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Dear Licensing team,

**RE: Application for the grant of a premises licence by LFR Leisure Limited for Pizza Punks  
Unit 12 The Riverwalk Durham DH1 4SL**

With reference to the above licensing application, the City of Durham Parish Council wishes to object to this application under the objective of preventing public nuisance.

This application seeks permission for the sale of alcohol (on and off the premises), late night refreshment (indoors) and the playing of recorded music (indoors) Monday to Sunday 10.00am to 1.00am.

The Parish Council Licensing Committee considered this application at its meeting on 13th December 2021. In reaching its decision, the Parish Council Licensing Committee had regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the County Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 to 2024. The Parish Council Licensing Committee feels that, should this application be granted in its current form, it will fail to uphold this important licensing objective.

The prevention of public nuisance is an important licensing objective. Two of the greatest irritations to residents are noise and public nuisance associated with licensed premises. If representations are made, noise and nuisance might preclude the grant of a licence or certificate or, if one has already been granted, could be a ground for review, with a view to the imposition of further conditions or, if the licensing objectives cannot be achieved by such conditions, revocation of the licence or certificate.

When dealing with applications and issuing licences, the Council (when their discretion is engaged) is more likely to impose stricter conditions on premises operating in residential areas.

Proper consideration should therefore be given to the proximity of licensed premises not only to residents and businesses, but also in relation to other sensitive premises, to ensure they are in a position that does not adversely affect their ability to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.

This application seeks permission for licensable activities which are outside the Council's adopted Statement of Licensing Policy's (2019-2024) framework hours for this type of premises. The framework at Appendix II clearly sets out terminal hours for the sale of alcohol and the provision of late-night refreshment for different types of premises. For premises licensed for the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on or off the premises (e.g. pubs, social clubs and nightclubs) the hours are 07.00 to 00.00 (weekdays) and 07.00 to 01.00 (weekends). This application should be amended to conform with these hours.

Furthermore, the Parish Council would also like a condition attached to this license so that no tipping of glass bottles can take place after 10pm to further mitigate against any excessive noise disturbing local residents.

For the reasons set out above, this application should therefore be refused in its current form.

Yours sincerely,

**Adam Shanley**  
**Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council**