is undertaken into the nature of the venue given the disparity between the licensing application and the marketing materials.
- That any licence granted has extremely conservative opening hours in keeping with the residential setting and the surrounding park.
- That any licence granted has restrictions which reduce footfall into Crookes Valley Park when the venue is closing e.g. exit restrictions
- That the licensing department pay particular regard to risk assessment of the venue given the proximity of the lake and the strategy of selling cheap drinks to young students.
- That the licensing department take into consideration the impact of the venue on the wildlife of the park, the families that use the park and the cost to the council of maintaining the park and the effect on local policing.

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We trust these concerns will be taken into consideration by the department and in addition we will be alerting the leader of the council, Julie Dore, to our concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Juliann Hall and Matthew Hall

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Hollis Georgina (CEX)

From: Keith Whitelam [REDACTED]  
Sent: 02 March 2012 12:02  
To: Licensing(General)  
Subject: Dam House Application for Licence

Dear Claire,

We are writing to object to the application for a licence for the Dam House, Mushroom Lane. Our house backs on to Crookes Valley Park and given our experience with the previous premises and the hours of licensing for which the new owners have applied, we are extremely concerned about the noise and public nuisance that will be caused if the licence is granted.

The Dam House and its terrace overlooking the boating lake sits in a bowl that amplifies even the slightest noise from anywhere in the park. When the Dam House was previously occupied, we suffered considerable disruption due to the noise emanating from the building and the terrace. Even with a restricted licence, the noise from discos and live bands within the building was at times intolerable. We regularly phoned 101 at night on weekends to complain about the level of noise, went round to the premises to complain to the manager in the early hours of the morning and had to move from our bedroom to a sofa bed in our living room at the front of the house in order to get any sleep. In the early evenings in the summer with noise from the terrace and/or music from the building, we were not even able to enjoy the peace and quiet of our own garden.

The terms of the current licence application with late opening hours every night of the week and even later at weekends and the application to have various live events or music events any night of the week is potentially even worse than our previous experience. The note we have received from the owners about concern for residents and creating a family ambience is not consistent with their advertising elsewhere to the student market promising all night entertainment and events, cheap alcohol and the request to have events inside and outside the building. The opening of windows and the opening of the door to the terrace for those using it for drinking and/or an outside smoking area, as we have experienced before, means that the sound cannot be contained within the building. Even with doors and windows closed, the volume of discos and live bands, and particularly the level of the bass, permeates every room at the rear of our house. The application form also states the opening hours to be from 8.00 am everyday. This would mean that we could be subjected to noise from first thing in the morning until the early hours of the morning. The application for opening hours over the New Year period are equally excessive and alarming.

The attempt to appeal to the student market with a variety of events and late night drinking on the terrace will only exacerbate the problems we already have with students in the park and around the boating lake creating excessive noise till the very early hours of the morning. The park will be used as a means of access and exit from the Dam House for students in the Crookes area and encourage them to stay in the park after closing time. We already suffer from students sitting out in the park and making noise late at night (11.00-2.00), coming back late in the morning (3.00-4.00 am) through the park, making noise, jumping in the boating lake, and climbing over the walls of the gardens that back onto the park. This application can only increase the problems that we already suffer.

There are many establishments in the area that cater for the student market. There is no need for such an establishment in a residential area with young families, the elderly, and many people who have to be up early to go to work.

Yours sincerely,


Keith and Susie Whitelam



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Keith W. Whitelam



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Hollis Georgina (CEX)

From: Bower Claire  
Sent: 06 March 2012 07:42  
To: Hollis Georgina (CEX)  
Subject: Fw:

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Attachments: DamHouseLetter.pdf



DamHouseLetter.pdf  
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Hi Nina

See objection below.  
Claire

From: JON SLATE [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 09:16 PM  
To: Bower Claire

Dear Claire,

Please find attached a letter raising concerns we have about the prospect of a late night licence being granted for the Dam House.

Best regards  
Jon & Ruth Slate



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Claire Bower - Principal Licensing Officer  
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4<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Licensing application for The Dam House (Crookes Valley Park)**

Dear Ms Bower,

We are writing to express our concerns about the recent application for late night licences at The Dam House. It is very apparent from the recent promotional material that the new owners/leaseholders of The Dam House are targeting the student market. We are enthusiastic about the building reopening, but are worried about the implications of the late-night licences being granted. Our concerns centre around two issues; (i) noise and antisocial behaviour and (ii) safety.

i) Noise/Antisocial behaviour.

The Dam House sits on the edge of The Boating Lake in Crookes Valley Park and is surrounded by fairly steep sides, creating a kind of 'natural bowl'. The combination of sound travelling across the water and it being amplified by the bowl shape of the park means that the late events held at The Dam House can get very noisy for neighbours in the surrounding area, particularly on Harcourt Road. The problem is greatly exacerbated when clients are permitted outside onto the terraced area. The promotional material released by the new owners clearly targets the student market, e.g. "*Right in the beating heart of Sheffield Uni student turf, and just a stone's throw away from the student's union, Dam House offers good honest cheap food and drink everyday of the week - no gimmicks*". Therefore, we are greatly concerned that The Dam House will become a late night drinking establishment with a rowdy clientele fuelled by 'cheap drink'. Granting a licence beyond 11PM (and midnight on Friday and Saturdays) would be greatly disruptive to local residents, particularly those with young children.

ii) Safety

Our concerns about safety cover both clients and local residents. First of all, we consider the safety of clients. It is not hard to imagine that a combination of cheap alcohol, late night licences and a pub in close proximity to very many young adults is an accident waiting to happen. What happens when drunk customers decide to go for a swim in the boating lake? Or worse, when they decide to try out the ice when the lake is frozen? Over the last two winters the lake has been frozen (but covered in very thin ice) for around one month. This could present a serious safety risk for drinkers with impaired

Judgement. The park has also witnessed some serious assaults in recent years, and clients returning home late at night after a long drinking session are vulnerable in that regard.

The granting of late night licences could also pose safety risks for local residents. Many people use the path around the boating lake during the daytime, including young children and dog walkers. If clients at The Dam House were allowed outside onto the terraced area late at night, it is not hard to imagine that there would be spill-over onto the surrounding areas, eventually resulting in broken glasses and bottles littering this end of the park. The mess would not even be on The Dam House's property, meaning that it may not get cleared up. Who would be responsible for broken glass on the path and area around the Boat House next to the boating lake? The Dam House? Sheffield CC Parks and Countryside? The latter are no doubt already stretched for resources.

In summary, we are supportive of the Dam House reopening and believe it has plenty to offer the area. However, the granting of late night licences, live entertainment and permission to use the outside terrace area are not consistent with the wishes of the residents that live in the area and do not suggest that the owners are concerned about the opinion of local residents. Therefore, we urge you to restrict any licences to hours and activities that will not have an adverse effect on the local community (e.g. no later than 11PM weekdays, midnight on Friday & Saturdays; no outside drinking after 10PM, no live music after 10PM), or on the generally excellent relationships between the student community and the longer term residents.

Yours faithfully

Jon & Ruth Slate

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Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 March 2012 22:02

To: Licensing(General)

Subject: Objection to Dam House licence

Attachments: dam house objection.pdf



dam house  
objection.pdf (20 KB)

Please find enclosed our objection. Thank you.

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Claire Bower  
Principal Licensing Officer  
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11th March 2012

Dear Ms Bower,

We would like to object to the licence application in its current form for The Dam House, Crookes Valley Park, Sheffield.

We have seen the letter from Harcourt Community Action and would like it to be stated that we agree with and wish to personally put forward all the objections in the letter.

We are particularly concerned about the potential for people leaving the premises through the park and taking glasses and bottles into the childrens playground, which is on the path of the only way out of the park from the pub.

We are also especially concerned about the public safety aspect of the pond and unlit park combined with the cheap alcohol/student branding that we have seen for the Dam House on the internet.

Finally we would also like to bring specific attention to the problem of noise and increased circulation in what is a quiet residential area.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart and Laure Astill

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Hollis Georgina (CEX)

From: Lorraine Moshiri [REDACTED]  
Sent: 12 March 2012 23:51  
To: Licensing(General)  
Subject: Dam House license application

Dear Ms Bower

Our house backs on to the Dam House and is one of the closest in proximity. Whilst we welcome the venue re-opening, we wish to express our concerns with regard to the licence application.

