



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Licensing Sub Committee Report



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

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**Date:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 10:00AM

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**Subject:** Licensing Act 2003

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**Author of Report:** Georgina Hollis

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**Summary:** To consider an application to grant a premises licence made under the Licensing Act 2003.

Aslan Go Local, 218 West Street, Sheffield, S1 4EU

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**Recommendations:** That members carefully consider the representations made and take such steps, as the Sub 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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**REPORT OF THE CHIEF LICENSING OFFICER**  
**(HEAD OF LICENSING) TO THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**  
**LICENSING ACT 2003**

Ref No 36/16

**Aslan Go Local, 218 West Street, Sheffield, S1 4EU**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To consider an application for the grant of a premises licence made under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

**2.0 THE APPLICATION**

2.1 The applicant is Mr Nizamettin Birgul.

2.2 The application, which was received on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, is attached to this report labelled Appendix 'A'. Any blank pages have been omitted to save paper, but the original application will be available at the hearing.

**3.0 REASONS FOR REFERRAL**

3.1 Representations concerning the application have been received from the following and are attached at Appendix B:-

- 1 Objection on behalf of 'SCCRAG' – Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group
- 1 Objection from Communities 'DACT' – Drugs & Alcohol Co-ordination Team
- 1 Local Business
- 4 Public Objections

3.2 There are no outstanding representations from any Responsible Authority.

3.3 The applicant and all objectors have been invited to attend the hearing. Copies of the front page of the notices are attached to this report labelled Appendix 'C'

**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 'C'.

6.3 Attached at Appendix 'C' 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 Sub Committee consider appropriate 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

9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

# Appendix A

The Application

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

(1) SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## 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

(2) I/We NIZAMETTIN BIRGUL

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 "ASLAN GO LOCAL" 218 WEST STREET	
Post town SHEFFIELD	Post code S1 4EU

Telephone number at premises (if any)

SEE AGENT

Non-domestic rateable value of premises

### 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

- 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  
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Current postal address if different from premises address

Post town     Post code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

**Part 3 - Operating Schedule**

When do you want the premises licences to start?

Day	Month	Year
12	05	2016

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)

SMALL CONVENIENCE STORE WISHING TO  
ADD SALE OF ALCOHOL TO BUSINESS  
PRODUCTS

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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**SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT** (if 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

Post town  Post code

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)



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**

**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)
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 the provision of late night refreshment (please read guidance note 4)
Wed			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			
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

**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)
Day	Start	Finish	On the premises <input type="checkbox"/> Off the premises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	0700	0300	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4)
Tue	0700	0300	
Wed	0700	0300	
Thur	0700	0300	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)
Fri	0700	0300	
Sat	0700	0300	
Sun	0700	0300	

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

Name **FAHRETTIN ASCAN** (0 [REDACTED])  
 Address **12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], SHEFFIELD**  
 Post code **S3 [REDACTED]**  
 Personal Licence number (if known) **54 [REDACTED] PER**  
 Issuing licensing authority (if known)

**N**

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)

NONE

**O**

**Hours premises are open to the public**

Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	0700	0300
Tue	0700	0300
Wed	0700	0300
Thur	0700	0300
Fri	0700	0300
Sat	0700	0300
Sun	0700	0300

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)

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**LICENSING OBJECTIVES**

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

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

Staff to be fully aware of the Objectives and diligently adhere to the below mentioned steps :-

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

CCTV in accordance with Police requirements including retaining each day's images for at least 30 days and producing to Police or other Authorities when requested. Staff to be trained to retrieve images. Challenge 25 scheme with Notices displayed at entrance to shop and adjacent to till area. No persons to congregate inside or outside premises. Refusal Book to be kept and produced when requested by Authorities. Staff to be kept trained.

c) Public safety

Fire Risk assessment to be formulated. Health and Safety issues to be addressed. No persons to congregate inside or outside shop.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

No persons to congregate outside shop. At the end of each day's business the area directly outside shop to be cleared of litter.

e) The protection of children from harm

Challenge 25 scheme adopted with Notices displayed at entrance and in till area of shop. No children to congregate either inside or outside shop. The DPS to be responsible for any child issues. Staff to be kept trained regarding any such issues. Special attention by staff regarding 'Agent Sales'.

Please tick ✓ yes

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- 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

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**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**

**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 COLIN BELL

Date 12.04.16

Capacity AGENT

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)	
COLIN BELL LICENSING CONSULTANT 7 HOWBROOK CLOSE HIGHT GREEN SHEFFIELD	
Post town	SHEFFIELD
Post code	S35 4JD
Telephone number (if any) 07748710141	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional) bellbird@hotmail.com	

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

I [full name of prospective premises supervisor]  
FAHRETTIN ASLAN

of [home address of prospective premises supervisor]  
12 [REDACTED]  
SHEFFIELD [REDACTED]

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

[type of application] PREMISES LICENCE SALE OF ALCOHOL

by

[name of applicant] NIZAMETTIN BIRGUL

relating to a premises licence

[number of existing licence, if any]

for

[name and address of premises to which the application relates]  
" ASLAN GO LOCAL "  
218 WEST STREET  
SHEFFIELD S1 4EU

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


[name of applicant] NIZAMETTIN BIRGUL

concerning the supply of alcohol at

[name and address of premises to which application relates]  
" ASLAN GO LOCAL "  
218 WEST STREET  
SHEFFIELD S1 4EU

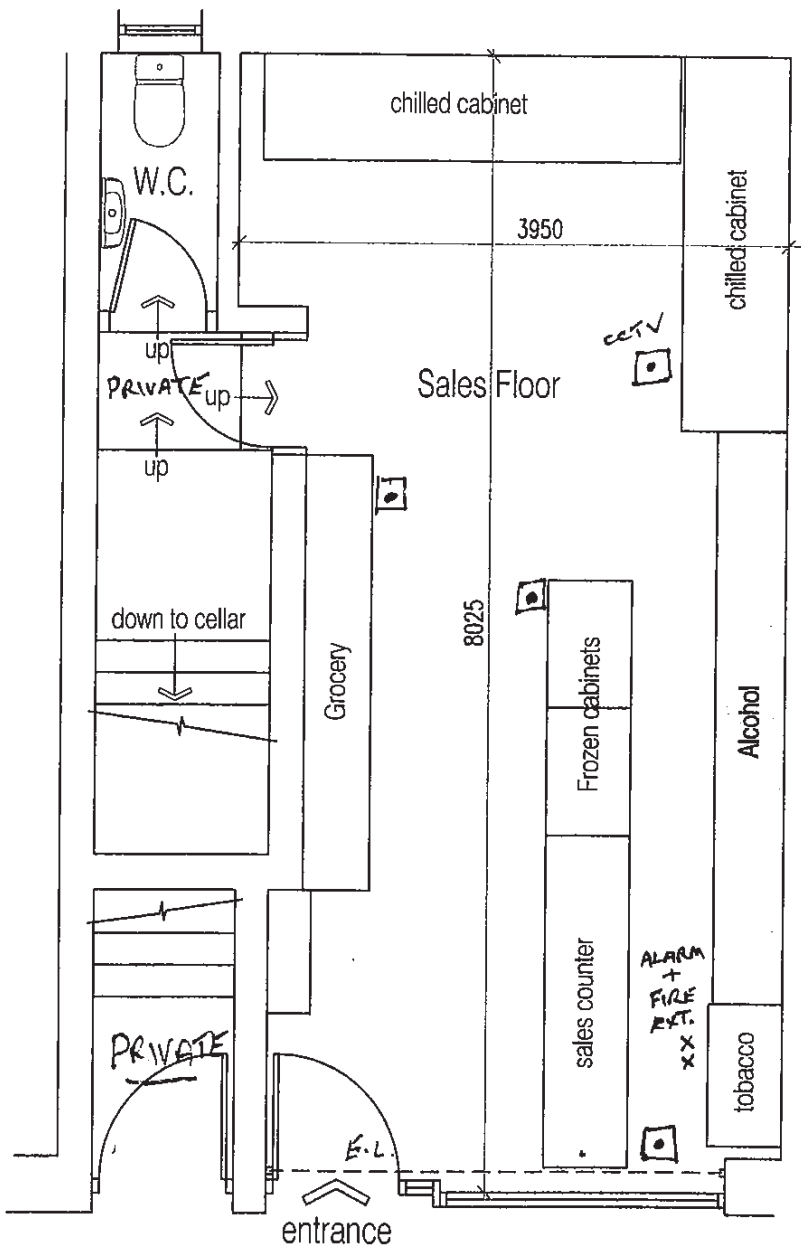
I also confirm that I am applying for, intend to apply for or currently hold a personal licence, details of which I set out below.

