

**Subject:** RE: NEW Premises: Unit 53 – 57, Boxpark Croydon, 99 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1LD

I have strong objections to this application from a child safeguarding perspective.

- i) Given the problems with knife crime and violence around the venue and station the provision of axes to throw does not appear to be preventive in relation to safety or limiting access to weapons.
- ii) The provision of alcohol at the same venue does not appear to be in line with their statement of not allowing anyone intoxicated to take part.
- iii) There is insufficient information in relation to child safeguarding policies and training to provide assurance that this has been considered.

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I am writing to object to the application referred to below

**Subject:** Re: Application for a New Premises Licence: The Axe Throwing Company Limited, Unit 53 – 57 Boxpark Croydon, 99 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1LD

My concerns relate to the following Licensing principles:

The prevention of crime and disorder

Public safety; and

The protection of children from harm.

I am concerned that encouraging impressionable people (especially young people) to view dangerous items like axes as recreational items may normalise the carrying of weapons etc

While I note that this activity has been licensed in at least one other location in the UK (ie at Boxpark in Wembley) I remain concerned that it is not an appropriate activity for our town centre

If the Licence is to be granted, I am also concerned to ensure that suitable security arrangements are in place to prevent people taking axes out of the venue; and that anyone using these facilities is subjected to full ID / background checks before they are allowed on to the premises

Regards

Cllr Chris Clark

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