We appreciate the steps the Environmental Protection Officer has taken to try to minimise potential public nuisance issues, and his acknowledgement of complaints from residents under the previous licence. He says that he is "of the opinion that such extensions to the previous licence afford the potential for operations to change and evolve away from the desired function as a Bar/Restaurant with a focus on dining; and that such changes would give rise to an undesirable potential for public nuisance due to noise associated with licensable activities occurring in outdoor areas, and noise breakout from late evening regulated entertainment events." He then goes on to say "However, as the current applicant you have stated a desire to continue to operate the premises as a food-based establishment, and conceded that the outdoor uses can be dispensed with in terms of the day to day operation of the premises". But all the Dam House advertising suggests that it will be a cheap alcohol-based sports/karaoke student bar which happens to sell food. Indeed, there is a sample price menu of alcoholic drinks online, but no food menu as yet. So it appears that already operations are changing and evolving away from the desired function, giving rise to several areas of concern. Crookes Valley Park is not the appropriate location for a late night student bar.

Public Nuisance

Because of the position of the Dam House, low down in a dip in Crookes Valley Park, every sound is amplified, especially at night. We can easily hear people talking on the outside terrace area when our windows are open, particularly on summer nights. We appreciate the conditions the Environmental Protection Officer has put forward to reduce noise nuisance, but do not think it will be possible to contain live or recorded music and karaoke within the building. This will affect us even more in the good weather, when we want to be able to sit out and enjoy our own garden. A major concern for us is the disruption of people leaving the Dam House, particularly waiting around by the back door for taxis. We were disturbed on Sunday morning (11th March) at 1.10 am by a small group of 3 or 4 people shouting and laughing loudly, and a car horn beeping several times. This was after just a small gathering at the venue, so we know this will be much worse when it is fully open, particularly as the management are marketing to students first and foremost, and pushing the sale of cheap alcohol (Dam House advertising and marketing found in Exposed magazine, Facebook and Twitter). It is obvious that this will lead to much more lively and rowdy behaviour outside the venue (including the terrace) than with the previous use as a restaurant. We already suffer from significant noise from people using the car park, which is just below our garden, which in effect brings customers much closer to our house. (The car park is between our property and the Dam House). If a late licence is granted this disturbance will be much worse. Apart from ourselves we have 2 young children who need to be able to get a good night's sleep. We are also worried about the noise level inside and outside during live football matches and other sporting events, both at night and during the day. It is not fair to us as residents or to park users if the tranquillity of the park is disturbed.

Public Safety

We feel the combination of attracting a large number of young people to the park, with cheap

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drinks and long licensing hours is a recipe for disaster. The boating lake has no safety barriers and is very deep in places. At least 2 people have drowned that we know of, and others have had to be rescued. The life buoys are often messed around with, and are not always in place.

#### Potential Harm to Children

Having two young children we are often in the park and find that broken glass is already an issue, both inside the play area and outside of it. We feel that this will become worse with customers spilling over from the terrace and drinking on the surrounding grass area. We know of at least two neighbours who's dogs have been injured by broken glass.

#### Crime and Disorder

Crookes Valley Park is unlit and very secluded as it is much lower down than street level. It has been the site of several muggings and sexual assaults, and we feel that the risk of such incidents will increase with a high number of young people in the park till the early hours, particularly when they are very drunk. As one of the houses that backs onto the park, we are already bothered (like many of our neighbours) by people trying to get into our gardens to access the park. We feel this will become much more of a problem with people trying to find short cuts as the Dam House is not particularly easy to access on foot.

We are supportive of the Dam House re-opening, and would like to be able to use it as a family. If the Dam House is to be operated as a family friendly food-led venue, it is not necessary for it to be granted a late licence. Therefore, if this application should be granted, it should have the following conditions enshrined in the licence:-

- 1) That the management take all necessary steps to avoid disturbance from customers leaving the premises;
- 2) That the venue closes at 11pm Sunday - Thursday, and 12am Friday and Saturday;
- 3) That all music ceases at 10.30pm Sunday - Thursday, and 11pm Friday and Saturday;
- 4) That the use of the terrace area ceases by 10.30 pm every night

Yours sincerely

Lorraine and Siavash Moshiri  
Harcourt Road

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Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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From: Mark Coleman  
Sent: 12 March 2012 06:35  
To: Licensing(General)  
Subject: Dam House

Dear Claire Bower,

I wish to object to the new licence application for Dam House on the grounds of Public Nuisance. I live close to this venue and the noise travels loudly from the park onto Harcourt Road. I'm sure you can understand that we have families living on our Road as well as professional people who work in Schools, at the University and for the Police. I feel strongly against it for the fact that we as professionals need to get up early in order to earn a living. If you wish to speak to me with regards to this my contact details are below.  
(█ Harcourt Rd, S10 1DH. █)

Regards

Mark Coleman

Sent from my iPhone

Harcourt Road  
SHEFFIELD  
S10 1DH



2nd March, 2012.

Licensing Service  
Sheffield City Council  
Block C  
Staniforth Road Depot  
SHEFFIELD S9 3HD.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Licensing Application for the Dam House,  
Mushroom Lane, Sheffield S10.**

We write to object to the application and to request assurances should any part of the licence be granted in the future.

We, and other residents, have serious concerns about the proposed extended opening hours which would allow late drinking, music, dancing and entertainment seven nights a week.

The Dam House is situated in Crookes Valley Park, and the valley, with its large expanse of water, acts like a giant amplifier of sound anywhere around it. Some of us remember the old Dam House restaurant, where the noise of dropped crockery in the kitchen, not to mention discos and live entertainers would echo round and round the park in the early hours. Because of the attractive nature of the lake, there is also always the strong chance that some revellers will choose to stay in the park and continue to party even after closing, especially in the summer. There are over one hundred houses in the road which lines the western side of the park, housing more than five hundred people, including families with small children, and these would all be exposed to considerable noise nuisance from the proposed late opening.

We are not opposed to all late opening and accept that the Dam House may need to cater for functions and special events which would sometimes require a later opening at weekends. But we are concerned that this application, if granted, would allow seven days a week late opening with music and dancing, which we feel is unacceptable in a residential neighbourhood.

The new manager of the Dam House has sent a note to householders in Harcourt Road in which he declares that "the venue will not be used as a nightclub, contrary to rumours. Rather, our main objective is to provide ambient surroundings for the Patrons of Sheffield to enjoy, which includes trying to provide a family friendly environment." However, this does not fit well with the way in which the Dam House has been advertised in the **Exposed** entertainment and listings guide for Sheffield - "**Dam House returns to Crookes** . . . . It opens on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and new manager James Travis has clearly set out his intent to shift the focus of the pub to a new, studenty feel, which should feel right at home in the heart of Sheffield University's turf. Boasting free WIFI, Sky Sports, ESPN, PS3 and xBox - they shouldn't go too far wrong. 'It won't be too upmarket,' said James, who's promised a cheaper experience than at the previous Dam House, 'we're going to be aiming more at students'."

In his note to householders he states that "We have liaised with Neal Pates from Environmental Protection so that no music will be played outside of the venue at any



time of the day or night and the surrounding tranquillity is something that will be preserved by the Dam House management. Also, despite the fact that the license states we can play music indoors until 1 am, the music will not continue after 11 pm."

1. We welcome these commitments, and would wish to see these statements of intent to preserve the existing tranquillity incorporated into the license conditions. Namely:

- (i) that no live or recorded music or other amplified sound be played outside the Dam House building at any time or inside the building after 11 pm;
- (ii) that the terrace area is closed to customers by 11 pm and that all windows and doors onto the terrace and park are also closed by 11 pm.

2. We believe that residential areas should not be subjected to late night noise from pubs and restaurants except at weekends. Therefore, we object to the proposed late opening Sunday to Thursday and believe that the Dam House should close by 11 pm, except on Friday and Saturday nights, when we believe it should close by 12 midnight.

Please will you notify us of the date of the hearing to consider the application.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

*Nic Ralph*                      *Penelope Ralph*

Nicholas and Penelope Ralph.

Hollis Georgina (CEX)

From: Rekha Ravichandran [redacted]  
Sent: 11 March 2012 17:55  
To: Licensing(General)  
Subject: Dam House License Application

F.A.O. Claire Bower

Dear Ms Bower,

I am writing with regard to the licensing application for the Dam House in Crookes Valley Park. Having recently seen some advertising by the new owner of the Dam House, indicating that they are seeking to turn the venue into a cheap drink, student orientated sports/entertainment bar, I am extremely concerned about the knock on affect on the surrounding community and environment.

I live at number [redacted] Harcourt Road and spend a lot of time walking my dog in Crookes Valley Park. I am already concerned about the level of rubbish, broken glass, empty beer cans and needles that litter the park. I can only assume that encouraging additional drinking in the park is going to make this issue considerably worse. I appreciate the owners may try to limit drinking and the inevitable unsociable behaviour that goes with this, to the bar premises, but I think it will be pretty difficult to prevent a spill out into the public park after closing time. Can you assure me that the owners will be taking responsibility for clearing away this additional litter after closing time each night, before I (and a number of other local residents) walk their dogs in the morning?

