

Kim Hesketh nee Fisher

From: Janet Waine [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 March 2024 10:17
To: Kim Hesketh nee Fisher
Subject: OBJECTION TO FOR ALCOHOL LICENCE AT THE HEATH PARK CAFE, HIGHER RUNCORN

Dear Kim

I would like to express my objection to the application for an alcohol licence at the Runcorn Heath Park Cafe.

The park sits in a once quiet residential area. The upgrades to the park and introduction of a cafe have resulted in a massive increase in dog fouling on footpaths, traffic congestion, parking on pavements, litter and general noise levels. The introduction of yellow lines has been a waste of public money as they are ignored by drivers and remain unpoliced. The inadequate parking facilities close to the park adds to the burden.

On a positive note, the park does provide much needed free outdoor recreation for local people in particular those with young children. Given the issues with obesity and the cost-of-living crisis the park is a welcome healthy lifestyle facility for many Runcorn families and is busy most days. It is a quiet oasis in an area of natural beauty.

The application by the cafe company for an alcohol licence is something of a concern. The only beneficiaries to the application being granted would be a financial gain by the cafe owners. The area is home to many elderly people who I am sure will be gravely concerned about the application and if granted the impact it will have on not only their quality of life but on the area as a whole. Especially during the evening.

The park is used by young families with children who would I hope not to be drinking alcohol. The idea serving alcohol at the cafe where so many small children purchase ice cream and drinks along with snacks is not acceptable on so many levels and raises concerns of child welfare. I imagine the reason why the cafe owners have applied for an alcohol licence is to increase the evening footfall. This in itself is very concerning.

I am sure if this licence is approved, we will see an increase in drink related crime in this quiet residential area. This will no doubt add a further strain on police and emergency services.

Our town centres are evidence of the impact alcohol can have in terms of child safety, increased crime, public nuisance incidents and public safety. Why bring this to a park area?

There are already a number of hostelrys serving alcohol in the area. Another one is not required.

I do hope that this application is declined.

Regards
Janet Waine
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Preferred pronouns She/Her/Hers

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25th March, 2024.

Re: Application to serve alcohol at Espositos Deli.
Highlands Road, Runcorn. WA7 4PT.

I am deeply saddened to see that Espositos has applied for an alcohol licence.

Espositos has been a family friendly watering hole for locals and visitors to the area. School children call in after a busy day and it is good to see them socializing in a civilized manner, putting paid to all the criticism of them.

If alcohol becomes available the whole ethos will change. No longer will the area be a safe haven for children to play, explore and buy refreshments. Parents are more likely to warn them to keep away. There are plenty of places elsewhere selling alcohol. Please keep this park as safe as possible for children.

Yours
H. L. Broady (Mrs.)