

Licensing Act 2003**REPRESENTATIONS**

Name	Paul Blakebrough
Company/Organisation/ body you represent	Get Ready Comics
Address	
E mail	
Telephone number(s)	

Name of the premises	Tesco Express
Address of the premises	Unit 1, Pullman House, 90 Corporation Street Rochester Kent ME1 1NH

<p>General comments – What are the general reasons for your representation? (Specific comments against the licensing objectives are in the next section)</p>	<p><i>It could be pointed out</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The premises is in a cumulative impact policy area because of identified alcohol related issues.</i> • <i>'Off sales' in this area are a concern.</i> • <i>Issues which might be relevant in the wider High St area</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Street drinking</i> ○ <i>Begging (link to alcohol use)</i> ○ <i>Rough sleeping (link to alcohol use)</i> ○ <i>Alcohol related litter</i> ○ <i>Anti-social behaviour</i> ○ <i>Broken glass & violence (already incidents of stabbing & fights)</i>
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A representation MUST 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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Damage to property including smashed windows & blood splatter</i> • <i>Anti-social behaviour</i> • <i>Public disorder</i> • <i>Broken glass, vomit in doorway</i>
The prevention of public nuisance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Litter</i> • <i>Shouting/swearing/other anti-social behaviour at children & families</i> • <i>Begging</i> • <i>Rough sleeping</i> • <i>Public drinking</i>
Public safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Broken glass</i> • <i>Violence & aggression towards daytime visitors</i>
The protection of children from harm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Underage street drinking</i>

Are there any conditions or modifications to the application or licence that would address the representations?	12.00 midday until 8.00pm. Would be acceptable.
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Signed P Blakebrough

Date 19th March 2025

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

APPENDIX D

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.

From: Ross Hutchins
Sent: 23 March 2025 17:41
To: Licensing
Cc:
Subject: Objection to Premises License Application - Tesco, Pullman House 90 Corporation Street Rochester

Dear Sirs,

Objection to Application for a Premises License for: Tesco Stores Limited, Unit 1 Pullman House, 90 Corporation Street, Rochester ME1 1NH.

Requested: Sale of Alcohol Sunday to Thursday 1000-2100, Friday and Saturday 1000-2100.

Grounds for Objections:

Crime and disorder

- The retailing of alcohol along with other goods, has an associated level of crime attached, that comes in the form of theft from shop, violence towards shop workers, that also spills into the footprint around the store.
- As mentioned later the application sits in a CIP and PSPO, with evidence of crime and disorder. The evidence in both policies support a refusal under crime and disorder.

Public Safety

- The retailing of alcohol in such proximity to a railway station, could risk safety of those traveling by train through intoxication.
- The retailing of alcohol attracts theft, ASB and associated violence. Members of the public living nearby or passing by may be subject to this.
- While the business offers to address street drinking with conditions, allowing the sale of alcohol in 4 packs, educes shared purchases to navigate past this condition. Spirits and wine would still be available.

Public Nuisance

- Potential of noise in around the area with the hours requested.
- Application is a threat to community safety.

- The premises will generate litter and potential for street drinking products.
- Person may gather around the store, specifically as a mass transit area who make be smoking which would cause harm to passers-by.
- No free car parking is provided. Although a red route this will have an impact of persons parking looking to use the store.

Protection of Children from Harm

- Street drinking is visible in the area and the rail station and bus stops are used by children twice a day. The current hours would expose children to alcohol sales impact on the way home.
- The area has high footfall traffic and person would potentially gather around the store before or after travel. Later in the operational day there is a greater potential for situations to escalate that could cause violence induced crimes.

Application in a CIP

- The application sits in the CIP zone, so all the licensing objectives should be considered in the application. Any proposed conditions should reflect controls to uphold the principles of the CIP.
- Please consider all evidence in the CIP document at - Cumulative Impact Policy 4 - Rochester High Street page 22 as reasons to refuse.
- The CIP policy is well defined, with many businesses refused licenses, setting a precedent that should be followed.
- The application even with new proposed conditions still does not satisfy the criteria of grant in a CIP.
- The applicant referenced the CO-OP that is not relevant as it sits outside the CIP. Castle Food and Wine and S & J news have historically operated for many years prior to the CIP. The applicant should not be allowed to refer to these venues as this would not be reflective to this application or the current version of the CIP.

Application in PSPO

- This application is made in an existing Public Spaces Protection Order area, where the consumption and carrying of alcohol is restricted in the area. This PSPO reflects all the licensing objectives for the purpose of objection.
- The applicant has made a second application and has failed to take note of the PSPO again and made no attempt to address this.

Tesco make the statement that -The premises are not premises likely to add to any existing cumulative impact. (page 1 of submission).