I am also concerned about the noise levels coming from the premises as sound carries very easily from the park to the houses on Harcourt Road. My understanding is that the new owners have applied for a music licence and that the manager of the bar is in fact a DJ. It seems very strange to position a music venue in the centre of a public park, which is used extensively by the local community for recreation and relaxation. I can't imagine such a bar being considered acceptable in the centre of Endcliffe Park or Graves Park - which instead have family orientated cafes at their heart. Occasional music for special events, such as the Weston Park band stand concerts, is perfectly reasonable - but loud music every night would be unbearable.

I would very much appreciate it if the concerns I have outlined here are taken into account when considering the license application for the Dam House. I would be happy to discuss my concerns in more detail with you if that would be helpful.

Kind Regards,

Rekha Ravichandran  
tel. [redacted]

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**Hollis Georgina (CEX)**

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**From:** Rupert Till [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 March 2012 22:07  
**To:** Bower Claire; Hollis Georgina (CEX); Licensing(General)  
**Subject:** Objection to the Dam House licence application

**Attachments:** Dam House Licence Objection Letter.docx



Dam House Licence  
Objection Le...

Please find attached an objection to the Dam House licence application.

yours,

Rupert Till

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Harcourt Road  
Sheffield  
S10 1DH

Claire Bower  
Licensing Department  
Sheffield City Council

10.03.12

Dear Ms. Bower,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my family to object to the proposed licence for the Dam House bar/restaurant. We are a family whose house backs onto the Crookes Valley Park, and the Dam House is in the park. I would like to strongly oppose the application for a number of reasons.

I am objecting on the basis of

- Public nuisance
- Crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Potential harm to children, pets and environment

#### **Public Nuisance**

My principal objection is in terms of public nuisance. When the Dam House was open previously it caused no end of problems and disturbance. On a regular basis we would be kept up until late at night by customers who had left the Dam House drunk, and who spent hours afterwards partying in the park, swinging on the swings, screaming and shouting, swimming in the lake and urinating in public. We complained numerous times to the 101 phone line, to the council's environmental noise department, and to the police, but it made no difference. Only when the venue closed did the problems stop. Many other residents also complained. We are concerned this licence will cause worse problems.

I am very concerned about the discrepancy between the information supplied by the owner to your Licensing Department about the nature of the planned operation, compared to the marketing being widely distributed. I understand that the owner has given you assurances about the nature of the venture. He claims that this will be a restaurant that will welcome families, "The objective will be to provide an ambient surroundings to the patrons which includes trying to provide a family-friendly environment. The surrounding tranquility is something that will be observed and will be a feature of the Dam House."

This contradicts all the marketing materials and I would like to draw your attention to the advertising for the new Dam House venture, as an indication of its owner's intentions:

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?pid=726932&l=1073c04eb9&id=293570050698995>

[http://www.exposedmagazine.co.uk/news/2012/02/22/Dam\\_House\\_returns\\_to\\_Crookes/](http://www.exposedmagazine.co.uk/news/2012/02/22/Dam_House_returns_to_Crookes/)

<http://twitter.com/#!/DamHouseSheff/status/173722272811593728/photo/1>

What is being suggested is in reality a cross between a students' union and a nightclub.

This is an interview from Exposed Magazine:

'new manager James Travis has clearly set out his intent to shift the focus of the pub to a new, studenty feel, which should feel right at home in the heart of Sheffield University's turf. Boasting free WiFi, Sky Sports, ESPN, PS3 and xBox- they shouldn't go too far wrong.

"It won't be too upmarket," said James, who's promised a cheaper experience than at the previous Dam House, "we're going to be aiming more at students"

James Travis describes himself online as a self-employed DJ for parties and weddings, he is particularly interested in Karaoke. I attach a flyer which has already been distributed on Facebook to advertise the opening night of the establishment and which seems to clearly explain the licensee's aims, 'more bang for your buck', and 'calling time on overpriced food and drinks.' Rather than the 'ambient surroundings,' stated to your department, there are details of a sports bar, with 60-inch TV screens and a FIFA Tournament scheduled on Facebook for 22 March (<http://www.facebook.com/events/266961816705236/>). The flyer advertises 'Karaoke, Ladies night and a DJ'. In addition it says 'Right in the beating heart of Sheffield Uni student turf, and just a stone's throw away from the Students' Union, Dam House offers good, honest, cheap food and drink, every day of the week.' Rather than a serene and family-friendly venue, it again and again appeals to students, inviting them to drink into the early hours there, play video games, watch sport, sing karaoke and dance to a DJ. For the many local families who already have to cope with the noise created by students, this clearly represents a potential further noise nuisance.

Cheap drinks appear to be the venue's primary focus, as their twitter feed indicates, 'remember when you could go out all night for £20?'. It is alcohol, not food that is emphasized, over and over and over again.

In these circumstances, this proposal is likely to cause more problems than it has in the past. I would urge you to investigate and consider previous complaints made to the police and environmental protection about noise nuisance, I understand that this included an inspection and informal warning issued to the venue.

I am not opposing this application simply because of the style of entertainment proposed, all of this information indicates the type of venue that will be opened, and the kind of customer they intend to attract. I have worked for much of my life in nightclubs and students unions, and I know how the customers they intend to attract behave, and thus this is all directly related to the potential for noise

nuisance.

No matter what the licensee says, a venue playing music until 1am with a licence for music and dancing is a nightclub in my book, not a family friendly restaurant. If people are allowed to stay drinking in the Dam House until midnight, any night of the week, it will create problems. In addition the park the Dam House is situated in is a natural amphitheatre, which amplifies the sound from the Dam House, only a 6db rise could double the volume we hear, and that is easily achieved by the acoustics of the space. The park wall opposite our house reflects sound back towards the local residents, and the water in the lake propagates sound particularly well, making sound boom across the space. Having studied acoustics at postgraduate level I am well aware of these issues.

This is a residential area, full of families, not a student hall of residence. I have a young son, and I am sleep deprived enough without being kept awake all night by drunk students in the park. There is no way that the council would allow a licence like this in any of the other Sheffield Parks. You would not allow this kind of venue to open in Millhouses Park, the Botanical Gardens, Rivelin Valley or Endcliffe Park, and none of these parks have residential properties as close to a venue within. The council should not allow this in Crookes Valley Park either. The Dam House is owned by the City Council, it is supposed to be for the good of everyone in the city, not to provide cheap drinks for students.

No matter what noise conditions are applied, every time a door is opened noise will escape, and the licensee will not be able to easily prevent people leaving the venue from causing a disturbance if it is very late and they are drunk. I am not suggesting that the venue should not be allowed to open, but I think it should be operated along the lines of a restaurant, much like the venues permitted in the other city parks. Especially since the council is the owner of the building, this should be possible to enforce.

In particular since the owners claim to be opening a family orientated food venue, yet the manager is advertising free DJ and venue hire, and is a DJ and Karaoke operator, to prevent the venue from holding constant birthday or other parties, the venue should NOT under any circumstances be allowed a licence for dancing.

I would like to demand that the licensing meeting enforce the sensible noise abatement suggestions that the environmental protection department put as conditions for their support for the licence. Having spoken to the officer I know that he is aware of the previous numerous complaints about noise generated by the venue in the past, and like him I think that these are essential requirements. These include:

### Revisions

- Regulated Entertainment Sections; B, C, E, F, G & H to be changed to 'indoors only'; Hours to be reduced to 23:00 finish Sunday to Wednesday, 23:30 midnight finish Thursday to Saturday.
- Provision of Entertainment Facilities Sections; I, J & K to be changed to

'indoors only'; Hours to be reduced to 23:00 finish Sunday to Wednesday, 23:30 midnight finish Thursday to Saturday.

Provision of Late Night Refreshment Section L to be changed to 'indoors only'.

**Conditions**

- Noise or vibration shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.
- The Designated Premises Supervisor or designated member of staff must take a proactive approach to noise control, checking outside the premise to ensure that noise is kept to a reasonable level from patrons using the external area and manage noise levels internally so as to be inaudible at the nearest noise sensitive property.
- All doors and windows shall remain closed, save for access and egress, at all times whenever regulated entertainment is present in the premises, and after 22:00 on all days.
- The premises licence holder shall prominently display notices on all exits reminding patrons to leave the premises in a quite and orderly fashion and to respect the local neighbours' needs.
- Use of the external area is to cease entirely at 23:30 on each day and the holder of the premises licence or the designated premises supervisor is to take steps to advise persons to leave the area and return inside the building from 23:00.
- The doors to the terrace are to be closed for use, excepting in the case of emergency, from 23:30 on all days.