Personal licence number [insert personal licence number, if any]	SY [REDACTED] PER
Personal licence issuing authority	SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL
[insert name and address and telephone number of personal licence issuing authority, if any]	

Signed 

Name (please print) FAHRETTIN ARLAN

Date 12.04.16



Ground Floor Plan

Mr Fahrettin Aslan  
 Proposed New  
 Grocery / Off License  
 218 West Street  
 Sheffield  
 South Yorkshire  
 S1 4EU

Ground Floor Plan

Scale 1:50 @A4

April 2016.

Drawing Ref: FA\_16\_01





# Appendix B

- 1 Objection on behalf of 'SCCRAG' – Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group
- 1 Objection from Communities 'DACT' – Drugs & Alcohol Co-ordination Team
- 1 Local Business
- 4 Public Objections

**Hollis Georgina (CEX)**

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**From:** Hollis Georgina (CEX) on behalf of licensingservice  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 11:57  
**To:** '██████ Sephton'; licensingservice  
**Cc:** Rhodes Emma (CEX); Green Simon; Lonnia Stephen (CEX); Ford Tracey (Communities DACT); Diane Jarvis; (GCSX) Fell Greg (CEX); Bower Claire  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Off-Licence for Aslan Go Local at 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Sephton,

I am emailing to acknowledge your objection concerning the above application submitted to the Licensing Service for the grant of a premises licence.

I have passed on your detailed representation and requests to my manager, Claire Bower who will contact you directly in relation to the proposal for Sheffield City Council to introduce a Cumulative Impact Policy to West Street, Devonshire Green and Division Street.

In the meantime / after the last date for comments has passed at the end of today, you will be notified of a hearing date where you will be invited to attend a Licensing Sub-Committee hearing for the application.

Thank you for the information that you have provided to the Service.

All papers detailing the report will be sent to you by email.

Kind Regards  
Georgina

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**Georgina Hollis**  
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**Hollis Georgina (CEX)**

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**From:** Peter Sephton <peter@querynet.com>  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 10:17  
**To:** licensingservice  
**Cc:** Rhodes Emma (CEX); Green Simon; Lonnia Stephen (CEX); Ford Tracey (Communities DACT); Diane Jarvis; (GCSX) Fell Greg (CEX)  
**Subject:** Objection to Off-Licence for Aslan Go Local at 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU  
**Attachments:** 16-04-27-Aslan Off-Licence Objection (d).pdf; 16-05-10-Letter Supporting Aslan Objection.docx

**Categories:** Helena Palmer, Nina Hollis

**From:** P J Sephton, Chair of SCCRAG:  
**To:** Sheffield City Council Licensing Committee

**Copied to people** who need to be aware of the serious situation in the West Street area.

Please find attached an objection by Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group on behalf of residents and businesses in the West Street-Devonshire Green part of the City Centre to the application for a new off-licence at 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU.

There are already two off-licenses close to this address plus Tesco and others selling alcohol so, as you will see from the attachment, the amount of cheap alcohol available is contributing to this becoming a no-go area due to the growing problem of street drinkers addicted to alcohol, prescription drugs and synthetic cannabis known as 'spice'. The addition of another outlet inevitably competing for business on price is only going to make the matter worse.

You will see from the witness statements included in the objection that there have been many unpleasant experiences for residents and traders caused by the increasingly aggressive nature of people addicted to these substances. As a consequence we are asking that the City Council defers consideration of this application by Aslan Go Local until it has examined the need for a Community Impact Policy to declare the West Street-Division Street area an Alcohol Saturation Zone. This has been done in many other towns and cities and gives more power to the authorities to control the availability of addictive substances and the resulting behaviour.

We are also suggesting that the group of involved organisations currently coordinated by DACT to consider issues surrounding street drinkers and addictive substances, be enlarged to include Licensing, S.Y. Police, Trading Standards, Director of Public Health, Archer Project, BID, Devonshire Green Surgery and local trader representatives, to address this serious problem from many different aspects in an attempt to find solutions for the relatively small – but growing – number of addicted persons.

We believe you will see from the weight of evidence given to SCCRAG by the people having to deal with these addicted people that action needs to be taken to deal with this problem. We hope it will start with a rejection of the application for another alcohol outlet pending consideration of the points summarised above and covered in detail in the attached objection. Hard copies of the objection are available if required.

P J Sephton  
Chair of Sheffield City Centre  
Residents' Action Group  
Convent Walk, S3



[www.SCCRAG.org](http://www.SCCRAG.org)

*'Community Action Counts'*

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**Aslan Off-licence Application – Objection on behalf of Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group (SCCRAG)**

**SCCRAG recommends the Committee should reject the application for an Off Licence at Aslan Go Local while consideration is given to a 'Cumulative Impact Policy Alcohol Saturation Zone' for West Street, Devonshire Green and Division Street**

**Our evidence for this recommendation is shown in the document below:**

Applicant:	Nizamettin Birgul
Premises: Address:	Aslan Go Local 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU
Type of Premises:	Convenience store
Ward:	Central
Legislation & Type of app:	Licensing Act 2003
Grant of Premises Licence	
<b>Activities:</b>	<b>Supply of Alcohol</b> <b>Monday to Sunday 07:00 - 03:00 the following day</b>

Application Date Received: 13th April 2016

Any representations must be made in writing by: 11 May 2016

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**This objection to the proposed licence is from Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group**

**Submitted on behalf of SCCRAG – [www.SCCRAG.org](http://www.SCCRAG.org) email [sccrag@gmail.com](mailto:sccrag@gmail.com)**  
Peter Sephton, Chair: Olusola McKenzie, Secretary

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**The following document drawn up by SCCRAG has four aims:**

1. An objection to the application for a new 20 hours per day licence for Aslan Go Local on West Street. The grounds for rejecting the application are listed below.
  2. A request for Sheffield City Council to introduce a '**Cumulative Impact Policy**' to West Street, Devonshire Green and Division Street to lessen the possibility of a serious incident occurring.
  3. A proposal for the agencies currently dealing with aggressive street drinkers to adopt a six-stage strategy to overcome problems being caused by their consumption of cheap alcohol, prescription medication and so called legal highs, in particular the cannabis substitute known as "spice". Details of this strategy are given below.
  4. A reduction in the calls being made to the emergency services to attend to people who have passed out in the street from excessive consumption of the three addictive substances in (3) above
- **West Street and Division Street have been plagued for a long time by anti-social behaviour caused by street drinkers obtaining cheap alcohol, chemical cannabis known as "spice" and prescription drugs – largely pregabalin – which is**

prescribed as a pain-killer, but has the effect of exaggerating the effects of other addictive substances.

