

From: Councillor Ann Bonner
Sent: 29 June 2008 11:37
To: Natasha Barnes
Subject: Application for Licence Nightclub Premises known as 'Cassiopea' Broad Street, Banbury, Oxon

Natasha

As Ward Member, I am submitting herewith my objections to the above licensing application. I include the names and addresses of the people who have asked me to object on their behalf and I set out my objections as they relate to the various 'Licensing Objectives'.

I understand that the current consultation period is due to end on 7th July. I have submitted my objections in good time and understand that at the end of this period a date for a hearing will be decided.

Can I ask you please Natasha to respond by return to this email and advise:-

- A) the safe receipt of this objection and that it is acceptable by email
- B) that it is what is required in order to request a 'Hearing' by a Licensing Panel
- C) that as soon as the period comes to an end and you have a date for the Hearing you please let me know when it is to be, in order for me to book the appropriate 'annual leave' from work
- D) that I will be permitted to address the Hearing as Ward Member for Grimsbury and Castle Ward....

Many thanks for your help with this Natasha..... If I do not receive a response from you in 24 hours I will contact the Licensing Dept as I am aware you may be on leave and/or away from the office for some reason...I am very anxious this objection reaches the correct recipients before 7th July

See below:-

To: The Licensing Department, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon

Re:- Current Application for Licence for Nightclub Premises known as 'Cassiopea' , Broad Street, Banbury, Oxon.

I write as Ward Member for Grimsbury and Castle Ward on the above Authority as I wish to strongly oppose the above Application for Licence.

I write on behalf of and oppose this application on behalf of the following named residents:-

Bruce Carruthers	1 Newland Place, Banbury
James and Danielle Watts	4 Newland Place, Banbury
Rosemary Harvey	5 Newland Place, Banbury
Sarah and Mark Nickson	6 Newland Place, Banbury
Stuart and Linda Tysoe	7 Newland Place, Banbury
Sandy Hornett	8 Newland Place, Banbury
Eileen Harding	13 Newland Place, Banbury
Gordon and Sally Cook	16 Newland Place, Banbury
Paul Buckley	17 Newland Place, Banbury
Tim and Sue Stamp	18 Newland Place, Banbury
Mrs Jones	1 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Woodin	3 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Street	8 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Tipple	13 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Mockford	14 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Phillips	15 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Young	16 Amos Court, Banbury
Miss Anderson	17 Amos Court, Banbury

Mrs Hunter	18 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Knight	20 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr Coetzer	23 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Fleming	21 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr Townsend	25 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr Batchelor	30 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Green	34 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr Gascoigne	35 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Boscott	36 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr and Mrs Lewis	39 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr Lofthouse	40 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr and Mrs Harper	41 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs DuBarry	43 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr and Mrs Beddow	45 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Rumford	46 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr Mayo	48 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Miller	38 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Gascoigne	35 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr Wile	36 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs McElligot	47 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Pettit	53 Amos Court, Banbury
Miss Stopps	59 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Barclay	60 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Teideman	56 Amos Court, Banbury
Mrs Newman	59 Amos Court, Banbury
Mr Mold	25 Jubilee Court, Banbury
Mrs Timms	50 Spencer Court, Banbury
Mrs Thomas	52 Spencer Court, Banbury

I understand the four Licensing Objectives are :-

The prevention of Crime and Disorder
 Public Safety
 The Prevention of Public Nuisance
 The Prevention of Children from Harm

I will address these as follows:-

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder :-

Nightclubs attract crime. Some of the most serious criminal offences reported in the Press often happen when people leave nightclubs. I refer to shootings, stabbings and incidents of Grievous Bodily Harm. Fortunately Banbury sees crimes of this nature infrequently. I fear the proposal to re-open the nightclub on this site in Broad Street and to 'bus' in customers from other towns and cities will inevitably see an increase in serious crimes. The number of less serious crimes will of course increase too - ie the sale and use of classified drugs, disorderly behaviour and the usual 'scuffles' and fights which occur when people have drunk too much alcohol. We will also see an increase of criminal damage to property and residents cars parked near the premises. [The residents are very worried about all of these issues as they have occurred in the past when a nightclub has been given license to operate from this site
 This will cause disruption and fear to the residents and much extra work for our Police.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

There is no such thing as a quiet Nightclub. The applicants will tell us they will soundproof the premises. This may be true but everytime the door opens (and the owners will want the door to open as often as possible to admit as many customers as they can attract) noise will blare out into the street. The 'no smoking ' ban will also increase the level of noise. People going outside the premises to smoke, will cause disturbance in the neighbourhood and noise from the music inside the club will escape and blare into the street. Vehicles arriving and leaving... the planned coaches and mini-buses dropping people off...will cause disturbance long into the night. Also Taxis, doors slamming raised voices, fights...

This area is now mainly a residential area. There is a sheltered unit for the elderly housing 74 residents only yards away in Broad Street.

Public Safety and Prevention of Children from Harm

This is a totally unsuitable business to be allowed permission to operate within a residential area. Decisions over recent years by our Planning Authority have turned this area into a predominantly residential area. Further residential units have permission to be built and /or converted. Twenty-five years ago when the Licence for a Nightclub for Banbury was first granted Broad street was one of Banbury's three main shopping streets. This is now no longer the case. People shop mainly in Castle Quay and Broad Street is now a residential area. The handful of shops now remaining all have flats above them.

There is no support for this club from anyone I have spoken to, not only in the immediate area but in Banbury as a town. Banbury people do not want it...if Banbury lads want a stag night out they will get a group together and visit one of the cities. They do not frequently use a nightclub in Banbury which is why the clubs in Broad Street have all failed .The only way for the applicants to make this business successful is to do what they have said in the Press and attract customers from other towns and areas. They plan to run buses to bring them in to the town...

There is nothing in this application for Banbury people other than disturbance, the fear and perception of increased crime and an extra burden on our Police and environmental staff.

The winners will be the applicants who will try as hard as they can to attract as many customers as they can, for as many nights of the week as they can and for as many hours as we will permit them to stay open. People coming from neighbouring towns will also enjoy the 'sport' within the club then travel home and leave to clear up the mess.

We should be thinking of and serving the best interests of, our own residents, especially our elderly citizens - and decline this application.

Best wishes

Ann