I can see no reason these conditions would not be imposed. They must be written in to the licence, so that the police can then ensure that these conditions are observed. The previous licensee failed to do so.

I would also oppose the idea that this venue should be allowed a late licence of any kind. This is a residential area with residential properties in close proximity, and it would be appropriate under the circumstances for the venue to close at 11pm every night. The idea that the licensee thought that a 1am licence was appropriate on a Thursday night, says a lot about their vision for the Dam House. I would also like to strongly oppose the idea of 48 hours of continuous licencing on New Year's Eve. I oppose in general the granting of a late night refreshment licence (L).

**Crime and disorder**

I am also objecting on the grounds of crime and disorder. The park can become a problematic nocturnal playground for Dam House customers as they leave, especially at the end of the night, accompanied by screaming, shouting and other disruptive behaviour. You can understand drunk students who have just left a bar wanting to do this. The student market this venue's marketing is aimed at are known for litter and petty thefts, for example the lake lifebuoys are often stolen or thrown in the lake, and cans and bottles often litter the park. Turfing out

drunk customers into the park at midnight or 1 am will not help this. The park has been the site of various kinds of illegality, but in particular drunk and disorderly behaviour and breach of the peace. It is likely that such problems will be exacerbated. This is not West Street, and on a Saturday night when we complain about the noise, there are not police nearby who can easily attend, nor who will regularly and easily be able to monitor behaviour. It has also been the site of sexual assaults, thefts and burglaries, and this late licensing will add further to existing problems.

**Public safety:** Many Harcourt Road residents can vouch for the fact that the students who congregate in the park after dark and swim in the lake, especially on warm summers' evenings. It is self-evident that the combination of excessive cheap alcohol and easy access to the deep lake will be extremely hazardous. I am objecting in terms of public safety. The lake has been the site of at least one death by drowning, and has witnessed many rescues. There are no barriers around the lake, which is deeper than it looks. The park is not lit at night, and overall, for a crowd of drunken after hours revelers it would be a health and safety nightmare, especially if this kind of late licence is permitted.

**Potential harm to children and the environment.**

I would also like to object on the basis of potential harm to children and the environment. Like many other local Sheffield residents, as my son grows up I want to be able to take him into the park to play. If the Dam House end of the park becomes a space for cheap drinks and drunken customers, this does not create a safe recreational space for me and my family. I don't want to have to negotiate a park late on a Saturday afternoon, full of students and others drunk on cheap alcohol. I also don't want to see the park full of broken glass and litter, as it has been in the past after Dam House customers had partied through the night. I also don't want adults using the children's playground late at night, damaging and misusing facilities designed for children, spilling alcohol on the slides, and generally causing problems.

There are more than 70 permanent residents living within 50 to 100 yards of the premises, many of these are families with young children. It is not an area solely for students' pleasure, and the University is supposedly trying to improve relations between students and residents, a process this will not help.

I therefore request that the licence be changed so that the general description of the premise states that the Dam House is a restaurant not a 'pub'. I believe this is what the council had in mind when it developed the building, not a students union or sports bar. I also request that the venue should have to close at 11pm every night, as any venue in a residential area might have to. I request that the licence for dancing be not permitted at all (provisions of entertainment G, J and K not be allowed at all).

In addition I would strongly urge that the licence state that all customers of the Dam House who leave the venue after 11pm should leave via Mushroom Lane. This is well lit, safe and will lead customers away from residents, rather than



encouraging them into the park, through the 'patio' or the small gate into the park. The licensee or owner of the venue could be asked to put relevant higher fencing in place, which need not be expensive, and could co-ordinate with park officials to lock the relevant gate(s).

I would be delighted if the Dam House were truly to become a restaurant where I can take my family, where permanent residents, visitors and students can go and have a relaxing drink on an evening, or sunny afternoon, in unique and beautiful surroundings, it would be a great boost to the community. I know that without a licence for dancing, for 1am drinking, for sports competitions or live music, the pudding ladies for example have made a great success of their food venues in Rivelin Valley and Millhouses parks, and this, rather than the Forum by Devonshire Green, should be the model. I hope that the licensee is genuine about opening a food-based family venue, and will be happy to accept such amendments. If so, he could find a friendly, welcoming local community of potential customers, who can help his venue become successful.

I know that once a licence is granted it is very difficult to get it removed. Therefore, I am formally objecting to this application for a license. I would welcome a new or altered application for a family restaurant and an operation more in keeping with the tranquil environs of the park.

Yours

Dr. Rupert Till MA HEAF

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**Bower Claire**

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**From:** SARA MILLS [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2012 10:53  
**To:** Licensing(General)  
**Subject:** Licensing plans at the Dam House, Crookesmoor

Dear sir/madam,

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Best wishes

Sara Mills and family (no [REDACTED] Harcourt Road)

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**Bower Claire**

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**From:** Bower Claire  
**Sent:** 28 February 2012 13:56  
**To:** 'SARA MILLS'  
**Subject:** RE: Licensing plans at the Dam House, Crookesmoor

Dear Ms Mills

Thank you for your email.

I have an update on the Dam House application that you may be interested in.

The applicant came to our reception this morning following queries from ourselves, our noise nuisance officer and one of your local neighbours.

He has provided more information on his intentions for the premises as follows:

"The objective will be to provide an ambient surroundings to the patrons which includes trying to provide a family friendly environment. The surrounding tranquillity is something that will be observed and will be a feature of Dam House.

Any informal queries can be made to me direct on [REDACTED]

I will endeavour to answer any questions that any person may have."

I believe he has also agreed with the noise nuisance officer, a number of conditions that will be attached to his licence specifically to do with ensuring noise breakout does not occur from the premises.

His intention is to distribute additional information to local residents on Harcourt Rd so you may well get a letter through your door.

Once I receive the full agreement from the noise nuisance officer, I will contact you again.

Please let me know if you have any queries - please note, your details have not been passed to the applicant.

Best wishes

Claire

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**Claire Bower**

Principal Licensing Officer, Licensing Services, Business Strategy & Regulation

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Sara Mills and family (no [REDACTED] Harcourt Road)

Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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**From:** Sarah Durling [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 March 2012 15:59  
**To:** Licensing(General)  
**Subject:** the Dam House in Crookes Valley Park; an objection letter

**Attachments:** Dam House objection letter.docx



Dam House  
objection letter.docx

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are sending a letter with our objections to the licensing application for the Dam House. Attached please find our objection letter to be given to the relevant parties to read.

Thank you,  
Sarah Durling

Sarah Durling  
[REDACTED]

Ms. Claire Bower  
Licensing General Section  
Sheffield City Council

Dear Ms. Bower,

I am writing on behalf of the four members of my family who live at 69 Harcourt Road. We would like to register our objections to the proposed licensing of the Dam House, Crookes Valley Park. We form our objections on the basis of these four concerns: Public Nuisance, Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and Potential Harm to Children, Pets and the Environment.

**PUBLIC NUISANCE**

The application for a licence includes many permissions which would seriously impact the residents living directly opposite the Dam House (on Harcourt Road). The noise that would emanate from the building and terrace during opening times is of major concern. The current application, with its late opening hours and live events, promises major disruption during waking hours, childrens' sleeping hours and the sleeping hours of working people. The early opening hours (8 am) sounds like breakfast but in reality, without licensing restrictions, could mean noise, cigarette smoke and inappropriate activity in the park for 16 hours a day.

**CRIME AND DISORDER**

Crookes Valley Park and surrounding parks are already subjects of police attention, due to incidences of robbery and sexual assault. Adding late hours and alcohol to this scenario seems to guarantee an increasingly unsavory environment. We feel strongly that the building be used and not be a derelict site of drug use and other crime. But allowing a bar that sells cheap drinks to operate "late at night" in the middle of a park seems irresponsible.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

The life-saving equipment is routinely thrown into the lake, making it inaccessible to anyone who may need it. The likelihood of someone needing it is greater if there are inebriated people who don't have to wake up in the morning walking and running around the lake in the dark. The lake has frozen over for several winters in a row; the life-saver rings can usually be found floating on the ice, far away from where someone might need them.

**POTENTIAL FOR HARM TO CHILDREN, PETS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

On any weekend day the playground is full of children and families. Crookes Valley Park playground is particularly attractive to residents from all over Sheffield due to its proximity to the Weston Park Museum and the bandstand. It is also the neighborhood playground for dozens of children. Likewise the park is the neighborhood park for many dog-walkers, runners and enjoyers of nature in general. Broken glass and litter are already an issue here. We don't need the added impact of a new establishment would have on this environment.