- **Combination of the three substances is making street drinkers aggressive and dangerous.**
- **Substantial evidence of these problems is illustrated in the report below.**
- **Another off-licence in competition with the two existing 24-hour off-licenses will simply make more cheap alcohol available and fuel the street drinkers' addiction yet further.**
- **It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt, as the effect of these drugs is creating a different and highly aggressive attitude within this group, some of which have been seen by members of the public to carry weapons.**

**It would be a start to refuse this application for a third cheap alcohol off-licence**

**We are asking the City Council to adopt a six point strategy to deal with this growing problem:**

1. Create a **Community Impact Policy Alcohol Saturation Zone** for the area, as described below. In the meantime, **defer this licence application** on the grounds that there is already enough cheap alcohol available in West Street, causing street drinkers to become involved in:
  - a. crime and disorder;
  - b. risks to public safety;
  - c. public nuisance;
  - d. harm to children, young people and students through abusive behaviour.
 (ie: the four reasons for rejecting a licence)
2. Remove street drinker access to cheap alcohol by adopting controls in the area.
3. Find their sources of synthetic cannabis "spice" and put the suppliers out of business.
4. Reduce their access to prescription drugs by asking surgeries to remove the supply.
5. Draw up a reforming policy in conjunction with DACT that aims to rehabilitate them off the addictive substances.
6. Ask the police to stop this group congregating, thereby disrupting their ability to share alcohol and drugs.

**The following points will explain why objections are being made against the Aslan Off-licence Application on all of the four licensing objectives.**

**This is an objection to the addition of another outlet where street drinkers can get the cheap products that are causing their aggressive and anti-social behaviour.**

**The causes of the Problem:**

West Street, Glossop Road and Devonshire Green have, for the past three years, been plagued by groups of aggressive street drinkers who are getting their supplies of alcohol, drugs, prescription medicines and legal highs in this area.

Two off-licences, Boots Chemist, Tesco, the Devonshire Green Surgery, living accommodation in the area and the availability of so-called "legal highs" all make West Street a magnet for street drinkers who are also addicted to prescription pain-killing drugs such as Pregabalin and to legal highs, known to the drinkers as 'spice'.

Taking Pregabalin (Lyrica) with alcohol can lead to drowsiness, loss of concentration, dizziness and basically exaggeration of the effects of alcohol. Mixing Pregabalin with alcohol boosts the impact of the alcohol and empty boxes of the drug can regularly be found around the area. Adding synthetic cannabis to the mix makes them aggressive and potentially violent.

**The area has become a magnet for these people and the problem has become significantly worse over the past six months. It is now appropriate for the City Council to act by reducing the amount of stimulating substances available on a 24-hour basis in this locality.**

**It would be a start to refuse the application for a third cheap alcohol off-licence**

This problem has caused numerous incidents of aggressive behaviour, petty crime, public nuisance and threatening behaviour, as explained in the examples below.

The police have been requested on many occasions at meetings of the City Centre Residents Action Group to take action that will reduce the dangers associated and move these people away from the West Street area. (see extracts from SCCRAG minutes below)

Ambulances are regularly called to treat alcohol and drug-related incidents in the West Street-Devonshire Green area. (see photos below)

The acts of aggression against members of the public have been getting more dangerous and residents have been threatened with a knife attack when asking these people to move on. Women walking through the area are frequently insulted and addressed in lewd terms.

**Impact on Springfield Schoolchildren (the protection of children from harm)**

Children attending Springfield School by walking along Cavendish Street are regularly subjected to the shouting, bad language and aggressive behaviour from the street drinkers. This is borne out by comments from Glossop Road Baths residents, who are referring in the comments below to altercations in the Cavendish Street entrance to their building. It is also demonstrated by the photographs below, two of which (the gang group and the prostrate alcoholic) are at the top of Cavendish Street.

**Accepting the application for a third cheap alcohol off-licence can be expected to exacerbate this problem.**

**Impact on Bus Users at West Street/Varsity bus stop (prevention of public nuisance)**

Minutes of SCCRAG regularly refer to the concerns and frightening experiences of bus users waiting at the now-closed Varsity pub for buses with the drunken and aggressive gangs in the vicinity. Extracts from SCCRAG meeting minutes below refer to these problems, as do comments below from people using the area.

**Emergency Calls to Yorkshire Ambulance Service to attend to Street Drinkers:**

Having noticed many occasions on which ambulances have to be called to pick up street drinkers, SCCRAG asked the question in an email sent to Yorkshire Ambulance Service **"How many ambulance calls to the City Centre for drug & alcohol-related incidents have happened in the past 2 years and do they show a trend?"**

**The Answer** was *"Unfortunately this is not information that we will be able to provide you with. When a call comes in to us via 999, we log it according to chief complaint e.g. 'patient collapsed' or 'chest pains' rather than cause. This means it is not possible for us to produce*

statistics relating to whether a call out was as a result of alcohol". – Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

Nevertheless, it is clear from evidence, illustrated by the photos below, that the street drinkers are taking up a lot of Ambulance Service resources, as they also do for Police resources.

**Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP):**

Option: Limiting the sales of alcohol by limited licensing, sometimes referred to as an Area Saturation Zone;

**Licensing authorities can adopt Cumulative Impact Policies** where there is evidence that the concentration of licensed premises in an area is negatively impacting on the licensing objectives that underpin the Licensing Act 2003. The effect of adopting a policy is to "create a rebuttable presumption" against the granting of new premises licences. See <http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7269>

Cumulative Impact Policies (CIPs) are local 'special policies' to introduce a presumption against new licences to sell alcohol from bars, shops, pubs or clubs in a designated area. They can be adopted where there is evidence that the number or concentration of premises give rise to a harmful impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives and where a licensing authority has consulted local people and businesses.

Sheffield Council Licensing Committee can declare that an area is "saturated" and it can also take cumulative impact into account when granting new licenses (p123, para 13.3.2 of Licensing Act). As shown below, many other Councils have already adopted this measure.

**In the current situation, more cheap alcohol is going to exacerbate this aggressive street drinker problem.**

1. It is clear from the current problems that more cheap alcohol on West Street will make the situation worse. Premises compete with each other to promote sales, which provide the street drinkers with their cheap supplies of strong beer and cider.
2. There is definitely "saturation" on West Street
3. There should be a Council resolution to adopt a Cumulative Impact Policy for West Street, Devonshire Green and Division Street and this licence application should be deferred until a proposed CIP has been dealt with.
4. In view of the many complaints and requests to the police for action to move the street drinkers, SCCRAG believes South Yorkshire Police will support the adoption of a Cumulative Impact Policy Alcohol Saturation Zone.

