

MEMORANDUM

To : LICENSING OFFICER

From :

Tel : My Ref :PR02020

Date : 19th December 2022 Your Ref :

**LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE
NOVELLO'S POOL BAR & SPORTS LOFT**

Having assessed the above application, I would like to make the following representation:

Representation	Industry Guidance
PREVENTION OF CRIME & DISORDER	
PUBLIC SAFETY	
PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE	
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM We are very concerned with this premises being used for this purpose. Close House has been supporting vulnerable teenagers in a Safe, Supportive and Inspiring environment for nearly 20 years, and is next door to the proposed 'Novello's' re-opening. We are concerned with: the proximity of the premises to Close House Youth Centre (next door), especially as our teens would have to walk past the entrance way and smoking area of Novello's to access Close House. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Vulnerability of our young people to underage drinking and (reputed) narcotic use, especially as many of our young people have grown up in houses with problem drink or drug use, and will have suffered many related traumas.• A portion of our young people have grown up with previous physical and emotional harm from adults, and will be afraid of walking past the Novello's entrance / smoking area	

because of the proximity to unknown and unsupervised adults.

- the local reputation/memory of the brand name “Novello’s” as a notorious under-age drinking establishment. Our young people have already repeated their parent’s stories – “Oh, I used to drink there when I was skipping school”.
- The safety of our young people who are vulnerable to Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation, especially as they come to Close House for a safe haven or following referrals based on their vulnerability.
- the reputation of the proprietor’s links to illegal narcotics,
- the reputed violence associated with their previous establishment, the Snooker Centre,

It would be impossible for us to run a youth centre, Talk Community Centre, Holiday provision or drop-in space next door to such an establishment with good conscience.