Tesco also references:

The evidence upon which the Cumulative Impact Policy was adopted including statistical evidence

Evidence from how its existing stores operate and local knowledge

Observations of the local area within which the proposed premises are situated looking at and considering the specific issued of cumulative impact

Experience of Tesco in other locations which there is a cumulative impact policy operating in that location

In consideration of this application, I asked Kent Police, under the freedom of information act:

How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submission, with a breakdown of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

This was for 8 Tesco stores located all within the area of Medway. Stores reviewed in the FOI were:

Tesco

3 Cuxton Road

ME2 2DE

Tesco Express

Frindsbury Rd

ME2 4JD

Tesco Express

178 Darnley Rd

ME2 2UW

Tesco Express
Gravesend Road
ME2 3PW

Tesco Express
Pier Rd
ME7 1TZ

Tesco Express
Sturdee Ave
ME7 2HN

Tesco Express
Unit 1, Limeburners Drive
ME2 1GN

Tesco Extra
Gillingham
ME8 0GX
Tesco
1 Rainham Shopping

The result was a staggering **301 crimes in 12 months**, with Tesco stores impacting the police and local council with **25.08 recorded crimes per month, just under 1 a day**.

This information is attached in evidence with the proof of request for the FOI.

Tesco making statement that they have statistical evidence, is selective in presentation, as this evidence supports that Tesco do not have the local knowledge from its existing stores to work in a CIP or even uphold the licensing objectives.

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In summary of the objections, I would request that that council consider refusal of alcohol for retail at the location. There are more suitable alternative retailers, in better placed geographic locations.

As required under that act I would be willing have contact with the representatives of Tesco, to mediate and attempt to avoid the matter requiring a hearing. I give consent for this email to be shared with the required redactions, and providing Tesco my email of

Your Sincerely,

Steven Hutchins

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Sturdee Ave
ME7 2HN*

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*Tesco
1 Rainham Shopping*

1. How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submission, with a break down of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

The attached appendix provides details relevant to your request. Please consider the information notices below and within the appendix, which should be considered when analysing the data. Please also note that the information has been extracted from Athena Crime which is a live recording system and as such any information extracted is subject to change.

The data has been collated by Athena Crime on 20 December 2024 and is subject to change.

The date period is from 20 December 2023 - 20 December 2024.

Within the search the store with postcode ME2 1GN provided zero results.

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the Freedom of Information Act generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Packman

Public Disclosure Officer



**Kent
Police**



Your right to appeal

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have 40 working days from the date the response is issued to request that Kent Police carry out an internal review.

If your request for a review concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

Kent Police will acknowledge receipt of any request for a review and aim to respond as soon as practicable, in most cases within 20 working days of receipt. If the review will not be completed in this timescale, you will be informed.

You may lodge your request for a review in writing:

Our email address is: [!](mailto:freedom@kent.police.uk)

Our postal address is:

Freedom of Information

Maidstone Police Station

Palace Avenue

Maidstone

Kent ME15 6NF

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner who would normally expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by Kent Police.

For information on how to appeal to the Information Commissioner please visit the website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

0303 123 1113

Appendix

Kent Police: Freedom of Information FOI/00065/25/EP

ME2 2DE

1.How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submisison, with a break down of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

Offence	Total
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	8
Attempted Burglary - Business And Community	2
Burglary - Business And Community	1
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress	4
Harassment	1
Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	2
Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	2
Stalking - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1
Theft from shops and stalls	97
Theft from the person of another	1
Theft if not classified elsewhere	2
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place	1
Total	122

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Kent Police: Freedom of Information FOI/00065/25/EP

ME2 4JD

1.How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submisison, with a break down of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

Offence	Total
Affray	1
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	3
Burglary - Business And Community	1
Making off without payment	1
Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	1
Robbery (of Personal Property)	1
Theft from shops and stalls	10
Theft if not classified elsewhere	7
Total	25

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ME2 2UW

1.How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submisison, with a break down of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

Offence	Total
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	1
Attempted - Robbery (of a Business Property)	1
Burglary - Business And Community	1
Theft from shops and stalls	8
Total	11

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ME2 3PW

1.How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submisison, with a break down of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

Offence	Total
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	1
Making off without payment	1
Possessing or distributing prohibited weapons designed for discharge of noxious substances etc	1
Theft from a motor vehicle	1
Theft from shops and stalls	6
Theft if not classified elsewhere	2
Total	12

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ME7 1TZ

1.How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submisison, with a break down of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

Offence	Total
Theft from shops and stalls	2
Total	2

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ME7 2HN

1.How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submisison, with a break down of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

Offence	Total
Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1
Breach of a criminal behaviour order	3
Sexual assault on a female	1
Theft from shops and stalls	20
Total	25

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ME8 OGX

1. How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submission, with a break down of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

Offence	Total
Assault Police - Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	8
Interference with a motor vehicle	1
Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	3
Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	2
Racially or religiously aggravated common assault or beating	1
Stalking - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1
Theft from a motor vehicle	2
Theft from shops and stalls	42
Theft from the person of another	1
Theft if not classified elsewhere	5
Theft of a motor vehicle	1
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	1
Total	69

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1. How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months from date of submission, with a break down of the offence, theft, ASB, etc.

Offence	Total
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	3
Burglary - Business And Community	1
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress	2
Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	1
Sexual assault on a male	1
Theft from shops and stalls	23
Theft from the person of another	2
Theft if not classified elsewhere	1
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	1
Total	35

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