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Please could the email below be indexed as a public comment from 'New Ormskirk Residents Group' in relation to the above planning application.

Please may I ask that we consult both the fire service and police contact we have on our consultation list in order to seek their views and aid my assessment of the application/overcome the concerns raised.

(Sorry –I have advised before that I don't benefit from the indexing facility hence my requests to you –grateful for the assistance all the same!)

Thanks

Kate

Application 2022/0967/FUL. Former indoor market, change of use to mixed leisure and retail,

I am writing on behalf of New Ormskirk Residents Group (NORG) following comments by several of our members, to object to certain features of the above application and to question certain actions which may be seen to be undemocratic.

Obviously as residents of the town we support any development which benefits both local residents and visitors and has no or very limited adverse impact on the immediate area and wider community. The former indoor market hall and adjacent Alpine nightclub has been an eyesore for sometime and we welcome any indoor use which benefits all members of the community and presents an improved exterior in terms of signage, decoration and colour.

Our objections to the interior proposals are as follows –

- The ground floor appears to be very overcrowded with kitchens, eating and drinking seating and tables and a bar. No windows at all are indicated and just one entrance and three exits marked. We do not see any comment by the Fire Service.
- The first floor shows a large area just market Games Area –surely there needs to be considerable detail here on what it is envisaged to be taking place in this area as licences may be required.
- The Terrace Bar potentially presents a problem with noise which could carry to and disturb nearby residential areas.
- We note no toilets marked on the first floor and terrace bar areas, neither are any external fire escapes shown.
- There is no parking marked and little detail about security.

Turning to our second point, several of our members who access Facebook have commented on a post by County and WLBC councillors posing for a hard hat photo with the applicant for the above application alongside which they

indicated they were looking forward to sampling the fare on offer. The implication was that this was a fait accompli.

It's the expectation of our members and the wider community that those in elected office are bound by the Nolan principles and in the case of this Facebook post it would appear that three WLBC Councillors associated with Planning in the Borough have totally disregarded two of the seven – 2. Integrity and 3. Objectivity.

To reiterate it is the view of NORG that as it stands this application should be refused. With considerably more detail and scrutiny then such a reuse would be acceptable.

R.Ivory Chair NORG, L.Hill ,secretary NORG. November 4th 2022

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