EMAIL FROM PC IFOR MADDOX

On behalf of the Chief Constable, I would like to object to the 4am closing of the Select and Save application.

We have considered the application and are concerned that opening until 4am will impact on the 4 licensing objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm

Antisocial behaviour has been a neighbourhood policing priority since April 09 to the present time. Alcohol related crime is already showing a 6.3% increase on last year and ASB an increase of 34.1% in the East Team Norths policing area.

Mapping where ASB is in the neighbourhood a high proportion are in the area surrounding Scalford drive. Having a 4am closing time will in our opinion exacerbate the ASB and alcohol related ASB in the area.

A recent article in the ET had quotes from people living in the area they said the following:

Person 1

"I don't think it is a good idea. I have a young baby and the shouting and noise might wake her up. I sometimes use the shop, but I don't like the proposed new hours."

Person 2

"There is supposed to be a law against people drinking in the street but that still happens and this will only make things worse. There is not a lot of trouble around here at the moment, but I am concerned it might start. We don't want people fighting in the street."

Person 3

"There is enough drink about as it is. There are problems with rubbish with cans and bottles being left in the street as well."

Person 4

"I don't see why there would be a need for the extra hours. There are enough places to get alcohol as it is."

Person 5

"I can't see that having that sort of kind of thing would be good in a residential area. "It's going to create a lot of problems in an area where a lot of people are living. It might be different if it was in the city centre."

The parade of shops in Central avenue were experiencing high ASB and a wide range of police measures culminating in a dispersal order were put in place.

We have also received a comment from the local PCSO who states:

"As the local officer I have witnessed a lot of unreported ASB around the licensed supermarket. There are a lot of people who hang around outside the supermarket drinking alcohol and are intimidating to members of the public. A lot of the time the people hanging around are quite intoxicated and loud. It is my belief by granting an extension to the liquor license will only have a detrimental effect on this residential area and bearing in mind the supermarket is opposite a school and a Sure Start building where Families are constantly coming and going. This area has historically has had a number of issues surrounding ASB, I do believe that if the license was granted until 4am this would attract and cause ASB in the local area.

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