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Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 9:51:37 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: Hartlicensing <hartlicensing@basingstoke.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Licence application at 158 Aldershot Road

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I would like to formally object to the licence application for Liquor and Vapes store at 158 Aldershot Road, Church Crookham GU52 8JT. 22/00228/LAPRE

[REDACTED]. I was not informed of this application by either the owners of the shop or by the council. As this directly affects me I should have been written to and notified of this application, all my neighbours seem to have been informed, yet I was left off the list.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Alcohol is already known to cause an increase in antisocial behaviour, I am concerned this will become a problem with people close to the vicinity. There is already an issue with groups of people in Azalea Park causing issues with anti social behaviour which will only increase with alcohol and vapes being more readily available. Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area already so heavily populated with licensed premises that crime, disorder and public nuisance will become a greater problem

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

This is a primarily residential area with a residential property directly above the shop.

Noise - although there been some improvements to the sound proofing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and customers coming in and out constantly.

Hours - The proposed hours are 7am to 10pm 7 days a week. This is massively increased from the hours the shop previously opened when it was an off licence over 13 years ago. Wine shack was open 10am to 8pm sometimes 6pm.

The other shops directly in the vicinity of this one have significantly shorter hours than this, and are closed at least one day a week. The pharmacy opposite is 9-6 Monday to Friday with a half day on a Saturday. Ho's takeaway is 12-1.30 and 5-9 or 9-30 on Friday and Saturday evenings. Both are closed on Sundays and both have residential properties above them.

If this is approved with the proposed current hours I will have no quality of life in my own home as there will be staff in the shop before 7am and after 10pm to prepare to open and close the shop. The noise and intrusion will be intolerable, I have been woken up by the builders arriving to do work in the shop at 7.30am for the last two months, if this starts from 6.30 or 7am every day the lack of sleep will have a profound affect on my mental and physical health.

[REDACTED] that are open from 6 or 7 am to at least 9 or 10pm selling groceries as well as alcohol and vapes. There is

no need or demand for a shop of this type to be open for these hours when it will directly affect the residents living next to the shop and above it.

Public Safety

Parking - there is very minimal parking at the front of the property, only one car would be able to park at a time, you are able to get two small cars but only if you parallel park from the main road which is extremely busy making this quite dangerous.

I have been using this parking for the last 15 years I have lived here, although this is not included in my lease it has always been allowed. When the previous planning applications were submitted for residential flats instead of the shop it was established that parking would need to be provided for my flat for any future developments.

Parking has been significantly reduced in the side streets around Aldershot Road that would have provided alternative parking for me or customers to the shop. Haig lane has half the available parking as this was made double yellow lines.

Rounton road also has reduced parking due the pharmacy opening and taking additional road spaces away for their customer parking. I am unable to park on the main road in front of my flat due to the congestion this would cause. Traffic is already backed up past Rounton road most mornings parking on the road by either myself or customers to the shop would cause even more congestion.

There is already significant strain on the parking due to the chip shop Chinese take away and the pharmacy, this shop is only going to add to this. There are frequent accidents due to congestion or standing traffic making it difficult to see and pull out of side roads.

With delivery lorries also unable to potentially park off road it will cause increased congestion to the already busy road if they have to park into the road.

Please consider the impact this will have on traffic, noise and disruption to the residents.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:01:15 AM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: Hartlicensing <hartlicensing@basingstoke.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to Licence application 23/00228/LAPRE at 158 Aldershot Road, Church Crookham

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Dear Ms Angela Semowo,

Background

I am writing to raise a specific objection to the pending Licence Application 23/00228/LAPRE for 158 Aldershot Road, Church Crookham.

[REDACTED]

The shop, with flat above, has residential properties to either side and on the opposite side of the road. Many of these properties have school aged children living there.

[REDACTED] there was a Wine Rack Off Licence operating from the shop.

That was open over hours that largely mirrored that of the current Majestic Off Licence Store on Fleet High Street, (that also has residential property above it) :

Monday to Wednesday 1000-1900

Thursday to Friday 1000 - 2000

Saturday 0900 - 1900

Sunday 1000 - 1700

Those hours were found to be acceptable as they did not compromise the sleep patterns and quality of life of the occupants of the flat above the shop.

