APPENDIX 5



Maidstone Borough Council Maidstone House King Street Maidstone Kent ME15 6JQ

Objection to Premises Licence Application

Dear Sirs.

I am writing to voice my objection to the application for a premises licence by The W House Ltd for W. House, Warehouse at rear of 11-15 Weak Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1QW.

I am objecting on the grounds of all four licencing objectives, but the main concern is on the protection of children from harm.

The owner and director of W House Ltd is the same as the owner for Source Bar, located on Rose Yard. This venue has a problem with underage drinking, which we have raised on several occasions, even providing photographic evidence of people under age to them and the licensing officer, but nothing is ever done about it. We are concerned that if the same owners open another, larger venue in the town, it will draw even more under age people into the town at night, provide them with alcohol and place them in unnecessary danger. We have even provided proof to the venue and the licensing officer that they knowingly let one of our underage members of staff in, they did not care and continued to let her in.

This just goes to show the attitude of the owners to this licensing objective, they do not care about protecting children from harm.

We can't see how any responsible authority can grant a new licence to the same owners, who have this blatant disregard for the licensing objectives. We, however, fully expect our concerns to be ignored as they have been every time we have raised them as it seems that certain members of the local authority/police turn a blind eye to all actions that this individual and his businesses do.