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Sheffield is one of the greenest cities in England. Why would we want to turn one of its loveliest parks into an outdoor bar? In none of the other parks in Sheffield do you find a venue where drinks are served until 11:30 pm. Some might justify that by saying that this is in a student-dense area and therefore a "student bar" is appropriate in this park. We object strongly to that argument, as there are many families, children and working people in this community. Furthermore, the students who live in this area benefit greatly from there being a beautiful park nearby.

We thank you for considering this and all letters pertaining to the re-opening of the Dam House. We hope you will see it, as we do, as a potentially positive feature in our neighborhood.

Claire Bower - Principal Licensing Officer  
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9<sup>th</sup> March 2012

The Dam House (Crookes Valley Park)

Dear Ms Bower,

The Friends of Crookesmoor Parks are a group of Crookesmoor residents with an interest in utilising, maintaining, improving and protecting our local parks, which are Weston Park, The Ponderosa and Crookes Valley Park. We are writing to you regarding The Dam House in Crookes Valley Park. As we are sure you are aware, The Dam House has been shut for some months now, which is obviously not an ideal situation. Therefore, we are delighted that there are new leaseholders in place and that The Dam House may shortly reopen. We welcome this. However, we are very concerned about the promotional material that we have seen advertising The Dam House, because we do not believe that the proposed usage of this building is compatible with the interests of park users. It appears that the new leaseholders are promoting cheap drinks and have applied for late night licences. We have several concerns about the combination of cheap alcohol aimed at a young market and extended drinking hours, which we outline below.

**Safety**

It is inevitable that young (and some not so young) adults with the option to buy cheap alcohol late into the night will end up drunk and make decisions that could put the safety of themselves and others into jeopardy. For example, what happens if they decide to swim in the boating lake, which is both very deep (~40feet) and very cold? What about if they decide to try skating on the ice in the winter months? The lake is often frozen over in winter, but rarely with thick enough ice to bare somebody's weight. What if they play with/remove the life-saving rings placed around the lake? The lake is not our only safety concern. Unfortunately, much of the park is poorly lit and inebriated customers are at risk of serious assault when they leave the park late at night. Sexual and violent attacks in the park have taken place in recent years, and anybody with impaired judgement is clearly more vulnerable than somebody who has not been drinking long into the night. Furthermore, people are more at risk if a late night licence is granted because more people will be leaving the venue alone or in small numbers over a period of several hours, than if they left en masse at an earlier closing time.



*The wellbeing of the park*

We are also concerned that by granting late night licences the risk of damage/vandalism and general littering of the park will dramatically increase. The Dam House has a terraced area that overlooks the boating lake, but there is nothing to stop customers 'spilling over' into the rest of the park. Therefore, we are worried that a consequence of late night licences being granted will be that bottles/glasses/other rubbish will end up being littered around the park. This will (i) be unsightly, (ii) be a potential safety risk, when bottles get smashed and (iii) could have adverse effects on the wildlife, especially around the lake. We note that the boating lake is a target site under Sheffield CC's Wetlands Biodiversity Action Plan (see <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/out--about/parks-woodlands--countryside/ecology-service/biodiversity-action-plans/draft-2011-biodiversity-action-plans.html>).

It isn't clear whether the tidying of mess left outside The Dam House premises by its customers would then be the responsibility of The Dam House or of the Parks & Countryside team that take care of the parks in the area. The latter can ill afford to make additional manpower available to deal with this problem. Similarly, the risk of vandalism will increase if late licences are granted; for example benches and bins could end up being thrown into the lake. Again, it doesn't seem very likely that the Dam House leaseholders could be held accountable if their clients participate in this type of antisocial behaviour.

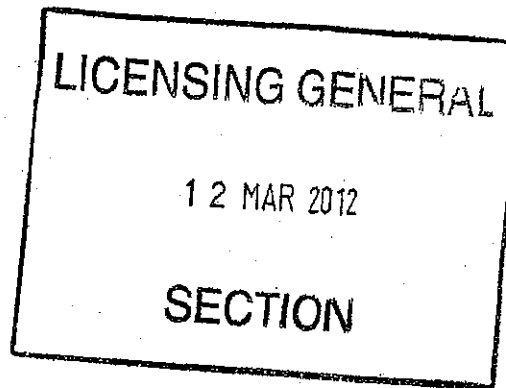
With the above concerns in mind, we urge the Licensing Team to only grant a licence under fairly strict restrictions. In particular, we request that the closing time is 1100PM on Sunday-Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday. We also request that the outside area can only be used until 1000PM on every night of the week, as we feel that adverse effects on the park are most likely to arise when customers are drinking outside. We should stress that we are pleased to see The Dam House reopen, as we feel it has lots to offer the park and its users. For example, if it were to provide a family friendly environment and sell meals/ice creams/coffees etc in the daytime, in a relaxed and welcoming environment, it would make the Park an even more attractive place to visit.

Yours faithfully

The Friends of Crookesmoor Parks



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Licensing General Section  
Place Portfolio, Sheffield City Council  
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Sheffield, S9 3HD



9<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Dear Ms Bower

I am writing on behalf of Harcourt Community Action regarding the licence application for the Dam House in Crookes Valley Park. Harcourt Community Action represents over 70 active members, all of whom are permanent local residents, and includes many families.

We oppose the application in its current form on the following grounds:

- Public nuisance
- Crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Potential harm to children, pets and environment

### **Public nuisance**

Under the current licensing conditions, the Dam House has caused significant disturbance to residents in the past, in particular those whose houses back onto the park. This has been due to noise from customers and music emanating from the venue, as well as noise from people leaving the premises, subsequent disorderly behaviour in the park, and parties continuing after closing time. The use of the main door to access the terrace for smoking and drinking means that it will be impossible to contain the sound of the music inside the building, as experience has shown in the past. The application if successful would allow music (live and recorded) to be played every day and night of the week, potentially from early in the morning until late at night. This would cause a real nuisance for residents and park users alike, particularly on warm days when it is unlikely that doors and windows will remain closed. The promotion of the Dam House as a sports bar/karaoke/party venue with free room hire and DJ means that the music will be really loud, rather than background music that would be more fitting for a "bar/restaurant with a focus on dining", the desired function as recommended in the Environmental Protection Officer's email, (please see enclosure 1) or a "family friendly venue, primarily a restaurant" as portrayed by the owner.

**Crime and disorder**

There have been a significant number of assaults, muggings and robberies in Crookes Valley Park. The area is unlit, and cannot be seen easily by passersby. We feel the combination of late opening hours and the promotion of cheap alcohol increases the risk of these incidents, with inebriated young people walking or hanging around in the park, especially if they are alone. Some residents have had their houses and sheds broken into by thieves accessing their property from the park side. Others have had their garden walls, gates and fences scaled by people trying to access the street from the park, and vice versa. These problems will be made much worse by the Dam House encouraging young people to drink cheaply until late at night. However, these issues should be less likely to worsen if the Dam House operates primarily as a restaurant, and as a family friendly venue, and is granted licensing hours more suited to that function.

**Public Safety**

At least one person has drowned in the lake (June 2010) and several have had to be rescued, as it is very deep in places. It is crucial therefore that the life saving equipment is operational at all times. However, this is regularly displaced and tampered with. The park is not at all an appropriate environment for a late night student bar. There is a major concern that young people, fuelled by cheap alcoholic drinks, will come to harm falling in, being pushed in or trying to skate on the lake.

**Potential harm to children, pets and environment**

Broken glass, as well as litter, is a major problem in the park and poses a danger for children and dog walkers. We think this will be made worse by a high number of customers spilling over from the terrace area, as well as continuing to party in the park after the pub has closed, particularly in the children's play area.

**Our position**

We welcome the Dam House re-opening as a 'bar/restaurant with a focus on dining' as intended by the council when developing the once derelict building, and it is in our interest for it to succeed. However, it's application for late opening hours and marketing strategy to attract students in the main with cheap alcohol, live music, karaoke, ladies nights and sporting events is not appropriate in this park setting, in a residential area. We question the ethics and integrity of stating that the venue will be primarily a restaurant, (in person at the Licensing Office 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (please see copy email, enclosure 2) whilst all the marketing shows clearly that this will not be the case. (Please see marketing material attached, enclosures 3, 4 & 5). If the owner is indeed aiming to run a family friendly, food-led venue, there is no requirement for the late licence and for many of the other licence terms requested. We thank the Environmental Protection Officer for his support so far in acknowledging the history of

complaints from local residents under the previous licence, and for the revisions and conditions that he has put forward, as follows:

- Regulated Entertainment Sections; B, C, E, F, G & H to be changed to 'indoors only'; Hours to be reduced to 23:00 finish Sunday to Wednesday, 23:30 finish Thursday to Saturday;
- Provision of Entertainment Facilities Sections; I, J & K to be changed to 'indoors only'; Hours to be reduced to 23:00 finish Sunday to Wednesday, 23:30 finish Thursday to Saturday;
- Provision of Late Night Refreshment Section L to be changed to 'indoors only'.