Specific Objection

I do not in principle object to the idea of having an Off Licence shop at 158 Aldershot Road.

However, I raise this objection on the grounds of 'Noise' under the Licencing Objective 'The Prevention of Public Nuisance' and possibly other Objectives.

The Application seeks Opening hours of 0700-2200 every day. With pre opening preparation and post closing finishing up the Noisy time could easily be extended by 30 minutes either side of the 0700-2200 period.

There also exists the possibility of deliveries outside of the opening hours that could generate additional adverse noise.

That could leave only 8 hours per day without the associated noise from a working shop [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Conclusion

As stated above I do not object to the Application in general but do object to the proposed Opening Hours.

I would urge the Licencing Sub Committee to consider:

Adjusting the Opening Hours to reduce Noise for the occupants of the flat above the shop and the surrounding neighbours, many with young children.

Making a condition of the Licence that deliveries should occur only during the agreed Opening Hours.

Yours Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:04:45 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik

To: LicensingComplaints <licensingcomplaints@basingstoke.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: 22/00228/LAPRE - PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION - LIQUOR and VAPE STORE, 158 ALDERSHOT ROAD, CHURCH CROOKHAM, FLEET

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Good afternoon,

In relation to your previous email

Public Safety. The ongoing parking issues are causing antisocial driving due to the lack of capacity of the already busy Hos fish bar. Cars block the pavement causing pedestrians issues and preventing wheel chairs from passing safely. Another shop will only increase this.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance. No one wants these shops. None of my neighbours want them. The new housing estates built over recent years have massively increased traffic flow on a narrow road. The constant hooting of horns as people queue to get passed parked cars is a huge nuisance. This shop will only compound matters. Despite the proprietors best intentions, their shop will no doubt supply youths intentionally or not with alcohol. Youths will congregate outside the shop and it will lead to antisocial behaviour. Why can't they sell something healthy that will boost the health of the local community. They want to sell vapes and alcohol which can only be negative.

The Protection of Children from Harm. I don't want my children to grow up opposite an off licence and a vape shop. They will be mentally bombarded daily with images advertising these products which is bound to have a long term impact on them.

Please reject this proposal and ask the owner to sell something that will have a positive impact on the community.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 5:57:41 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: Hartlicensing <hartlicensing@basingstoke.gov.uk>
Subject: 22/00228/LAPRE

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To whom it may concern,

In relation to the above application ref 22/00228/LAPRE

I strongly object to this application. Much for the same reasons I objected to the conversion of 164 Aldershot Road at the beginning of this year ref planning application 22/02802/FUL.

I would also point out that my neighbour at 165 Aldershot Road had not received a copy of your leaflet. They live directly opposite the proposed property and would be one of the most affected properties. Can you be sure you have properly given all residents the opportunity to object to this application. I would suggest not.

Below are my comments in relation to the application 22/02802/FUL which mirror much of my concerns over the application in question 22/00228/LAPRE. I would also invite you to revisit all the objections raised by the residents in application 22/02802/FUL.

Insufficient traffic capacity

Insufficient Parking.

Additional Littering

Antisocial behaviour

Not supported by the local school

Unhealthy lifestyle

Antisocial driving

Unnecessary business.

Unwanted type of business

Damage to the nearby trees.

Risks to wildlife.

Wasted public funds

Noise Pollution

Traffic pollution.

