

Appendix F

I have a number of serious reservations about this application and wished to object to it on the following grounds: -

1. Excessive Opening Hours - The application seeks to sell alcohol between 0800 and 2300, seven days a week. It also seeks to extend these hours for Bank Holidays and festivals such as Christmas Eve & New Years Eve until midnight!

The proposed hours of sale are excessive. This is a primarily a residential area with a diverse population and a vibrant sense of community. Sadly, it therefore also suffers from many alcohol related issues which would be exacerbated by the addition of another outlet selling alcohol. It would result in an increased risk of crime and public disorder. A recent example of this being a break in & criminal damage at St. Barts Chapel in the immediate vicinity.

Should a Premises Licence be granted, the hours of alcohol sales should be restricted to the hours of 11am to 6 pm, seven days a week applicable all days of the year. In addition a condition should be placed on the licence prohibiting the sale of any alcohol above 5.5 % ABV.

2. Negative Impact on the Area - Should this application be granted, it is our view that it would have an negative impact on the character and amenity of our local area and also compromise the work done over recent years to celebrate and enhance the historical and cultural fabric of the area.

3. Threat to Child Safety - This part of town is close to local school and is a major route for pupils walking to and from their schools. If granted in the terms requested, this premise licence therefore significantly increases the risk to children. In addition, it places a temptation for some older children to attempt to purchase alcohol illegally, and we feel that these children should be protected from harm.

4. Risk of Noise and Disturbance - As a community organisation we also feel that this application increases the potential for unacceptable noise nuisance to residents and businesses alike. The prevention of public nuisance is an important and relevant licensing objective which is very applicable to this application.

5. Public Safety Risk – Our local community is also very concerned that this application increases the risk to public safety, particularly in terms of potential "offenders" gathering in and around the premises. Public safety is also compromised by discarded bottles and cans and other discarded rubbish.

Co-Chair Intra Community Trust