

Email from Councillor Saltmarsh – Ward Councillor

I would also like to object to this application.

1 The extra opening hours will lead to more crimes being committed in the area. The police are very worried about this.

2 People gathering outside the shops with cans, bottles etc in their hands are very frightening to other users of the shops along the parade.

3 The extra noise at night will be a nuisance to local residents especially to those living in the flats above the shops.

4 Children will be put at risk as these premises are opposite a Primary school and a Children's Centre.

The Scalford Drive parade has only recently become a place where people feel safe and we do not want to go back to the days when it was a no go area.

Bella Saltmarsh
Councillor for Dogsthorpe Ward

**THE LICENSING ACT 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM FOR "INTERESTED PERSON" / "BODY"
(living in the 'vicinity' of the premises detailed below)**

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL
- 8 JUN 2010
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Your name / Company name	Mr Chris Ash
(Name of Body you represent) Please tick one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i) a person living in the vicinity of the premises <input type="checkbox"/> ii) a body representing persons who live in that vicinity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> iii) a person involved in a business in the vicinity of the premises <input type="checkbox"/> iv) a body representing persons involved in these businesses <input type="checkbox"/>	
Postal Address (inc post code)	Members Services Town Hall Bridge Street
Contact telephone number:	756573 : or 452033
Mobile Number:	
Email address:	Chris.ash@Peterborough.gov.uk.

Name of Premises you are making a representation about:	Select a Save
Address of the premises you are making a representation about:	9-11 Scafford Dr Peterborough PE1 4XQ

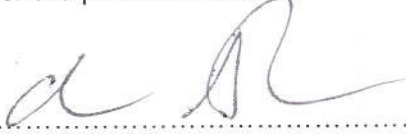
This section is about your representation/s. They must relate to one or more of the Licensing Objectives. Please detail the evidence supporting your representation, (under the relevant headings) and the reason for your representation/s. *It is important that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered. (Use additional sheets if necessary. Regulations provide that in considering representations the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by the party either before the hearing or, with the consent of all parties, at the hearing.*

The prevention of crime and disorder Have not suited to area potential for disorder. - might for people to congregate	Public safety
The prevention of public nuisance Loss of amenity to local residents in area potential for noise nuisance	The protection of children from harm review of underage sales at store.
Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representations, or other suggestions you would like the licensing authority to take into account Licence is Have set to that which is appropriate for a residential area (9-11pm)	

The term 'vicinity' is used in the Licensing Act 2003, in particular with reference to those 'interested parties' (see definition in guidance attached) who may lodge objections to applications for premises licences and who may make representations concerning existing premises licences. Unfortunately the Act does not define the term 'vicinity' but the licensing authority will determine each case on its individual merit.

If the licensing authority considers that relevant representations are made the licensing team will consider arranging a mediation meeting between the relevant parties (if all agree) to try and reach a settlement. If this informal process is unsuccessful a hearing before the Licensing Sub Committee will follow, unless the interested parties withdraw their representations.

All representations in their entirety, including your name and address will be disclosed to the applicant for the premises licence.

Signed  Date 2-6-10
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Cllr. C. Ash
.....
Please print name

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to:

The Licensing Team
Peterborough City Council
Bridge House
Town Bridge
Peterborough
PE1 1HU

Telephone: 01733 747474

Email: eh.licensing@peterborough.gov.uk

This form must be returned within the Statutory Period, which is 28 days from the day after the day on which the application was given to the licensing authority by the Applicant.

However, because of the tight timescales involved, and to assist in the determination of the application process, any representations should be forwarded to the licensing authority AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and preferably within 14 days of notification of the application.

If in any doubt, please contact the Licensing Team on the above telephone number.

Email from Councillor Miners – Ward Councillor

Dear Teresa Martin,

Re: Licensing Act 2003 - Select and Save, 9-11 Scalford Drive, Welland, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough.

From the outset, may I say how astounded I was to learn of this application to sell alcohol 22hours a day from this retail outlet. The applicant has obviously no detailed knowledge of the surrounding community and its acute deprivation levels....or a sense of community responsibility.

From the outset, Welland has experienced a bad press. Some of it fabricated by an overzealous press - but some justified by its sheer historic levels of economic and social deprivation that generates a spiral of decline in family values.

In a 1989 report, P'Boro City Council financed the production of a document entitled 'Welland - A Project Appraisal'. Here was a comprehensive study listing some of the issues of local concern and identifying the urgent need for the Government and City to finance "Regeneration Projects" throughout the community area.

Various other in-depth studies followed - culminating in over £10m being spent on local environmental improvement schemes. Which is now only nearing final completion, thanks to investment by the new social landlord in the area, Cross Keys Homes.

The Greater Dogsthorpe Partnership (GDP) was financed & came into being solely on the back of certain high levels of social deprivation on Welland ("Hot Spots"). Without the recorded nationally recognised levels of poor health, unemployment, lack of work skills/training, secure family units, one-parent families, benefit dependency, severe income levels etc etc....the GDP would never have appeared locally.

Welland has always been blighted with a label of petty crime and social disorder. Adjoining communities stating that "them over there" are the culprits "those living there" are the ones responsible.

Crime & Disorder

There is a record of anti-social behaviour in & around the shopping area where this shop is located. This culminated in various dispersal orders, installation of CCTV and increased local policing.

There is an alcohol problem in the area - an acute alcohol problem. There are large areas virtually swimming in discarded drink cans/bottles in the immediate vicinity. Local shrubbery seems to have more bottles/cans than flowering shrubs!

