

To the members of the Licensing Panel

I write as ward councillor in support of the public objectors with regard to the application for extended hours at the Trades Hotel on Lord Street.

It was my intention to attend to support the objectors at the panel meeting to consider this in person but I only learnt the date of the meeting in the last few days, which unfortunately coincides with a council committee meeting which I chair and am required to be present.

I agree with the public objectors in that I consider the proposed closing hours to be excessively late for this property and this location. The risk of noise nuisance is obvious and poses a threat to the other businesses and residential property in the street. It is likely to lead to other applications of a similar nature which could adversely the character of an area of small/medium size hotels.

There are, I know, objections from residents and businesses in the area and as one of the elected councillors for this area, who has represented Lord Street and the rest of Claremont Ward for many years, I support these objectors and I would respectfully ask the panel not to approve this application in its current form.

Yours Faithfully,

Ivan Taylor (Cllr)