**Important note** – The EPO's email recommends Regulated Entertainment and Provision of Entertainment Facilities to finish at "11.30 midnight". We have assumed this means 11.30pm, as above, but this needs to be clarified.

- Noise or vibration shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties;
- The Designated Premises Supervisor or designated member of staff must take a pro-active approach to noise control, checking outside the premise to ensure that noise is kept to a reasonable level from patrons using the external area and manage noise levels internally so as to be inaudible at the nearest noise sensitive property;
- All doors and windows shall remain closed, save for access and egress, at all times whenever regulated entertainment is present in the premises, and after 22:00 on all days;
- The premises licence holder shall prominently display notices on all exits reminding patrons to leave the premises in a quiet and orderly fashion and to respect the local neighbours' needs;
- Use of the external area is to cease entirely at 23:30 on each day and the holder of the premises licence or the designated premises supervisor is to take steps to advise persons to leave the area and return inside the building from 23:00;
- The doors to the terrace are to be closed for use, excepting in the case of emergency, from 23:30 on all days.

We would need these additional conditions agreed and enshrined in the licence before we could support this application:

- That the venue be operated so as not to cause a nuisance to local residents;
- That egress from the venue at night is not permitted onto the park side after 10pm, and that all customers should exit onto Dam House lane, in the direction of Mushroom Lane;
- That the venue closes at 11pm Sunday - Thursday, and 12am on Friday and Saturday;
- That live and recorded music ceases at 10.30pm Sunday - Thursday, and 11pm on Friday and Saturday;
- That the use of the external area is to cease entirely by 10.30pm each day.

The opening hours that we have put forward should not pose an issue for the Dam House, as the manager reassures us in the note he delivered to Harcourt Road residents



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that "despite the fact that the licence states we can play music indoors until 1am, the music **will not** continue after 11pm". (Please see enclosure 6). We appreciate this confirmation but need the reassurance of it being written into the licence.

We note that some of the revisions have been changed only in part on the licence application. All categories should be changed to the agreed times, which currently is as the EPO's recommendation. As Friday is a working day for us, we propose that Thursday's licensing times should be the same as Sunday-Wednesday. We oppose the excessive request for 48 hours of opening from 8am New Year's Eve to midnight New Year's day, these hours should be substantially reduced.

One of the main issues that has led to numerous complaints to 101, Environmental Protection, the police and the previous licensee, was the noise and disruption caused by intoxicated people partying in the park after leaving the premises. If customers were to exit **only** onto Dam House Lane in the direction of Mushroom Lane after 10pm this should dramatically reduce the potential for public nuisance, which would benefit the management, local residents, the park rangers as well as Environmental Protection and the Police service.

We trust that the Licensing department will seriously consider our concerns when processing this application.

Yours sincerely

Harcourt Community Action

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**Subject:** FW: Premises Licence Application - Dam House

**From:** Pates Neal <Neal.Pates@sheffield.gov.uk>

**Date:** 29/02/2012 13:18

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** "Licensing(General)" <General.Licensing@sheffield.gov.uk>, Bower Claire <Claire.Bower@sheffield.gov.uk>

Dear Rupert & Lorraine,

I am pleased to tell you that the measures below have just been agreed by the applicant and that, subject to this being formalised via the licensing service, I shall be withdrawing my objection to the application.

Best Regards,

Neal Pates

Environmental Protection Officer  
Sheffield City Council

Tel: (0114) 205 3588

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**From:** Pates Neal

**Sent:** 29 February 2012 11:35

**To:**

**Cc:** Bower Claire; Licensing(General)

**Subject:** RE: Premises Licence Application - Dam House

**Importance:** High

**RE: Premises Licence Application - Dam House Bar & Restaurant, Mushroom Lane, SHEFFIELD S3 7NZ**

**Date:** 15 Feb 2012

**Licensing Ref:** 37921

**EPS REF:** 447848/NEP

**This emailed representation is made in accordance with the agreement with the Licensing Authority on the 18th October 2006 to accept representations by email.**

Dear Messrs Sangha & Bains,

Thank you for your recent telephone call; I am sorry I was not able to discuss this application with you in person on that occasion. I am now happy to formalise my representation as Responsible Authority for the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The Dam House is situated in Crooks Valley Park, a highly used and valued recreational space in the city. It is also close to a number of residential properties on Harcourt Road. Environmental Protection has a history of complaints under the previous licence from local residents, involving noise from regulated entertainment and the use of external areas of the premises. The current application seeks to extend the provisions of the previous Premises Licence to include Late Night Refreshment and Regulated Entertainment in both internal and external areas of the premises. It also seeks to have all such activities licensed until midnight and beyond.

I am of the opinion that such extensions to the previous licence afford the potential for operations to change and evolve away from the desired function as a Bar/Restaurant with a focus on dining, and that such changes would give rise to an undesirable potential for public nuisance due to noise associated with licensable activities occurring in outdoor areas, and noise breakout from late evening regulated entertainment events.

**On this basis I must advise you of my objection to this application in its current form.**

However, as the current applicant you have stated a desire to continue to operate the premises as a food-based



establishment, and conceded that the outdoor uses can be dispensed with in terms of the day to day operation of the premises. I would therefore like to propose that the current application be revised to reflect the following changes, and that the following conditions be included.

Revisions

- Regulated Entertainment Sections; B, C, E, F, G & H to be changed to 'indoors only'; Hours to be reduced to 23:00 finish Sunday to Wednesday, 23:30 midnight finish Thursday to Saturday.
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Conditions

1. Noise or vibration shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.
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5. Use of the external area is to cease entirely at 23:30 on each day and the holder of the premises licence or the designated premises supervisor is to take steps to advise persons to leave the area and return inside the building from 23:00.
6. The doors to the terrace are to be closed for use, excepting in the case of emergency, from 23:30 on all days.

If the above recommendations are acceptable, and the application is revised in accordance with the above, I shall be pleased to withdraw my objection to this application.

If there are any aspects of these recommendations that you wish to discuss, or find unacceptable for any reason, I shall be happy to be contacted directly to discuss alternative controls.

Best Regards,

Neal Pates

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Subject: Dam House application

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 28/02/2012 17:18

To: claire.bower@sheffield.gov.uk

CC: neal.pates@sheffield.gov.uk

Hello Claire

Thanks for taking the time to talk to me earlier. This is the link to the article in Exposed Magazine.

[http://www.exposedmagazine.co.uk/news/2012/02/22/Dam\\_House\\_returns\\_to\\_Crookes/](http://www.exposedmagazine.co.uk/news/2012/02/22/Dam_House_returns_to_Crookes/)

I have also attached 2 flyers that were found on twitter.

I really appreciate that you were hoping I might feel a bit better after your visit from the owner of the Dam House. As you can see there is nothing that points to it being primarily a restaurant, or a family-orientated establishment in any way. It does seem that what the Dam House is advertising is very different to the information he is giving in support of his application, which I'm sure is being documented.

Thank you for your help.

Kind regards

Lorraine Moshiri

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Attachments:

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# Looking for something different from your local?

Open from Friday 9th March, the Dam House will boast Sky Sports & ESPN, free Wi-Fi, and when there is no sport to entertain you, why not come and test your FIFA skills on one of our 60 inch screens?

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## What else is on offer?

