



Coventry Safeguarding Children Board

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RE: Licensing Act 2003- New Premises Licence application 3C- 3D Lower Holyhead Road, Coventry, CV1 3AW

I am writing to make a representation in respect of the Licence at 3C-3D Lower Holyhead Road. The licensing objective applicable is the Protection of Children.

3C-3D Lower Holyhead Road is directly opposite The Foyer, a residential unit for 63 young people age 16-24 with low to medium support needs. There are a number of the young people who reside here who have substance misuse issues and it is felt that to have an off licence directly opposite their place of residence would only serve to make these young people more vulnerable.

There are 51 police logs relating to Lower Holyhead Road between 1/8/14 and 16/2/2015. 40 of these logs relate to the Foyer and are a combination of :

- missing reports,
- arrests of residents,
- checks for other forces,
- crimes mainly theft of property by one resident from another
- minor assaults on residents and staff members committed inside the premises.

Of the other logs there are two for a robbery at around 5am in the morning committed by a resident of the Foyer. Many of these logs were fuelled by alcohol and to add an off licence directly opposite, therefore making alcohol more readily available, would only exacerbate the situation.

There are also some currently some concerns with street drinking within the city centre and individuals under the influence of alcohol pose a further risk to young people visiting the City.

It has also been highlighted in recent high profile cases that many cases of child sexual exploitation originate from adults buying alcohol for young people to foster relationships and then demand sexual favours in return. Due to the fact that many of the residents of the Foyer are vulnerable young people granting this licence may put them at increased risk of child sexual exploitation.

I would therefore ask that this application for a Premises Licence is refused.

Yours Sincerely

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