I don't see what positivity this business brings to the local community. Vapes can be purchased from Tesco Express 0.1 miles away, from Co-Op 0.4 miles away, or online. Clearly none of the local residents support the application which suggests the business might be better placed elsewhere closer to a community who actually want a vape shop. A shop of this type is more suited to a town centre. I have a young family and do not want my children growing up opposite something which will have a negative influence on them to take up an unhealthy daily habit every time they leave their front door. Not to mention all the local children from primary and senior schools that will pass this shop daily on their way to/from school. There is already significant traffic congestion in the area due to all the new housing causing tail backs from the Tesco roundabout along Aldershot Road and beyond Rounton Road. Not to mention the other roads from the same roundabout. The parking outside the already very busy chip shop causes drivers to accelerate hard past the woeful parking with wing mirrors of parked or moving cars sent skittling along the road regularly. Drivers often beep at each other throughout busy periods on a daily basis, presumably frustrated at whose turn it is to negotiate the badly parked cars. The antisocial aspect of this is already unacceptable, a noise nuisance and causes increased pollution due to stationary traffic. Customers attending the shop will only exacerbate this further, despite the plan for a car park (most customers will likely just park out the front.) Speaking of which, the proposed car park appears to be an ill thought out solution due to the effects on wildlife and neighbours. The current building work within the shop has left all the building materials just dumped on the pavement. This is unsightly, unsafe and a health hazard. I have no confidence in the proprietor to ensure their contractors keep a tidy, safe or healthy building site and clearly have a lack of regard for the local community. They have either attended and seen the mess and done nothing significant to remedy the situation, or not bothered to visit. Either way it is not a good look for them. Again, I fail to see any benefit that this shop, or the proposed extension will offer the local community. I feel the council should have consulted the local community about the nature of the business before moving this far forward. The shop is not a well received addition to the community and is likely to cause the council and the police a long list of complaints about the topics listed above. This in turn will have a significant financial impact on both these public resources' budgets which are already stretched post pandemic. This money would be better spent on projects supported by the local community not opposed by the local community.

I enclose a photo to show the current state of parking during the opening times of the chip shop Ho's fish Bar.

As you can see the side streets are filled up and there is parking the full length of the pavement and the grass verge, parking on double yellow lines on Haig Lane plus wear on the grass verge when it is even busier. This image was taken on Saturday 15th April this year.

When vehicles are parked like this it causes antisocial driving, noise pollution and air pollution due to the queue of vehicles that builds up behind the parked cars waiting for oncoming traffic. Frustrated

queueing vehicles then take risks accelerating hard to try and get past the parked cars when there is a gap in oncoming traffic. The results in high engine noise, tire squealing and horn blaring from oncoming vehicles, put at risk by the anti-social driving.

I appreciate that this property was once an off licence called the Wine Shack.

The Wine shack was a different business to that proposed in that it sold wines and ales from the medium price range which would not attract younger/underage customers with a more limited budget.

As stated above. There are vapes and alcohol available from Co-op and Tesco express. Previous similar businesses have failed such as Byrne Brothers on Beacon Hill road and the Wine Shack itself. This mainly due to the branded and more popular Tesco and Co-op. The only gap in the market that this shop can fill is that which will better accommodate underage drinking in order to survive.

Based on the associated application there is strong opposition to this shop from the local community and with good reason. It is only going to cause discontent with its neighbours in an already overcrowded area.

Also parking outside the property is reserved for those who live in the flats above.

This shop simply isn't wanted, it will cause many problems and is unnecessary based on other established shops within walking distance.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:41:40 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik

To: Hartlicensing <hartlicensing@basingstoke.gov.uk>

Subject: 22/00228/LAPRE 158 Aldershot Road - Objection

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To whom it may concern

As a local resident that lives in close proximity to 158 Aldershot Road I am writing to object to this application for a number of reasons.

This area of Aldershot Road is already overwhelmed with traffic and the availability of safe parking spaces is an issue. We are already witnessing on a daily basis congested traffic and potential collisions where cars are parked inappropriately on the road whilst visiting the local pharmacy and Ho's Fish and Chip takeaway. We are also witnessing the side roads of Rounton Road and Haig Lane becoming ever more populated due to there not being enough allocated parking spaces for the premises already mentioned.

The sale of alcohol from 0700 until 2200 is a concern for anti-social behaviour reasons and in our personal experiences will lead to the congregating of groups gathering. CCTV is not a good enough deterrent and will potentially lead to increased demand for local Police/Community Officers to attend and disperse. This road is used by children making their way to school and advertising the sale of alcohol and vapes from 0700 is not the kind of local business we are willing to support.

We do not see there is a requirement for a premises like this in this area of Church Crookham as we have local amenities either side of Aldershot Road which both sell alcohol between appropriate hours along with other essential needs (Tesco Express and The Co-Op) and we understand a Vape shop business (Medusa Vape) has already been permitted planning and is due to open shortly at 164 Aldershot Road. This enhances both statements made above ref parking and anti-social behaviour and strengthens the concern that there is no requirement for an additional business of this nature locally.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]