

## **Additional Information relating to Representation 2**

Dear Licensing Committee,

Due to a work commitment, I am unable to attend the upcoming hearing in person. Nonetheless, I wish to extend on my formal objection to the premises licence application by Loungers UK Limited for Lounge, 6 The Plains, Totnes. My concerns are rooted in the ways this application could potentially undermine the Licensing Act 2003's objectives.

### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

The vicinity of the proposed premises already witnesses antisocial behavior, such as incidents at the nearby kebab shop with its often smashed window. Operating until midnight could exacerbate these issues, risking further disorder and crime.

### **Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

Proposed operations until midnight, with outdoor dining and drinks until 10 pm, are likely to increase noise and disruption. This is concerning for nearby families both old and young, whose children's sleep and well-being could suffer. The bench outside the premises may become a congregation point post-closure, raising additional concerns about noise and public nuisance.

### **Public Safety:**

The venue's location close to a busy town circular road, where vehicles frequently speed, poses heightened risks to public safety due to increased pedestrian traffic and potential congregations.

### **Protection of Children from Harm:**

The welfare of young families in proximity to the venue is at risk due to the proposed extended hours and potential for increased noise and antisocial behavior.

### **Concerns Regarding Operational Priorities:**

Loungers UK Limited's emphasis on shareholder interests, suggested by their website, raises questions about their commitment to community welfare over financial gains. This, combined with Totnes's success in prioritizing local, independent businesses over chains, highlights potential conflicts with the town's community values and economic fabric. If it were up to me a gym would be a good use for the space.

Totnes's distinct cultural identity and sense of community could be compromised by introducing a large chain that may prioritize profit over local harmony and safety. The town's clear preference for businesses that align with local values and positively contribute to its character and well-being underscores the unsuitability of this application for our unique community.

Given these considerations, I assert that the application does not sufficiently address the licensing objectives' risks. I urge the committee to reject this application, prioritizing the community's safety, tranquillity, and integrity.

Thank you for considering my objection to this application.

Yours sincerely,