**Examples of Councils that have adopted a Cumulative Impact Policy:**

- **Doncaster** – <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/business-investment/cumulative-impact-policy>
- **Oxford** - [https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20143/alcohol\\_entertainment\\_and\\_late\\_night\\_refreshment/34/special\\_saturation\\_policy\\_for\\_licensing](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20143/alcohol_entertainment_and_late_night_refreshment/34/special_saturation_policy_for_licensing)
- **York** – <http://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s88071/Licensing%20Policy%20Report%2017%20Mar%2014.pdf>
- **Leeds** – <http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/politics/leeds-communities-wage-war-on-drink-fuelled-hooliganism-1-7676799>

.....and many more. It is time for Sheffield to act!



**Examples of aggressive behaviour, petty crime, public nuisance and threatening behaviour,**

**Statements from Residents & Businesses:**

**Gavin, Business Manager in the City Centre for 20 years and Sheffield resident:**

*I went out on a Saturday night for the first time in a while a couple of weeks ago – great time at Kane's Common Room to start with. On reaching West Street on the junction with the old Nirmals restaurant at about 11.30pm to find a grim, motley bunch of the Alpha male beggars/drinkers pretty much out of control. Two disgraceful, vile guys in wheelchairs – leering at the girls, trying to grab them, filthy language at the top of their voices, all smashed and surrounded by the empty cans that had got them there. They must have been having their party there for ages looking at the rubbish. I thought I had walked into something from Dante's inferno. They are a menace. The atmosphere was toxic and what a terrible face of Sheffield. We all know these small late night off licenses feed their addiction through serving that particular bunch of out of control alpha males, as it must be menacing saying they can't serve them. I am aware that they abuse, intimidate and steal from the genuine homeless alongside their own begging activity to pay for the alcohol that is already widely available*

**Experience in the workplace:**

*I have noticed that street drinkers have become much more aggressive in recent times and can only put this down to the combined effects of alcohol, spice and prescription drugs. This can be really frightening for other customers and particularly for children. There was a time when street drinkers were simply a nuisance; now they are a danger and can be very threatening to staff and the public.*

**Helen – resident at Glossop Road Baths:**

*The first incident I had to eventually call 101 over was Saturday 26.03.2016. All day, from about 9 am onwards, the drinkers kept coming, turning up, until there were 9-10 sat in Cavendish St entrance. They tried to engage in "drunken conversation" and I had to weave in and out of them to get in and out. By 6pm I had to call 101, as I began to feel threatened as they were so high/drunk.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Incident was on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, of which again they and when asked to leave, said they "weren't doing any harm, when I pointed out the drink/urine phlegm, tobacco, papers, cans littered on the steps, they said they weren't theirs !!!*

*3<sup>rd</sup> incident Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March around 2pm, 5-6 all on the steps again, Mark told them to leave. They don't go immediately; they hang around for at least another hour.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Incident 6<sup>th</sup> April about 11pm male sleeping on the stairs in a sleeping bag, he smelled really bad (dirty) and the smell lingered on the staircase inside the foyer. Moved him off after taking a photo of him which he didn't like.*

*5<sup>th</sup> incident 8<sup>th</sup> April about 5pm: Two drug takers sat shaking & coughing on the steps, when asked to move on, refused and again said it wasn't their mess, the woman told me she had a chest infection, so needed to be in the dry as she puffed on her cigarette!! They didn't go. It became apparent later on that they are waiting for the "dealer" to turn up, as on MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL I observed a large gathering of youths all on the steps and in the entrance of Cavendish Street, this was at 8am, they got agitated when people looked at them, and as I went out they all left.*

*On my return I saw usual degenerate "dealing" to a guy who I watched walk over from across West Street, hand his money over and take his drugs! It now made sense why a lot of them were coming and going, and people I had never seen before were hanging around. I did call 999 as I could not get an answer from 101, and I knew the children would be due down the stairs, and didn't think dealing was something they should encounter on their doorstep, as they left for school.*

*The main group are the ones who have an "office" on the bin outside Popeye's take-away near Bargain Beers. There is one with crutches and a dog he's usually with a very loud stocky guy.....he is the dealer.*

*Every day from 27<sup>th</sup> March till that point, there has been either some of them on the stairs, and if they are not there when you come and go there is strong evidence, they have been, as the stairs are littered with the usual, urine phlegm etc.....*

**Rona – retail outlet at Devonshire Green:**

*We are a small independent gift shop on Devonshire green. We have been here for 28 Years, so I feel we are well placed to make these observations.*

*For the past 3 to 4 years the amount of drunk and drinking people who congregate on the green, outside the shop and most obviously on West Street, has increased 10 fold.*

*We regularly have to ask very aggressive and abusive people to leave the shop.*

*On one occasion we actually closed the shop on a Saturday for a time as a drunken man had become abusive to a young Asian girl so we let her come into the shop and closed the doors to protect her.*

*Jane who works here told me that only last Friday a couple who were clearly worse for wear had a physical fight outside the shop and she nearly went through one of the large glass windows when he punched her.*

*The list could go on and on but unfortunately I am pushed for time.*

*I would like to make mine and all the people who work at Within Reason's opinion clear.*

*Allowing another off license to open on West Street is Madness.*

*Our shop and all the other businesses in this area have worked hard to try to make Devonshire Green a thriving and up-beat welcoming area for all ages. The amount of clearly problem drinkers is making the area shoddy and seedy.*

*Please say no to this application.*

**Steve Hambleton, General Manager, Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind, Mappin Street**

*We are very happy to support SCCRAG's objection to this licensing application on the following grounds:*

- the prevention of crime and disorder,*
- public safety,*
- prevention of public nuisance,*
- the protection of children from harm*

*The behaviour of the "street drinkers" can be applied to all of the above. The people who visit our centre on Mappin Street, just off West Street, on a daily basis experience intimidation, especially on the southern side of West Street between Tesco and Fitzwilliam Street. For this reason many people currently choose to walk on the northern side of West Street to avoid the majority of the problems. If this licensing application is approved it will result in the problem being replicated on the north side of West Street, just around the corner from our centre.*

*The people visiting our centre are staff, volunteers, general visitors but most importantly blind and partially sighted people many of whom are very elderly and vulnerable. In addition we have a "youth club" for visually impaired young people (aged 11 to 19) which meets in our centre every Monday evening - one of the purposes of this is to promote the young person's independence which includes using public transport to travel to/from our centre but we are now having to use staff to transport them in their cars due to the problems caused by the "street drinkers". We even have anecdotal*

reports of people who used to travel independently on public transport but who now only visit our centre if we can pick them up in our minibuses.

If the problems caused by street drinkers is not curtailed then in our opinion West Street will eventually become a "no go" area for many people and another off-licence can only exacerbate the problem.