- Karaoke
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- FIFA Tournaments
- Free Private Room Hire & DJ

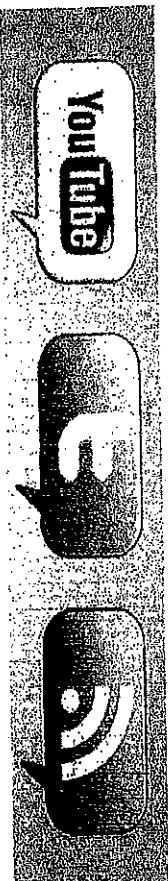
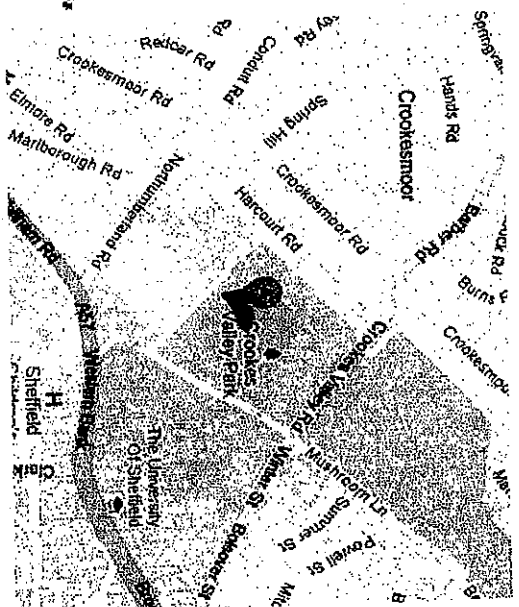
We're also interested in hearing from you about what you want from us, so find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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Tel: 07702312356

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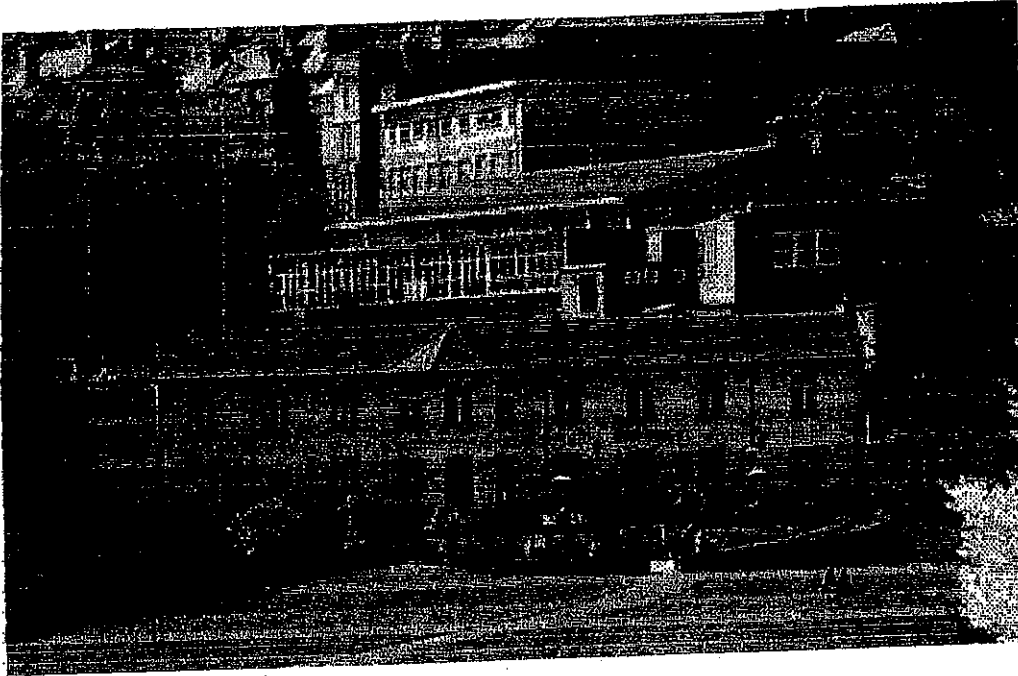


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22nd Feb 2012



**Rising from the ashes, like the proverbial Steel City Phoenix- Crookes' favourite pub is back!**

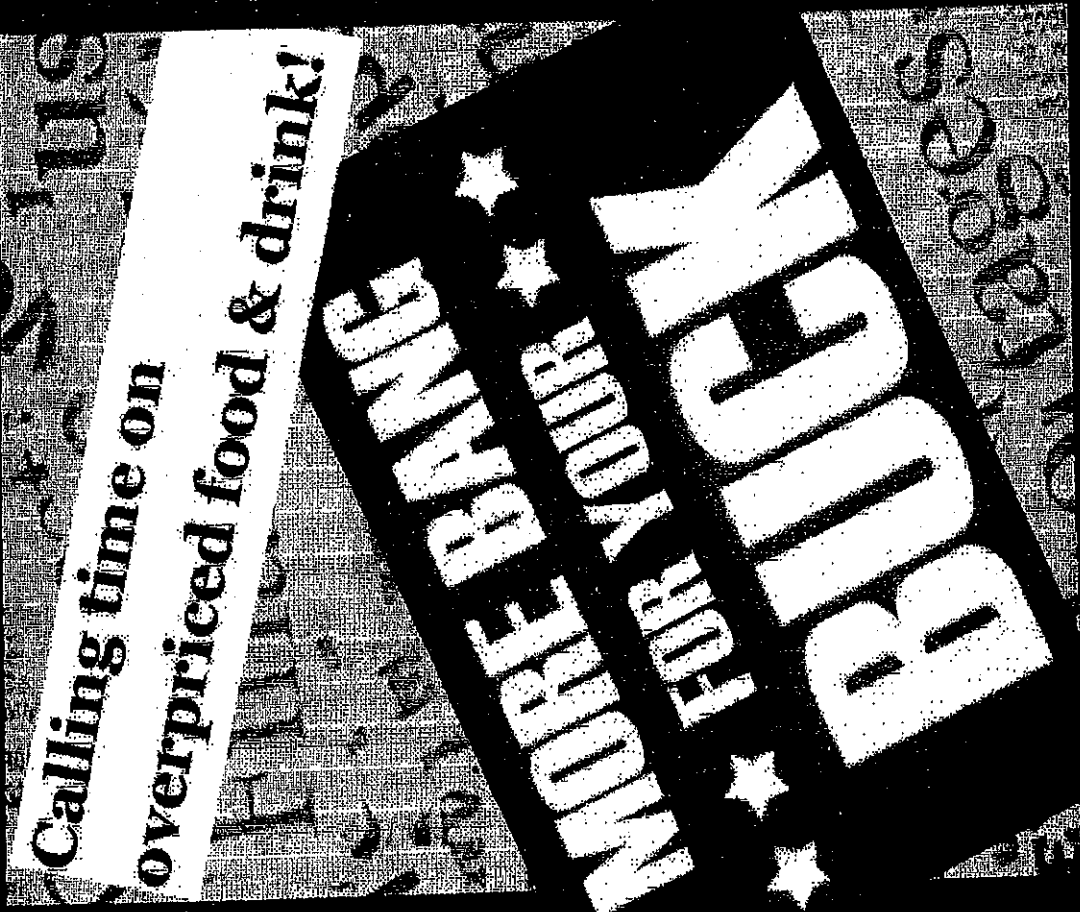
It opens on March 9th, and new manager James Travis has clearly set out his intent to shift the focus of the pub to a new, studenty feel, which should feel right at home in the heart of Sheffield University's turf. Boasting free WiFi, Sky Sports, ESPN, PS3 and xBox- they shouldn't go too far wrong.

"It won't be too upmarket," said James, who's promised a cheaper experience than at the previous Dam House, "we're going to be aiming more at students". He's also orchestrating a FIFA tournament to take place on March 22nd- £5 students (£6 if you don't have that privilege), winner takes £100 cash! Think you have the skillz to pay the billz? Get in contact with James on 07702 312356 or find them on Twitter for further information.

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Dear neighbour,

My name is James Travis and I am the new manager for the Dam House bar/restaurant, which if you did not know is due to re-open March 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure any worried local residents that the venue will not be used as a nightclub, contrary to rumors. Rather, our main objective is to provide ambient surroundings for the Patrons of Sheffield to enjoy, which includes trying to provide a family friendly environment.

It is true that we will be more affordable than the venue has been in the past, and will welcome families, professionals, and students alike. We hope to become a family-favourite eating establishment for the Patrons of Crookes and Sheffield as a whole. Please accept a personal invite to the opening - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, when weather permitting we will offer a free BBQ to all our customers from 4pm onwards.

We have liaised with Neal Pates from Environmental Protection so that no music will be played outside of the venue at any time of the day or night and the surrounding tranquility is something that will be preserved by the Dam House management. Also, despite the fact that the license states we can play music indoors until 1am, the music will not continue after 11pm.

If you have any further concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 07702312356 or call 07884432287.

Best regards

Dam House Management Team.

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Hollis Georgina (CEX)

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Address required



From: Licensing (General)  
Sent: 13 March 2012 08:53  
To: 'ellie hurrell'  
Subject: RE: Dam House Licence Application

Address provided  
16/3/12.

Importance: High

Dear Ms Hurrell,

Thank you for your representation in relation to the recent application for the grant of a premises licence for the above premises.

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I look forward to receiving your home address details, this information is required before or on 14th March 2012.

Please ensure that your response is sent to [general.licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:general.licensing@sheffield.gov.uk) as I am on leave from tomorrow.

Kind Regards

Georgina

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-----Original Message-----

From: ellie hurrell [REDACTED]  
Sent: 12 March 2012 22:49  
To: Licensing(General)  
Subject: Dam House Licence Application

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Yours sincerely,

Eleanor Hurrell

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**Rhodes Emma (CEX)**

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**From:** ellie hurrell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 March 2012 20:43  
**To:** Licensing(General)  
**Subject:** Re: Dam House Licence Application  
**Importance:** High

To whom it may concern,

I've just got this email from Georgina (didn't check it for a couple of days unfortunately) so I'm guessing my reply is too late, but just in case, my address is [REDACTED] Harcourt Road, S10 1DH.

