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**LICENSING ACT 2003**

NAME OF APPLICANT: [REDACTED] .....

PREMISE ADDRESS: THE LOCKE + KEY  
MIDDLE GATE  
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EMAIL ADDRESS NEWARK NC241AG  
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REPRESENTATION BY: [REDACTED] .....

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**DETAILS OF REPRESENTATIONS**

LICENSING OBJECTIVES	REPRESENTATION (Details and any supporting evidence)
1. The prevention of public nuisance	I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT ON MYSELF + MY NEIGHBOURS. LATE NIGHT NOISE FROM LIVE + PRE RECORDED MUSIC CROWDS, INDIVIDUALS SMOKING OUTSIDE + THE POTENTIAL FOR ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ARE LIKELY TO HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE. NOISE + LIGHT POLLUTION, LITTER + LATE NIGHT DISTURBANCES DETRACTS FROM THE HERITAGE + CONSERVATION AREA.
2. Public safety	THE POTENTIAL INCREASE IN ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR + VIOLENT CRIME COULD PRESENT A DANGER TO THE PUBLIC + A NOISANCE TO RESIDENTS + LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT IS ALREADY STRETCHED IN THE AREA ESPECIALLY LATE AT NIGHT. PLEASE REFER TO MY LETTER ATTACHED.

<p>3. The prevention of crime and disorder</p>	<p>MIDDLEGATE IS STATISTICALLY A FOCAL POINT FOR ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR + CRIME. I BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE EXACERBATED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF A LATE LICENCE THE AREA IS ALREADY TROUBLED WITH PUBLIC INTOXICATION, NOISE DISTURBANCES + VIOLENT INCIDENTS GRANTING AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING LICENCE MAY INCREASE THE PROBLEMS.</p>
<p>4. The protection of children from harm</p>	

If a hearing is held do you intend/do not intend attend the panel hearing relating to the above application.  
 (please indicate)

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

Please print name

[Redacted Name]

Please complete and return to:

Licensing and Enforcement  
 Public Protection  
 Newark and Sherwood District Council  
 Castle House  
 Great North Road  
 Newark  
 Nottinghamshire  
 NG24 1BY

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22nd April 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Opposition to Application for an extension to the Live and pre recorded music and alcohol licence at The Locke and Key, Middle Gate, Newark

I am writing to formally object to the application to extend the live and pre recorded music and alcohol license at The Locke and Key on Middle Gate, Newark. As a concerned member of the local community, a resident and a business owner, I believe granting such a license would significantly harm both the safety of the area and the character of the town centre, especially the Boar Lane area.

My objections are based on the following key concerns:

#### 1. High Crime Rate in the Area

Middle Gate, along with surrounding areas, is statistically already a focal point for antisocial behaviour and criminal activity, which I believe would be exacerbated by the introduction of a late-night venue. As it stands, the area is already dealing with challenges such as public intoxication, noise disturbances, and occasional violent incidents. Granting an alcohol and music license for later hours would likely increase these problems and present a danger to both the public and law enforcement, already stretched thin in this area. There are currently a number of pubs serving alcohol and playing music until late in the vicinity including a night club on Castle Gate which would argue why do we need another?

#### 2. Proximity to Boar Lane Shopping Street

Boar Lane is a traditional shopping street within Newark and is frequented by local residents and tourists alike. The introduction of a late-night venue serving alcohol and live music so close to this area could undermine its appeal and viability as a peaceful shopping destination. The potential for noise pollution, litter, and late-night disturbances could detract from the pleasant atmosphere of the area, which is crucial to maintaining its attractiveness to businesses, visitors, and the general public. My vision for Newark is that of a tourist destination which would appeal to families. Newark needs more shops rather than late night Karaoke bars. We have seen the demise of similar sized market towns who chose the path of pursuing a late, night life culture, such as Grantham. Unfortunately for that town pubs were prioritised over shops and the result was unappealing. The nature of such businesses could in fact make existing retailers in the Boar Lane, Castle Gate and Middle Gate areas feel fear and concern for the safety of their shops at night.

### 3. Impact on the Conservation Area

Newark's town centre is home to several buildings and streets of historical significance, including those within the conservation area around Boar Lane. Any activities that generate noise or attract large crowds, especially late into the evening, could be disruptive to the aesthetic and historical value of the area. The conservation status of Boar Lane and its surroundings should be carefully considered, and the licensing of a late-night venue could threaten the character and integrity of these heritage assets. The Locke and Key operates in a building that is not sound proofed and therefore in my opinion not appropriate late night loud music both live and pre recorded.

### 4. Community Wellbeing

Finally, I would like to highlight the potential negative impact on the wellbeing of myself and other neighbours and local residents, many of whom live in close proximity to Middle Gate. Currently the operation of the business at The Locke and Key runs with acceptable noise and disruption levels most of the time. I fear that increased noise, crowds, and potential for antisocial behaviour associated with a late-night music and alcohol venue would likely have a detrimental effect on the quality of life for myself and other families living in the area.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reject the application for a late night live and pre recorded music and the extension of the alcohol licence for The Locke and Key on Middle Gate. The potential for harm to public safety, local businesses, and the preservation of Newark's historic character far outweighs the benefits of such a license.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Yours faithfully,