**Michael at Glossop Road Baths**

Re: Problems with Street Drinkers around Glossop Road Baths

Only last Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April I received an e-mail from Jordan, one of the tenants in our flat where he expressed concerns and **his email included these comments:**

*"The street drinking is getting really bad around here and we regularly have to use the other entrance as they're using the Cavendish St doorway as a hangout / toilet. Numerous times I've been chased and grabbed by them. There have been a lot of fights and arguments between them on the street below, in the day and through the night.*

*It would be good if we could collectively write to the council as a building, as I'm sure our neighbours would agree with us.*

*Thank you,*

*Jordan"*

*If a mid /late 20 year old male tenant is finding things threatening, I can only wonder how younger occupiers (Steve's family for example) or females are finding things.*

*I hope that you manage to have a good conversation with the police and that through their intervention, things improve for all residents.*

*Michael*

**David, Business Owner, West Street:**

*I don't see the need for a third shop selling cheap alcohol to street drinkers, we already have two of these within 50 yards of each other that are serving drunk street drinkers. West Street is becoming a no go area for shoppers and commuters. There are groups of men and women who are drunk and on drugs abusing, begin and intimidating passers-by on their way home from work and dinner times, this is affecting trade for everyone in the area. These people have been seen to urinate and vomit on West Street. I urge actions of the council and police to take control of the situation before more businesses are forced to close*

**Stuart, Glossop Road Baths:**

*I was standing in the queue at Bargain Beers on West St, sometime around late-April, early-May 2016 (I don't recall the exact date), at approximately 8-9pm when a dishevelled and clearly inebriated person in the queue in front of me ordered his drinks. He was acting in a somewhat paranoid fashion, constantly glancing over his shoulders and saying "Alright mate?" to me, which caused me to keep my distance.*

*As he was fumbling around in his pocket for the money to pay for his purchase, a pen-knife fell from his pocket to the floor, blade out. The blade was approximately 3" long, 1" wide, narrowing to a point, with a moulded grip handle. Not wanting to get involved, I took a step or two backwards, while he bent down to retrieve it and chose not to raise the matter with him. I stood aside as he left the shop and carried on with my purchase, leaving swiftly thereafter.*

**Neighbourhood Watch comments on PUBLIC SAFETY & prevention of public nuisance:**

*Four people felt that their journey whilst shopping or visiting restaurants on West Street was spoilt by the behaviour of the Street drinkers on a regular basis and would be against any more opportunities for more of this behaviour.*

*Jay Harvey and Co, an Opticians in London Road, said they would be willing to add their voice if a petition was raised as they are having problems with both beggars and drinkers on London Rd and feel the City Centre needs to be cleared of these problems which get both Businesses and Public down. They get regular complaints from their customers.*

*Chris Reece, Sheffield Hallam, feels the Tesco area is particularly intimidating and also recognises a very well-spoken women who comes from Burton on Trent and Leicester is now once again a regular around that area and the City centre. She used to frequent the Crucible some years ago where Chris was the Manager but he has seen her often claiming she lost her purse at Meadowhall. This does not fall into the Drinking category but begging.*

**Peter Sephton: Chair of SCCRAG: Statement to South Yorkshire Police; Wed 10/02/2016**  
*Returned home at 21:30hrs Monday in December 2015. Found a person unconscious on the floor outside our front door off Cavendish Street with blood coming from a head injury. Called 999 for an ambulance. While awaiting its arrival some drunks/drug addicts came past, said it was someone they knew called Gary, that he was taking "spice" and pregabalin and they would take him home. But he was unconscious, so they couldn't move him. The ambulance crew carried him away.*

**Steve – Resident, Gell Street**

*I have witnessed the intimidation and sexual harassment of female passers-by at the West Street bus stop near the top of Fitzwilliam Street and the fact that children are frightened to walk down the street and use Gell Street Park playground due to being frightened of noisy aggressive and threatening street drinkers.*

**The Scale of the Problem:**

Speakers at SCCRAG meetings such as Tim Renshaw of the Archer Project, PC John Charlesworth and Sgt Matt Burdett of South Yorkshire Police, have confirmed the view of residents that these problems are caused by a relatively small number of people – probably 20-30 individuals. Consequently it is not a massive problem to control and requires a coordinated effort between all the agencies involved to develop a managed solution. Rejecting this licence application is a start, to show those living in and visiting this area that the City Council intends to take action.

**SCCRAG recommends rejecting this application for another Off Licence while the Council considers a Cumulative Impact Policy Alcohol Saturation Zone**

**Actions that can be taken:**

**SCCRAG is asking for all the agencies involved with the problem to renew their priorities in order to:**

1. Remove street drinker access to cheap alcohol
2. Adopt a **Cumulative Impact Policy Alcohol Saturation Zone** to help control access to cheap alcohol
3. Find their sources of synthetic cannabis "spice" and put the suppliers out of business
4. Reduce their access to prescription drugs by asking surgeries to remove the supply.
5. Draw up a reforming policy that aims to rehabilitate them off the addictive substances.
6. Ask the police to stop these groups congregating, to disrupt their ability to share alcohol and drugs.

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**West Street Aslan Off-licence Application – Objection – Relevant Photos**



**Street drinking group at West Street/Cavendish Street junction  
(see comments about drug dealing in this area)**



**Ambassadors attend altercation amongst street drinkers outside West Street Tesco**



N2C Shop in West Street – the site for the Aslan Application



Ambulance crew attend street drinker incident on Devonshire Green



Ambulance crew attends street drinker incident by Sheffield Cathedral



**Ambulance crew attends street drinker incident on Cavendish Street/West Street**



**Police attend street drinker incident at West Street bus stop  
N2C shop – proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> off-licence – is opposite in photo**



**Street drinkers using Glossop Road Baths apartment entrance as meeting place, drinking venue,  
urinal and drug-taking location (see comments by residents)**



Police attend to street drinker on West Street



Aggressive street drinker refusing to leave Glossop Road Baths parking area, when caught having a drinking session and asked to leave 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

Extracts from recent Minutes:

**SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE RESIDENTS' ACTION GROUP**

**Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind, Mappin Street**

(iii) The Chair reported that, following a brief respite, problems caused by street drinkers congregating outside the former Varsity public house had reappeared;

**Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 at Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind, Mappin Street**

2.1 (c) The Chair displayed photos and video footage of street drinkers outside the former Varsity public house, West Street, being approached and dealt with by City Centre Ambassadors and the police;



**Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind, Mappin Street**

In terms of June's PACT priorities, PC Charlesworth stated that whilst there were still problems regarding street drinkers and aggressive begging, particularly in the West Street/Devonshire Green area, the number of calls received by the Police on this issue, particularly regarding street drinkers, had reduced. He stated that there had been an increase in the number of Eastern Europeans begging in the City Centre, and the Police were in the process of identifying them and collecting information on them.

The Chair referred to problems in Gell Street Park last weekend, whereby a number of street drinkers had been intimidating families in the Park by their loud and abusive behaviour. Sgt. Matt Burdett referred to an initiative being launched on 17th September, 2015, relating to a multi-agency approach to deal with street drinkers and beggars, whereby those offenders requesting help would be referred to the relevant services and the Police would be looking to take enforcement action in terms of those persistent/problem offenders, who did not require any assistance. Julie Wilson stated that she would be attending the launch on 17th September and would welcome any views from members of the Group, so she could feed them back at the event.

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**Footnotes: "Spice", Pregabalin (Lyrica) and their effect on alcohol consumption**

Residents and businesses in the West Street-Devonshire Green area have been suffering the consequences of this behaviour for the past few years. These people start shouting and arguing around 10am and get louder and more incoherent as the day progresses. By afternoon they are congregating in noisy groups in public places such as Tesco West Street steps, the West Street bus stop and Devonshire Green; by late afternoon they are getting argumentative and often one is paralytic; by early evening they are abusing each other and anyone else who gets in their way.

**The following extracts** explain why the available combination of strong alcohol (cheap beer and cider), prescription drugs (pregabalin) and synthetic cannabis ("spice") are combining to impact on street drinkers in the city.

