

APPENDIX E

~~Kim Hesketh, nee Fisher~~

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 August 2022 12:15
To: Legal Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Vary of premises licence

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you on behalf of my grandparents who live on [REDACTED] behind the Mini Mart. This is in regards to the proposed sale of alcohol until 2am at Abi Mini Mart. [REDACTED] would like it noted that they oppose this application. Reasons for the opposition are firstly it will cause late night/early hour distribution with people driving down the street to access the shop. Secondly it will attract the wrong kind of people meaning already highly intoxicated people will be flooding in to continue drinking in the early hours. We cannot expect people who have lived and worked in the community for the past 52 years to now have to endure the noise and distribution so a business can put a few more pound in its pockets. Having a business sell alcohol up until 2am is only going to encourage people to come and stay around the estate shouting, fighting and in general disturbing the peace. As I'm sure we are all aware when people are intoxicated they don't have respect of the community in their minds. We should be protecting our vulnerable community members not causing them distress.

I sincerely hope this email is read and taken into consideration on the current proposal.

Thank you for your time,

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

To whoever it may concern,

I would like to oppose the application to vary the premises licence Abi Mini Mart has requested to extend trading hours until 2am daily as a local to the area.

Keeping the store open until 2am will increase noise pollution, being a resident fairly close to the store, this is concerning for myself as being an older gentlemen I do appreciate the quiet in the area that comes with the evening. I know my neighbours are in a similar mind-set when it comes to this, since the closure of the Burma Star pub, the area has been significantly quieter which we have all grown accustomed to.

I also believe it will encourage excessive alcohol consumption, that may also be linked to underage drinking – this can be in the form of loitering in the area as youths congregate to wait for someone to buy them alcohol, or simply further encourage the sale of alcoholic products to those who are underage, as they will try their luck in the store when it is later and there are less of the public around policing the actions of them.

Furthermore, the area already has a slight issue with littering, which I believe will only increase more with the later trading hours, especially with the reason to extend trading hours to 'allow alcohol sales' – as previously mentioned, the lesser of public traffic to police actions, the more likely those are to dump rubbish without second thought and lessened inhibitions.

As a final point to make, although the findings can be somewhat contradicting, the Office for National Statistics have published many reports to suggest that alcohol consumption is linked to violent crime and sexual offences, which is the top offence in the WA7 2DY postcode where the shop will be extending opening hours, please see figure below;

Police

This area is policed by **Cheshire Constabulary**.

Cheshire Constabulary split their policing area into **122** separate neighbourhoods and this postcode is in the **Halton Brook** neighbourhood.



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Neighbourhood Crime

Top 3 Categories	Jun 2022	May 2022
Violent Crime	27	29
Anti-social Behaviour	5	5
Criminal Damage/Arson	4	4

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I hope you consider all of these points and make the right decision for surrounding area.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]