

**Licensing Act 2003****REPRESENTATIONS**

Name	
Company/Organisation/ body you represent	Pathways to Independence/Social Interest Group
Address	25 Victoria Street, Rochester, Kent. ME1 1XJ
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Telephone number(s)	

Name of the premises	382-386 HIGH STREET ROCHESTER Kent ME1 1DJ
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General comments – What are the general reasons for your representation? (Specific comments against the licensing objectives are in the next section)	<p>PTI run and manage a range of supported accommodation services for ex homeless people across Medway. This includes a project at 36a High Street Chatham ME4 4EA for 11 ex rough sleepers. Many of these residents will have current or past addiction issues which include alcohol and drug use.</p> <p>We also run a street outreach service for people with chronic alcohol and drug use who are at high risk of premature death in Medway. This project regular seems clients along the High Street drinking alcohol.</p> <p>We therefore feel that our representation is valid due to the already high number of shops that sell alcohol within the vicinity to these services.</p> <p>We also feel that as a wider benefit to the general health of Medway residents which is an area of high deprivation that further shops selling alcohol and cigarettes locally is a negative thing for the populations health.</p>



A representation <b>MUST</b> refer to one or more of the following licensing objectives.	Tick which objective(s) your representation is relevant to	Evidence supporting the representation against the relevant licensing objective. (continue on separate sheets if necessary)
The prevention of crime and disorder		<p><i>Our supported accommodation project on Chatham High Street regularly witnesses behaviour including members of the public and friends of residents who are intoxicated whilst on the high street. This ranges from people shouting at each other up to people breaking into our property who were under the influence of alcohol and causing damage to our door who were trying to fight a resident for no apparent reason.</i></p> <p><i>We are aware of ambulances being called for clients on Chatham and Rochester High street that are unwell due to their alcohol consumption.</i></p> <p>Police call outs to this area for anti-social behaviour are high and people seen drinking alcohol when walking and sitting locally is a daily norm.</p>
The prevention of public nuisance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Public drinking is a daily norm in this area. People are often seen sitting on the street outside shops and on benches drinking.</i></li> <li>• <i>Seeing members of the public walking and drinking alcohol is a daily norm and more times of the day for this area.</i></li> <li>• <i>Urination against walls and buildings is a normal occurrence for this area as well.</i></li> <li>• <i>Abusive behaviour and shouting is normal for this area and is often undertaken by people under the influence of alcohol.</i></li> </ul>
Public safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Litter is prevalent and requires daily pick up in this area. This includes cans of alcohol and broken glass.</i></li> <li>• <i>2 clients that have lived at our Chatham High Street services over the last two years have passed away due to their addictions to high % alcohol drinks.</i></li> </ul>
The protection of		Unknown – Though families do live in the area and children are seen to walk around

children from harm		groups and individuals drinking throughout the day.
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Are there any conditions or modifications to the application or licence that would address the representations?	<p>It is felt that the alcohol sale point locally is saturated and that another store would only increase more people into the area with alcohol issues. It would be great if this could be avoided.</p> <p>If the decision was to allow the shop to be opened we would want a maximum strength of 5% alcohol products such as beers and ciders being sold. It is known that stronger alcohol particularly beers/ciders has a negative impact and encourages people with alcohol issues to frequent the shops and wider areas.</p>
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 03.09.24 \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form along with any supporting evidence to **The Licensing Dept., Gravesham Borough Council Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU** or e-mail [licensing@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@gravesham.gov.uk)

*Representations must be submitted to the council within 28 days of the date on the notice displayed on the premises or the date specified on the public notice in the newspaper.*