**(a) Synthetic Cannabis** - <http://qu.com/p/4tnv5/sbl>  
**Guardian Newspaper 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 - Synthetic cannabis is having a "devastating impact" in British prisons and making it difficult for normal life to continue in some facilities, the chief inspector of prisons has said.**

*Sold as "spice" and "black mamba", synthetic cannabis has been blamed for deaths, serious illness and episodes of self-harm among inmates, and some prison officers have reported falling ill from exposure to the fumes.*

**(b) Statement on the effects of taking Pregabalin (Lyrica) with alcohol:**

*I understand how confusing Lyrica is. I have now been on it exactly one week. The first night I took it I slept better than I had in a long time and woke up with greatly reduced pain. I thought "wow this is wonderful"! Unfortunately that didn't last. The rest of the past week I remember in bits and pieces, kind of like a dream except it became a nightmare!*

*I started feeling really depressed out of nowhere and assumed I was just being emotional for no reason. By night number 3, Wednesday, I could no longer sleep. Usually I am the calming influence for everyone around me, instead, I became increasingly stressed but felt helplessly tired and unable to do anything about it.*

*Then I went out with a friend and had very little to drink. Big mistake. I am usually someone who can outdrink most girls and many guys, alcohol really didn't impact me but that changed Saturday night. It's like I went crazy, I got so upset with everyone around me, became lost and confused and then got really scared, it all happened within a few hours but it felt like days and it's taken me two days to get back to normal.*

*When I freaked out I became so angry and irrational. It's humiliating because I did not remember most of it but I got into a huge fight with my boyfriend, whom I absolutely love and have been with for a year. It was like I just wanted to hurt someone and I screamed, cried, lost all control, and broke things. That is not me at all!*

*He said he had never seen anything like that from me, but he won't forgive me and it wasn't until tonight reading what up on Lyrica that I could figure out what happened. I'm a psychology major! I know about mental health and that is not what happened. My life was great except for the constant pain and illness. Now, because of that stupid medicine and the "really off and out of it" behaviour my guy noticed in me since around Thursday, we broke up because it scared him! He has no idea how much it scared me! And yeah, it's almost 5 am and I still can't sleep. This is so much worse than before I started taking the Lyrica and on top of it all... I am bruising for no reason and the muscle pain is so much worse! I am so sorry for anyone who has also experienced this!*  
See [www.medicalnewstoday.com/opinions/13327](http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/opinions/13327)

**Synthetic Cannabis in Prisons: Guardian Newspaper 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 -**  
<http://gu.com/p/4tnv5/sbl>

**'Synthetic cannabis 'having a devastating impact in UK prisons'**  
**Chief inspector of prisons attributes deaths, serious illness and self-harm to cannabis substitutes 'spice' and 'black mamba'**

Unlike traditional resin and weed, synthetic cannabis is often made in labs and is odourless, making it hard for prison staff to detect.

Synthetic cannabis is having a "devastating impact" in British prisons and making it difficult for normal life to continue in some facilities, the chief inspector of prisons has said.

**Sold as "spice" and "black mamba"**, synthetic cannabis has been blamed for deaths, serious illness and episodes of self-harm among inmates, and some prison officers have reported falling ill from exposure to the fumes.

High demand for the compounds has fuelled more severe problems in the prison system than officers have faced from any other drug, with prisoners racking up greater debts, and suffering worse bullying and violence, Peter Clarke told the Guardian.

**"Prison staff have told me that the effect on individuals and prisons as a whole is unlike anything they have seen before," said Clarke, who took up the post in February.**

Synthetic cannabis is an umbrella term for hundreds of chemical compounds that mimic the effects of THC, the active ingredient of cannabis, in the brain. The synthetic forms are often extremely potent, making them a greater threat to users and those around them. A report from the prisons and probation ombudsman last year linked 19 prison deaths between 2012 and 2014 with synthetic cannabis, by far the most common of the new psychoactive substances (NPS).

Synthetic cannabis, an umbrella term for chemical compounds that mimic the effects of THC, the active ingredient in cannabis, is often sold as 'spice'. Photograph: Jim Powell for the Observer

Unlike traditional resin and weed, synthetic cannabis is manufactured in labs and is usually odourless, making it hard for prison staff to tell when inmates are smoking the drugs. While NPS are banned in prisons, large quantities continue to find their way inside.

"NPS is having a devastating impact in some of our prisons, more severe than we have seen with other drugs," Clarke said. "Their presence in prisons has given rise to debt, bullying and violence. They are destabilising some prisons, making it difficult for normal prison life to continue.

"Both at local and national level there needs to be clear strategies to deal with the supply of these drugs into prisons, and to care for those who suffer from their effects," he added. "At the moment the situation appears to be getting worse, not better."

The 2015 ombudsman's report urged the prisons service to ensure staff had more information about synthetic cannabis and the signs that prisoners were taking them. It called on governors to put in place strategies to reduce the supply of NPS and the violence associated with the drugs.

But Steve Gillan at the Prison Officers' Association (POA) said the prison service was failing in its duty of care for prisoners and prison staff by not adequately dealing with synthetic cannabis. "We don't think they, or the government, are taking it seriously enough. Our prisons are awash with synthetic cannabis and prisoners are so out of their heads they don't know what they are doing sometimes. They are a danger to themselves, they're attacking staff, and they are attacking other prisoners." Gillan said the problem was exacerbated by a shortfall in staff needed to perform perimeter checks and thorough searches of prison cells and exercise yards. "We want prisons properly searched because these drugs are getting dropped in by drones, catapulted over fences, and there are not enough staff to deal with it," he added. More sniffer dogs are due to be brought into service, but Gillan said it was "too little, too late".

Last year's report from the prisons ombudsman highlighted a number of cases of prisoners dying after using synthetic cannabis. What role the drugs played is unclear, however. One man died apparently after smoking spiked cigarettes he had been given by inmates who wanted to test a new batch of synthetic cannabis. Another man, whose behaviour had previously been "exemplary", shouted at a prison doctor, and was found to have hanged himself in his cell the next morning. He had recently developed a heavy synthetic cannabis habit and had been forced to sell possessions to pay off his debts. A woman described as "fun-loving" appeared to have a psychotic episode after taking synthetic cannabis, and possibly other drugs, and died after she severed an artery in an unprecedented act of self-harm.

The POA is so concerned about the growing problem that it has begun to compile a dossier on incidents where synthetic cannabis is involved. "We are looking at various different avenues to make our employer actually wake up and smell the coffee," said Gillan. "It's at a problematic level and worsening."

A prison service spokesperson said governors use sniffer dogs, cell searches and mandatory drugs tests to find drugs in prison and punish those responsible. The service has legislated to make smuggling NPS into prisons illegal. "Those caught trying to throw packages over prison walls can now face up to two years in jail," the spokesperson said. "However we must do more, which is why we are investing £1.3bn to transform the prison estate, to better support rehabilitation and tackle bullying, violence and drugs."



## Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group

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10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Re: **Objection to a licence for Nizamettin Birgul - Aslan Go Local**

Please find attached an objection from residents and business in the West Street/Division Street/Cavendish Street area of the City Centre to the application for a seven-day licence between 07:00 & 03:00 by Nizamettin Birgul at the proposed Aslan Go Local, 218 West Street, S1 4EU.

