We are contacting yourselves in relation to the current licence application from Art-Iculate (Shropshire) Ltd. Ref: 23/03757/LPREM. Following on from our initial objection dated 10th January 2024, we have been given supported information dated 17th January 2024.

In response to the information provided both in written and video form we, as a group of staff at Ludlow hospital, still object to the licence application.

Looking at your planning permission, the supporting documents state that the request is for up to 50 people, yet your alcohol licence request is for 30 people. The social media posts mention youth/younger generation/school age participants and talks for children as a major part of your plan. These younger people will not be needing alcohol, yet you seem to push this as a reason to not object?

In terms of the misinformation you mention, please note all 23 of us have read your supporting documentation and have made our own decisions, with absolutely no influence from any person who does not work for the hospital. The nursing staff named at the end of this letter have a duty of care and a code of conduct to abide by. Ensuring patient safety and dignity are maintained at all times is the Nursing and Midwifery Council basic standard.

With regards to proximity to the ward, we have attached a copy of the building plans in which you can see just how close the buildings are. The area in green is the ward closest to the building in question, with end-of-life rooms being at the southernmost part of the hospital building and the area in red is designated parking for the building named in the licence request. As you can see, they are incredibly close. Staff working on the ward for day shift leave the building between 21:30-21:45. The updated times of alcohol sales that you suggest for ON-Sales are until 21:00, with the building closing at 22:30. By this time, the night shift will have provided all bedtime medication to patients and lights will have been dimmed down in the bays and side rooms. If you have people leaving your building from 22:30 this then causes noise from people standing outside talking, car engines starting and leaving the car park with headlights facing the hospital building. If people are not able to drive due to having an alcoholic drink, they may call a taxi or get picked up, still causing noise after we have settled the patients down for the night. As stated in our first written objection, during the summer months we have our side room and bay windows open to encourage fresh air.

Again, not a licensing issue as such, however you state that you will have 13 parking spaces, which in the planning request is 1 space per unit with 5 extras to be shared. 13 spaces for up to 50 people (planning application) or 30 people (licence application) is not sufficient and parking is already an issue for the hospital staff and patients (maternity patients, dialysis patients, minor injury and outpatients). You say you will encourage people to walk and cycle, however, with your suggestion of alcohol sales for people to take away, walking and cycling is not feasible, they will need some kind of vehicle to collect these purchases. Even with encouragement to park elsewhere, there will still be those that will come and park on-site.

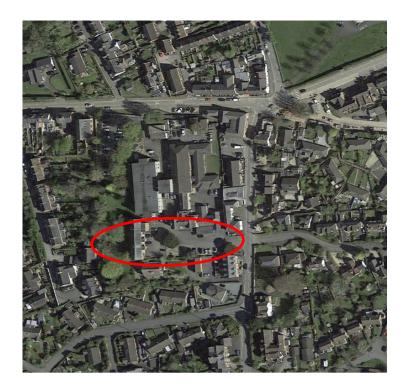
We took note in your video of the one stop shop that is not on the hospital premises and absolutely nowhere near the ward with inpatients. They have a parking area on-site and may have 1 or 2 people visit at one time, rather than the up to 30/50 people (depending on what application you are referring to) that will be attending your premises.

Please be aware, we have no objection to the plans for coffee roastery and co-working spaces, as discussed with the initial planning permission. What we are objecting to is the need for an alcohol licence with reasons being documented in both this letter and our original letter on the 10th of January. We also object to the aggressive and threatening phone call made to the hospital manager to get us to retract our objection. We are a group of 23 members of staff objecting the licence due to the patients and their relatives that we care for and have their best interests at the forefront of our decision.

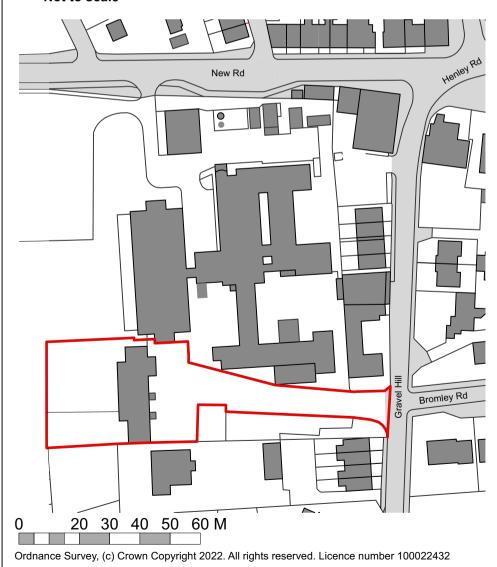
Best regards,

Emma Byrne	
Louisa Hughes	Tara Ingram
Carol Bond	Jackie Robinson
Carol Morgan	Ogonna Onwunatat
Sandra Cade	Ruth Bozkurt
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Alison Proudman	Jacki Watts
Precious Chiyangwa	Kriss Cooper
Amanda Houghton	Lois Watts
Rachel Cullen	Sharon Oertel
Christine Cambell	Kerrie Lloyd
Viv cooper	Jenna Davies

Due to the fact that that we all work at the hospital which provides a 24 hour service, we are not able to attend the meeting on Monday. This is due to working shift patterns of day and night and some staff being on annual leave. Also the meeting is not within a distance where we could come during a break in our shift. We are all happy that what has been put in both documents supports our objections.



1 AERIAL VIEW Not to scale



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