There is a problem already of drinkers sitting/camping outside the Children's Centre (Surestart) Acorn Centre opposite on the grassed frontage drinking their alcohol during daylight/work/school times (Welland Primary School is also opposite on the other side of the road). These drinkers seem to be waiting for friends or family members visiting the Children's Centre to come out!

Increased time & opportunity to buy even more alcohol at virtually all hours will lead to more acts of anti-social behaviour.

The lack of adequate and positive local community policing is already a local issue. How on earth are the Police going to cope with even more drink related social disorder & crime during these extended shop opening hours to sell cheap booze!

Public Safety

The Police will hopefully be able to give more detailed historical information on the aspects of local public safety around this area.

Already many people feel intimidated by 'gatherings' of people obviously under the influence of drink or drugs.

Some families will not use this shop because they are in fear of their own personal safety. Will it be safe to walk home in the dark when there are individuals buying & drinking alcohol at all hours!

Alcohol attracts those elements in society that prey on easy targets and is the ignition required for acts of GBH and ABH.....culminating in violence and acts of theft etc.

Family units locally will suffer. Those addicted to drink will go and buy that extra can/bottle of booze - instead of that healthy food option for their baby/child. The temptation to buy and consume even more drink will be too much for those addicted. Resulting in more child abuse/partner abuse and drink related illnesses and deaths.

I know Alcoholics Anonymous is already very worried about the high levels of consumption of all ages locally and fearful of the damage young drinkers are doing to their physical and mental health.

Public Nuisance

There is already a problem with discarded beer cans/bottles...wine/cider containers. Smashed glass is regularly crushed underfoot.

Coupled with the drink comes NOISE / SHOUTING / ARGUING / SWEARING / SPITTING / URINATING and sick being deposited everywhere.

Having lived locally in the area all my life and being a local councillor representing the area for over 30yrs - I am convinced such an extension to sell alcohol 22hrs a day will result in more acts of nuisance behaviour and fear of feeling safe to walk locally.

What about those living above the shop area. They will suffer acute public nuisance with cars driving to buy booze at all hours...no doubt with car radios/horns blaring and then speeding/racing along local roads.

Protection of Children from harm

Obviously I have touched on this issue in various previous statements above. Children will be in more danger of family abuse/attack.

They will be in danger of injury when walking/playing locally because of all the discarded bottles/cans/litter being strewn/thrown all over the place by people the worse for wear because of their lack of consumption control with alcohol levels.

Why is there a local Children's Centre in the community.....these Surestart centres are there to plug social gaps, to give/offer opportunities and attack poverty at its source.

If this application to sell alcohol locally 22hrs a day is allowed then this local authority is sourcing the continuing high levels of poverty and benefit dependency that so blights the local community.

We should be encouraging less alcohol consumption and not more. We have a social duty and responsibility to safeguard children and family well-being. There can be only one decision REFUSAL.

Kind Regards,
Cllr Adrian Miners

Email from Councillor Miners Detailing Response from Local Resident

Hi,

I have received a resident response to this application.

She wishes to remain anonymous but can be described as Mrs R.D.

I now repeat her exact words.

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder

"It will increase both by encouraging people to have somewhere to congregate. It will give drunks and youths the chance to sit on the walls near the shops a drink at all hours & make an unruly row, when most residents just need to sleep. This often happens in the daytime now, but in the small hours of the morning the noise is exaggerated and will keep people awake. Cans & bottles are already thrown around everywhere now and children going to school in the morning do not need to have this type of rubbish to contend with. Why do people really need to shop at this time of the morning anyway!"

Public Safety

"It will encourage even more drunks into the area and we have enough already in this socially deprived area."

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

"This will cause an even bigger problem for people who live near the shop and many drunks already trot up & down Redmile Walk all day now. In the peace and quiet of the night the sound will become louder for residents. The shop needs to have less opening hours not more."

The Protection of Children from Harm

"The shop is opposite a Primary School and also a Children's Centre. Obviously these are both closed at night, but the debris of cans & bottles is already visible in the day hours and is not nice for children and parents alike. Vomit can often be seen in the vicinity of the shop in the mornings & at the side of the shop, drunken men can be seen in the daytime urinating against the wall.

Parents are already witnessing anti-social behaviour and it is having the effect of making them feel that they do not want to park

their car near the shops or even come into the shop/s or attend groups at the Children's Centre.

Children attending the school are having to walk by drunks now and they should not have to be exposed to this"
Unquote.



2 June 2010

Peterborough City Council,
Licensing Section,
Bridge House,
Town Bridge,
Peterborough
PE1 1HU

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing about the proposed license application for the Select and Save shop, Scaford Drive, Welland, Dogsthorpe.

The Welland Residents Association held a meeting yesterday 1st June 2010, and it was generally agreed that the local residents are against this proposal, as we all feel that it would lead to more problems with excess litter and more trouble with drunken behaviour causing trouble in the local area.

The shop is located directly opposite Welland Primary School, and this is not setting a good example for children to see this kind of behaviour. The shop is located beneath flats, and located near local residents, there are lots of houses and flats nearby.

I hope that you can listen to the local residents views, and that you no do not grant them the extended license. The shop is already open from 8am til 10pm, and if people have not got their alcohol already by 10pm, then surely they can wait until 8am.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Miss Wanda Robson.

Miss Wanda Robson
Secretary for Welland Residents Association

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