The document is self-explanatory and explains the reasons why residents and businesses believe there is strong evidence to defer this application, until Sheffield City Council has examined all the issues raised in this objection and considered our proposal to introduce a '**Cumulative Impact Policy**' to West Street, Devonshire Green and Division Street.

The purpose of this would be to lessen the possibility of a serious incident occurring due to the excessive availability of cheap alcohol, prescription drugs and so-called 'legal highs' to drug users in the area. Also to ensure that members of the public can feel safe to enter an area that has become an unpleasant and threatening location as seen by many people, which is clear from the statements in the report.

It will be appreciated if all members of the Licensing Committee can be given copies of the attached report. Many thanks.

Peter J Sephton  
Chair of SCCRAG  
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**Hollis Georgina (CEX)**

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**From:** Hollis Georgina (CEX)  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 16:05  
**To:** Ford Tracey (Communities DACT)  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Off-Licence for Aslan Go Local at 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU

Tracey – objection has been lodged and you will be notified in due course (by email) of a time / date of the hearing

Kind Regards

Georgina

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**Subject:** RE: Objection to Off-Licence for Aslan Go Local at 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU

Dear Licensing Committee

I have only just become aware of this application for a new off license on West Street, as I understand it the deadline for objections is midnight tonight.

I would like to lodge an objection, and also support the previous objection lodged by the 'Sheffield City Centre Residents' Action Group from the to the new proposed opening of Aslan Go Local.

I chair a Sheffield multi-agency Working Group, who's function is to respond to ASB, Vulnerable and complex needs of individuals within the city centre. The groups role is to deliver a coordinated approach to meeting the safeguarding and support needs of individuals of concern and respond to identified individuals Anti-Social Behaviour within the city centre.

We already have significant issues with ASB around the existing off license premises on West St, to open another would only serve to attract and exacerbate the current issues that agencies are responding to as a direct result of alcohol induced ASB.

I believe another off license opening in this area will only increase issues we have with this group of individuals known to cause ASB and who are also vulnerable in the city centre.

**From:** Peter Sephton [mailto:peter@[REDACTED].com]  
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**Cc:** Rhodes Emma (CEX); Green Simon; Lonnia Stephen (CEX); Ford Tracey (Communities DACT); Diane Jarvis; (GCSX) Fell Greg (CEX)  
**Subject:** Objection to Off-Licence for Aslan Go Local at 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU

**From: P J Sephton, Chair of SCCRAG:**  
**To: Sheffield City Council Licensing Committee**  
**Copied to people** who need to be aware of the serious situation in the West Street area.

Please find attached an objection by Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group on behalf of residents and businesses in the West Street-Devonshire Green part of the City Centre to the application for a new off-licence at 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU.

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Chair of Sheffield City Centre  
Residents' Action Group



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**Hollis Georgina (CEX)**

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**From:** Palmer Helena on behalf of licensingservice  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 11:25  
**To:** Palmer Helena; Hollis Georgina (CEX)  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to Off-Licence for Aslan Go Local at 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU

**From:** Ford Tracey (Communities DACT)  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 11:22  
**To:** 'Peter Sephton'; licensingservice  
**Cc:** Rhodes Emma (CEX); Green Simon; Lonnia Stephen (CEX); Diane Jarvis; (GCSX) Fell Greg (CEX); Naomi Saxton (Naomi.Saxton@southyorks.pnn.police.uk) (Naomi.Saxton@southyorks.pnn.police.uk); matt  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Off-Licence for Aslan Go Local at 218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU

Hi Peter,

Thank for a very comprehensive report and application to defer consideration of a new off licence on West Street, I am and would be happy to support this application as chair of the City centre Multiagency group. The purpose of the multi-agency Working Group Responding to ASB, Vulnerable and complex needs within the city centre is to deliver a coordinated approach to meeting the safeguarding and support needs of individuals of concern and respond to identified individuals Anti-Social Behaviour within the city centre. I believe another off license opening in this area will only increase issues we have with this group of individuals known to cause ASB and who are also vulnerable in the city centre.

In response to the suggestion 'We are also suggesting that the group of involved organisations currently coordinated by DACT to consider issues surrounding street drinkers and addictive substances, be enlarged to include Licensing, S.Y. Police, Trading Standards, Director of Public Health, Archer Project, BID, Devonshire Green Surgery and local trader representatives, to address this serious problem from many different aspects in an attempt to find solutions for the relatively small – but growing – number of addicted persons.' The groups has been looking at varying approaches to tackling the support needs of this client group, with some actual success, but due to the sheer nature and complex needs if this group, solutions often take time. FYI We have recently conducted a partnership review of the multiagency groups function, what's worked well and what's not worked so well, this will enable us to identify gaps, make recommendations to fill these gaps. I am happy to share the outcomes of this report.

If I can help in anyway please don't hesitate to contact me

**From:** Peter Sephton [mailto:peter@[REDACTED].com]  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 10:17  
**To:** licensingservice  
**Cc:** Rhodes Emma (CEX); Green Simon; Lonnia Stephen (CEX); Ford Tracey (Communities DACT); Diane Jarvis; (GCSX) Fell Greg (CEX)  
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Convent Walk, S3



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**Palmer Helena**

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**From:** Palmer Helena on behalf of licensingservice  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 13:47  
**To:** Palmer Helena  
**Subject:** FW: Off licence Application - West Street

**From:** [redacted]@aol.com [mailto:[redacted]@aol.com]  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 13:45  
**To:** licensingservice  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Off licence Application - West Street

Dear Licencing,

It has just come to my attention that an application has been made to open yet another off-licence on West Street and my wife and I would like to register my objection.

We are local residents with a young child and are already very concerned at the high number of street drinkers that these shops are clearly aimed at. A race to the bottom on alcohol prices, aggressive begging, fights, open drug dealing and zero policing exacerbates the problems.

The argument such establishments service the wider community is bogus. We already have several off-licences as well as two major supermarket chains all of which compete on price to capture the money begged by those desperate to shop there.

We object.

Kind regards,

**Mark and Jennifer** [redacted]  
[redacted] Gell Street,  
Deveonshire Quarter  
Sheffield  
S3 [redacted]

**Mobile -** [redacted]

**Palmer Helena**

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**From:** Palmer Helena on behalf of licensingservice  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 12:41  
**To:** Palmer Helena  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to licence application

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**From:** Chris [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@mac.com]  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 12:39  
**To:** licensingservice  
**Subject:** Objection to licence application

Applicant: Nizamettin Birgul

Premises: Address: Aslan Go Local

218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU

Type of Premises: Convenience store

Ward: Central

Legislation & Type of app: Licensing Act 2003

Grant of Premises Licence

**Activities: Supply of Alcohol**

**Monday to Sunday 07:00 - 03:00 the following day**

Application Date Received: 13th April 2016

Any representations must be made in writing by: 11 May 2016

I am writing to object to the above licence application.  
I am a local resident and have lived on Gell St for 20 years.

During the last couple of years the problems with street drinkers on West St has become unbearable. They gather in groups in close proximity to the two 24 hour off licences we already have. They are aggressive and intimidating, and for the first time in 20 years, I am not comfortable walking on my own down West St - at any time of day or night.

There is absolutely no need for another off licence selling cheap alcohol for 20 hours a day, when there are already two within yards. It will only act as a magnet for other drinkers.

Something has to be done to tackle this problem.