> From: General.Licensing@sheffield.gov.uk  
> To: ellie [REDACTED]  
> Subject: RE: Dam House Licence Application  
> Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2012 08:53:02 +0000

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> Georgina

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> Yours sincerely,

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> Eleanor Hurrell

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# Appendix 'D'



**Notice of hearing of representations  
in respect of the following application:  
LA03 Premises Licence Application**

Mr Kamaljit Singh Sangha & Mr Simrun Badh  
14 Woodseats  
Grenoside  
Sheffield  
S35 8RU

The Sheffield City Council being the licensing authority, on the **13 February 2012** received your application in respect of the premises known as **Dam House, Mushroom Lane, Sheffield, S3 7NZ.**

During the consultation period, the Council received representations from the following:

- Health and Safety
- Local Residents

on the likely effect of this application on the promotion of the licensing objectives, should it be granted.

The Council now **GIVES YOU NOTICE** that representations will be considered at a hearing to be held in a meeting room at Sheffield City Council, The Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH, on the **3 April 2012 at 11am**; following which the Council will issue a notice of determination of the application.

The documents which accompany this notice are the relevant representations which have been made, as defined in Section 35(5) of the Act.

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Dated:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
The officer appointed for this purpose  
Licensing Officer, Development Services

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**Notice of hearing of representations  
in respect of the following application:  
LA03 Premises Licence Application**

Mr Steve Pitts  
2-10 Carbrook Hall Road  
Sheffield  
S9 2DB

The Sheffield City Council being the licensing authority, on the **13 February 2012** received an application in respect of the premises known as **Dam House, Mushroom Lane, Sheffield, S3 7NZ.**

During the consultation period, the Council received representations from the following:

- Health & Safety
- Local Residents

on the likely effect of this application on the promotion of the licensing objectives, should it be granted.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notice of hearing of representations  
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LA03 Premises Licence Application**

The Objector

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Dated:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

The officer appointed for this purpose  
Licensing Officer, Development Services

Please address any communications to: Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council Block C, Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road Sheffield S9 3GZ.

# Appendix 'E'



**Notice of hearing of representations  
in respect of the following application:  
LA03 Premises Licence Application**

Mr Kamaljit Singh Sangha & Mr Simrun Badh  
14 Woodseats  
Grenoside  
Sheffield  
S35 8RU

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Dated:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

The officer appointed for this purpose  
Licensing Officer, Development Services

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**Right of attendance, assistance and representation**

15. Subject to regulations 14(2) and 25, a party may attend the hearing and may be assisted or represented by any person whether or not that person is legally qualified.

**Representations and supporting information**

16. At the hearing a party shall be entitled to –
- (a) in response to a point upon which the authority has given notice to a party that it will want clarification under regulation 7(1)(d), give further information in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable),
  - (b) if given permission by the authority, question any other party; and
  - (c) address the authority

**Failure of parties to attend the hearing**

20. – (1) If a party has informed the authority that he does not intend to attend or be represented at a hearing, the hearing may proceed in his absence.
- (2) If a party who has not so indicated fails to attend or be represented at a hearing the authority may:–
- (a) where it considers it to be necessary in the public interest, adjourn the hearing to a specified date, or
  - (b) hold the hearing in the party's absence.
- (3) Where the authority holds the hearing in the absence of a party, the authority shall consider at the hearing the application, representations or notice made by that party.
- (4) Where the authority adjourns the hearing to a specified date it must forthwith notify the parties of the date, time and place to which the hearing has been adjourned.

**Procedure at hearing**

21. Subject to the provisions of the Regulations, the authority shall determine the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
22. At the beginning of the hearing, the authority shall explain to the parties the procedure which it proposes to follow at the hearing and shall consider any request made by a party under regulation 8(2) for permission for another person to appear at the hearing, such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.
23. A hearing shall take the form of a discussion led by the authority and cross-examination shall not be permitted unless the authority considers that cross-examination is required for it to consider the representations, application or notice as the case may require.
24. The authority must allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to exercise their rights provided for at regulation 16.
25. The authority may require any person attending the hearing who in their opinion is behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing and may –
- (a) refuse to permit that person to return, or
  - (b) permit him to return only on such conditions as the authority may specify, but such a person may, before the end of the hearing, submit to the authority in writing any information which they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave.

**Licensing Act 2003 – Hearing Procedure – Regulation 7 (1)**

This procedure has been drawn up in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 to assist those parties attending Licensing Committee hearings.

1. The hearing before the Council is Quasi Judicial.
  2. The Chair of the Licensing Committee will introduce the Committee and ask officers to introduce themselves.
  3. The Chair will ask the applicants to formally introduce themselves.
  4. The Solicitor to the Committee will outline the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
  5. Hearing Procedure:-
    - (a) The Licensing Officer will introduce the report.
    - (b) Questions concerning the report can be asked both by Members and the applicant.
    - (c) The Licensing Officer will introduce in turn representatives for the Responsible Authority and Interested Parties who will be asked to detail their relevant representations.
    - (d) Members may ask questions of those parties
    - (e) With the leave of the Chair the applicant or his representative may cross examine the representatives of the Responsible Authorities and Interested Parties.
    - (f) The applicant/licensee (or his/her nominated representative) will then be asked to:-
      - (i) detail the application;
      - (ii) provide clarification on the application and respond to the representations made.
    - (g) The applicant/licensee (or his/her nominated representative) may then be asked questions by members and with the leave of the Chair from the other parties present.
    - (h) The applicant will then be given the opportunity to sum up the application.
    - (i) The Licensing Officer will then detail the options.
    - (j) There will then be a private session for members to take legal advice and consider the application.
  6. The decision of the Licensing Committee will be given in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and regulations made there under.
- NB:
- 1) At any time in the Licensing Process Members of the Committee may request legal advice from the Solicitor to the Committee. This advice may be given in open session or in private.
  - 2) The Committee Hearing will be held in public unless and in accordance with the Regulations the Committee determine that the public should be excluded.



**LICENSING ACT 2003**

Premises: Dam House  
Type of App: LA03\_Premises Licence Application  
Hearing Date: 3 April 2012

Form LAR 1  
Regulation 8

**Notice of actions following receipt of notice of hearing**

To **Licensing Service,  
Sheffield City Council  
Block C Staniforth Road Depot  
Staniforth Road  
Sheffield  
S9 3HD**

I **Mr Kamaljit Singh Sangha & Mr Simrun Badh**

Of **14 Woodseats  
Grenoside  
Sheffield  
S35 8RU**

hereby confirm that I have received the Notice of Hearing dated and notify you as follows  
**(please complete):**

I intend to attend the hearing

I do not intend to attend the hearing

I intend to be represented at the hearing by: .....

I do not intend to be represented at the hearing by:.....

I consider the hearing to be unnecessary because: .....

.....

I request that .....should appear at the hearing and set out below the point or points on which this person may be able to assist the authority in relation to this application, representations or notice of the party making the request.

Dated: ..... Signed.....

**Please see Regulation 8 overleaf**

Please complete this form and return it to:  
Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council, Block C Staniforth Road Depot, Staniforth Road, Sheffield, S9 3HD.

## Regulation 8

- (1) A party shall give to the authority within the period of time provided for in the following provisions of this regulation a notice stating –
  - (a) whether he intends to attend or be represented at the hearing;
  - (b) whether he considers a hearing to be unnecessary
- (2) In a case where a party wishes any other person (other than the person he intends to represent him at the hearing) to appear at the hearing, the notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain a request for permission for such other person to appear at the hearing accompanied by details of the name of that person and a brief description of the point or points on which that person may be able to assist the authority in relation to the application, representations or notice of the party making the request.
- (3) In the case of a hearing under –
  - (a) section 48(3)(a) (cancellation of interim authority notice following police objection), or
  - (b) section 105(2)(a) (counter notice following police objection to temporary event notice),

the party shall give the notice no later than one working day before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.

- (4) In the case of a hearing under –
  - (a) section 167(5)(a) (review of premises licence following closure order),
  - (b) paragraph 4(3)(a) of Schedule 8 (determination of application for conversion of existing licence), paragraph 16(3)(a) of Schedule 8 (determination of application for conversion of existing club certificate)
  - (c) paragraph 26(3)(a) of Schedule 8 (determination of application by holder of justices' licence for grant of personal licence),

the party shall give the notice no later than two working days before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.

- (5) In any other case, the party shall give the notice no later than five working days before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.