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Dear Sir

Re-22 Manchester Road Burnley

I am the occupier of the upper floors of the above property where the application relates to the ground floor.

I am extremely concerned by the fact that I have not been notified of the application whereas my neighbours at 20 and 24 have been notified. I would have thought that I would be more affected by this application than anybody else. I only discovered that there is an application when I saw it for the first time in the window premises today. I do not think it was there yesterday.

I wish to object to the granting of the license on the following grounds:-

- 1 I have had a look at the website for Medieval beers and it seems to me that this is a micro brewery and I am extremely concerned that if planning approval is granted then the applicant may well wish to brew beer on site. I note from my personal experience of visiting breweries that this will create a smell that will affect many properties in the vicinity.
- 2 There are numerous other outlets for the sale of alcohol within 50 m of the property and I would suggest there are too many already and you will no doubt be aware that some of these premises have closed in that they have proved not to be financially viable.
- 3 Manchester road from Finsley Gate to St. James Street consists principally of business premises with the exception of Wetherspoons and the Big Window. As to the latter my experience of this public house over the last 40 years or so is of noise, antisocial behaviour, and at times drunkenness. This will only be exacerbated in that customers will treat the pavement outside as an extension to the property where people will gather to drink and smoke and become noisy. At the moment I experience people standing in my doorway smoking when it is raining and the smoke drifts into my office and I can only imagine this becoming far worse.
- 4 Problems with traffic would also increase. The problem exists now across the road at the Big Window where throughout the day taxis arrive to

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pick up and on the vast majority of occasions they double park sounding their horns causing problems with the traffic but in particular for commercial vehicles including buses: This will only get worse if this licensing application is approved.

5 Problems could well arise at the rear of the premises. I am aware of the fact that there is drug taking and also the rear yard is treated as a toilet.

I would ask you to bear in mind my comments when considering the application.

Yours faithfully

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