Yours,

Christine [REDACTED]  
Gell St [REDACTED]  
Sheffield S3 [REDACTED]

**Palmer Helena**

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**From:** Palmer Helena on behalf of licensingservice  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 14:36  
**To:** Hollis Georgina (CEX); Palmer Helena  
**Subject:** FW: Aslan Go Local - 218 West Street, Sheffield, S1 4EU

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**From:** Stuart [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@mac.com]  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 14:34  
**To:** licensingservice  
**Subject:** Aslan Go Local - 218 West Street, Sheffield, S1 4EU

RE:  
Applicant: Nizamettin Birgul  
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I would like to voice my objection to this planning application.  
I live at [redacted] Gell Street and am therefore very local to this area.  
I have lived at this address for 20 years  
One of the reasons for living in the City Centre was its convenience for the local amenities and the fact that it was a safe and secure place to live.  
Until recently there was a 24 hour off-licence on West Street - Bargain Beers - which was convenient and sold reasonably priced alcohol.  
Within the last two years a second Off-Licence has opened just 100 yard further down West Street adding competition but also attracting a growing number of people drinking on the streets and adding an increase in antisocial behaviour, begging and more insecurity to the area.  
It is now virtually impossible to walk down West Street in the vicinity of these shops without being asked for change or even being stopped and sometimes abused for not obfiging their requests.  
The area is uncomfortable enough without another Off-Licence being added across the street. There is no requirement for the business and approving the planning application will only add to the growing anti-social atmosphere of the area.  
There must be some consideration of the social impact such a business will have on this area.

On this basis I strongly object to this planning application.



Many Thanks

Stuart

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**Hollis Georgina (CEX)**

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**From:** Keith [redacted] <[redacted]@keith[redacted].co.uk>  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 20:41  
**To:** Hollis Georgina (CEX)  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to a current Planning Application

Dear Georgina Hollis,

Thank you so much for your telephone call - and your email.  
Unfortunately it turned out impossible to leave my workshop during today and eventually I dashed home to try make that alteration of wording which I have now done and sent-in.  
Technically I made a mistake with use of the wrong word, and my correction may have arrived too late for the deadline and that's a shame.

I'm sure I shall be keeping my fingers crossed until a decision is reached !

I just wish to say Thank you for your attention. I am indeed most grateful to you for very kindly getting in touch with your good advice.

With best wishes,

Keith

On 11 May 2016, at 11:13, Hollis Georgina (CEX) wrote:

Dear Mr Tyssen

I am emailing to acknowledge your representation which refers to a Planning Application, please could you confirm that your objection relates to the Licensing Application received and not planning.

Kind Regards

Georgina

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**Georgina Hollis**  
Licensing Enforcement & Technical Officer  
Licensing Service  
Business Strategy & Regulation  
Block C, Staniforth Road Depot  
Staniforth Road, Sheffield, S9 3HD.

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Palmer Helena

From: Keith [redacted] <keith@keith[redacted].co.uk>  
Sent: 11 May 2016 20:03  
To: licensingservice  
Subject: Objection to a current Licence Application

Item: An Application for yet another off licence on West St / Glossop Road.

Details of the Application are:-

Applicant: Nizamettin Birgul  
Premises: Address: Aslan Go Local  
218 West Street Sheffield S1 4EU  
Type of Premises: Convenience store  
Ward: Central  
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Dear Chief Officer, Licence Application (not Planning and correcting my orig. response).

I have lived in this same property for 45 Years and because I have a strong interest in wishing to influence change and transition towards a more attractive environment in this area, I must object to the above Licence Application in the strongest possible terms.

Absolutely the very last new Business Venture this area requires is yet another off-licence shop stimulating yet more street drinkers in the West Street/Glossop Road and surrounding areas. Already residents are witnessing an enormous increase in numbers of people drinking in the streets, inebriated and indulging in extremely noisy behaviour, frequently we have to listen to this going on throughout the night-time too. Consider all else that follows and we are having to tolerate, bins knocked over, widespread urination, shouted street-out-bursts of foul language, litter and broken glass ..... football at 1.0a.m in the street.

This area is greatly in need of your support. Please consider that in four houses of my close neighbours, these are also parents bringing up small children and they do need your protection. I trust you will give due consideration to all sides of the Application.

Yours faithfully,  
Keith [redacted]

[redacted] Gell Street Sheffield S3 [redacted] UK.  
E- keith@keith[redacted].co.uk

t. +44(0)114 [redacted]  
m. 07 [redacted] www.keith[redacted]



Palmer Helena

**From:** Palmer Helena on behalf of licensingservice  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 13:37  
**To:** Palmer Helena  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to premisis licence of 218 west street sheffield

**From:** Cavendish, Sheffield [mailto:Cavendish.Sheffield@stonegatepubs.com]  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 13:34  
**To:** licensingservice  
**Subject:** Objection to premisis licence of 218 west street sheffield

To whom it may concern

I would like to state an objection the proposed opening of an off-licence at 218 West Street. My objections are based on a belief that the saturation point has been reached for off-licences on West Street. With a street drinking culture on In the area I believe that is will not aid in the reduction of antisocial behaviour in the area. Antisocial behaviour can be witnessed by my team and I as well as customers on a daily basis, behaviours which include begging, urination, defecation and aggression. I do not believe that the addition of another outlet will do anything but encourage this behaviour.

Regards

Sam Richard Bradley  
General manager



220-238 West Street  
Sheffield  
S1 4EU  
0114 [REDACTED]

Facebook: [REDACTED]  
Twitter: [REDACTED]



[facebook.com/\[REDACTED\]](https://facebook.com/[REDACTED])  
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[linkedin.com/company/\[REDACTED\]](https://linkedin.com/company/[REDACTED])

# Appendix C

Hearing Notices / Regulations / Procedures



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

Colin Bell  
Castle Green Suite  
7 Howbrook Close  
High Green  
Sheffield  
S35 4JD

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**Aslan Go Local, 218 West Street, Sheffield, S1 4EU**

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Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Signed: **Georgina Hollis**  
The officer appointed for this purpose  
Licensing Officer

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Application to Grant a Premises Licence**

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Chair of Sheffield City Centre Residents' Action Group  
Convent Walk  
Sheffield S3  
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Application to Grant a Premises Licence**

Fao. Tracey Ford  
Communities – Drugs & Alcohol Co-ordination Team  
[Tracey.ford@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Tracey.ford@sheffield.gov.uk)

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The Cavendish  
220-238 West Street  
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Christine [REDACTED]  
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Sheffield S3 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@mac.com

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Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Signed: **Georgina Hollis**  
The officer appointed for this purpose  
Licensing Officer

LICENSING ACT 2003

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**Notice of hearing of representations  
in respect of the following application:  
Application to Grant a Premises Licence**

Stuart [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Gell Street  
Sheffield S3 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@mac.com

The Sheffield City Council being the licensing authority, on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 received an application in respect of the premises known as;

**Aslan Go Local, 218 West Street, Sheffield, S1 4EU**

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

- **1 Objection on behalf of 'SCCRAG' – Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group**
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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.

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Premises : Aslan Go Local, 218 West Street, Sheffield, S1 4EU  
Type of App: LA03\_Premises Licence Application  
Hearing Date: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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

of

hereby confirm that I have received the Notice of Hearing dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 as follows  
**(please complete):**

- I intend to attend the hearing at 10am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- I do not intend to attend the hearing
- I 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**

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[licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@sheffield.gov.uk)

## 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.

## 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.