

CHORLEY  
COUNCIL  
27 APR 2012

The Lodge, Preston Road, Charnock Richard PR7 5LH

The Licensing Manager, Licensing Department, Civic Office, Union Street, Chorley, PR7 1AL

25/04/2012

Dear Sirs

We refer your attention to the application for a Premises Licence submitted by Martin Jones on behalf of BAKU, Preston Road, Charnock Richard, PR7 5LH.

We wish to make representations regarding this application on the following three grounds:-

1. Prevention of public nuisance since under the existing licence our sleep is disturbed when events go beyond a normal persons' bedtime. We believe that for dancing and in addition both live and recorded music to be available 24/7 at presently allowed volumes and especially if this is approved throughout the whole night would be most unreasonable.
2. Public Safety is also a matter for concern. Following upon the LCC report of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 which noted that along this stretch of the A49 there had been a total of 25 PIA's (personal injury accidents) and 42 casualties in a five year period and further that a 1993 study had raised issues relating to a series of bends north of Church Lane adjacent to Hunters Lodge the Highways Authorities have within the last twelve months implemented at least some of the recommendations of that study and spent considerable sums on new signs emphasising to drivers that this is a dangerous stretch of road. We believe that matters will be made worse again if and when the predictable extra traffic generated by approval of this application takes place. This worsening is likely to be markedly greater if alcohol is available 24/7. {Ref: [www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk/Councillorpages/A49Prestonroad3.pdf](http://www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk/Councillorpages/A49Prestonroad3.pdf)}
3. We are also concerned that if 24/7 opening is to be allowed that there could be an increase in crime and disorder in the area since the balance of reliable evidence from the available international literature suggests that extended late-night trading hours lead to increased consumption and related harms. (See enclosed article)

We further trust that you will bear in mind when considering this application that this is – and should remain - a rural area, one in which such a usage of these premises may not be appropriate at the level indicated in this application.

Yours sincerely



David C Clews



Janet F Clews