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Objection from local Resident .

Hi Martin,

I refer to our telephone conversation regarding the above issue. In a residential area where people have young children and working class families who have to get up early for work. These premises which were just a petrol filling station then an off licence and now are planning to be an extended hours off licence will create a lot of disturbance to us the local residents.

Noise at all hours specially when even now sometimes we have witnessed people sitting on the boundary walls of these premises with beer or lager cans in their hands and talking loudly with no respect for residents of this area. Some times group of foreigners standing on the pavement near these premises and consuming spirits and not to mention the litter around these premises and around our properties in this area.

On several occasions there have been disturbances in this area due to unruly drunkard people. We the residents of this area don't want off-licences every 200 or so yards in this residential area NOT to mention extended hours ones.

We have had lots of problems getting rid of working women in this residential area and now we don't want these extended hours off licenses. If these premises are given this licence then what will stop the others applying for the same.

I would like you to please investigate if you think what I have mentioned in my email is not true. There already are drink related problems in our society and we will simply add fuel to it by having extended hours off licences.

If you require any further information or would like to contact me, please don't hesitate.

Objection from CLLR BOYLE

Dear Martin,

I refer to the application below. As ward Councillor, I wish to object on the following grounds.

1. The time they currently operate is late enough in what is a predominately residential street
2. This premise and its grounds have been the subject of gang fights in the past and other well documented ASB problems
3. Lots of people already hang out in the grounds of the petrol station now til late into the evening. This will see them staying later adding to the potential for disorder, disturbance and ASB
4. Young people already hang around the site and I am concerned that staying open later will keep the young people there later making them very vulnerable to potential Child Sexual Exploitation and other crime

For these reasons, I ask that the application be rejected.

Regards, Jim.

Objection from Environmental Protection

Hi Martin

I have considered this application and wish to object under the licensing objective 'prevention of

public nuisance’.

The applicant is seeking sale of alcohol from 6am - 2am and 7am - 11pm on Sundays and 24 hour opening.

The grounds of my objection are as follows. The petrol station is situated in close proximity to a large number of residential properties at the junction of Harnall Lane East and Jesmond Road and King Edward Road. There is therefore significant potential for noise and general disturbance to be caused to these properties should the licence be granted from customers arriving and leaving, car doors, taxi horns and from anti-social behaviour.

There are no other premises in the immediate area (which is predominantly residential) with a late alcohol licence and the concern is that the petrol station would therefore become a magnet for late night alcohol sales generating the type of noise and disturbance described above.

The applicant has not included any effective measures by which public nuisance can be prevented and indeed it is very difficult to prevent the types of disturbance described above other than to restrict trading hours.

In addition I have checked the planning permission for this site, and there is a planning condition that states the premises shall not open for customer business outside the hours of 07.00 – 23.00hrs.

It is the contention of Environmental Protection that these existing hours are more than sufficient given the residential nature of the locality and we are therefore requesting that the application is refused.

Regards

Neil

**Objection from West
Midlands Police PC
7136 Healy**

Dear Sir,

RE : LICENSING OBJECTIVE – PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

West Midlands Police would like to lodge an objection with regards to the variation of a premises license with regards to Hillfields Service Station, Harnall Lane East. These premises at present hold an off sales license allowing sales of alcohol from 07:00hrs until 23:00hrs. The applicant is seeking to open the premises 24hrs a day with the sale of alcohol between 0600hrs – 0200hrs Mon-Sat and 07:00-23:00on Sundays.

The premises are situated in the middle of a residential area, which is made up of a cross section of society, many of these being transient residents. The area as a whole is mainly terraced housing with limited roadside parking; the service station is surrounded on all sides by residential properties. The Hillfields area is acknowledged as a priority area within the City due to its crime rate, ASB levels and social deprivation. The area also incorporates the red light area and the Gateway facility which are in close proximity to the Service Station.

Over the last year the premises has been subject to 14 calls for service, 5 relate to non-payment of fuel, 2 relate to shoplifters, 3 relate to disorder/ASB with the rest being miscellaneous incidents. Harnall Lane East was subject to 321 calls for service over the past year, a large proportion of these relate to violence, alcohol related disorder and ASB. A few examples of these are listed below:

Log 806 17/7/16 Harnall Lane East – One Drug guy has come in to shop and fighting with caller.

Log 2817 5/7/16 Harnall Lane East – Repeat ASB –There are 3 males ages U/K riding on a quad bike no helmets. They ride all day and are riding around now. They are riding on the callers road and keeping his children awake.

Log 370 20/06/16 Harnall Lane East – Male passed out lying in the gutter, he is not conscious but is breathing.

Log 1458 20/05/16 Harnall Lane East – 2 drunk males are lying down in the road, one male keeps falling down as he is so intoxicated.

From a police perspective the area suffers from violence and disorder which is often alcohol or drug related, there is also a high proportion of ASB with large groups gathering causing noise complaints and intimidating local residents. I believe the extension of this licence will increase these issues for residents as the Garage will attract people 24/7; there will also be extensive noise issues with people frequenting the property 24/7.

I have spoken to the applicant prior to submission around my concerns with regards to public nuisance and potential crime and disorder; particularly around the external perimeter of the Garage which includes a low wall where people often congregate in large groups. There are no proactive measures included within the document to address the external wall and potential nuisance. I also have concerns around staffing as currently the Garage is operated solely by the applicant and his wife; there is no indication in the documents or in our conversations that this will change. I feel this application if successful will leave the staff vulnerable to crime and disorder.

I have spoken to the Neighbourhood staff for the area who have concurred with my opinion; they believe the variation of the licence would be a greater attraction for undesirable characters which would lead to increased ASB, crime and disorder. PC Farrelly has submitted a statement on behalf of the Neighbourhood Team expressing their concerns.

It is my opinion that this variation would be detrimental to the community and impact greatly on the residents alongside causing increased calls for service for the Police service.

Due to this the Police are objecting to the application to vary a premises licence for Hillfields Service Station, Harnall Lane East, Coventry.

I would be grateful if the committee would consider these points when dealing with this application. I respectfully submit this report for your attention and consideration.

Yours Faithfully

PC 7136 Healy
Licensing
Coventry Central Police Station
Little Park Street
Coventry

Objection West Midlands Police Constable 7253 Gerald Farrelly

I am the above named Police Officer, stationed at Coventry Central Police Station and currently attached to the Hillfields Neighbourhood Team.

I have collated the amount of Police logs relating to Harnall Lane East, and in particular an area where we are continuously receiving complaints regarding ASB gathering of groups of Eastern

European males and anti social drinking and disorder, between The Chantrees and Paynes Lane, Coventry.

I have trawled through 320 logs recorded in the past 12 months alone and attached a few select logs, particularly relating to ASB and drinking alcohol in the street.

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Log 555 – 11/09/2015

MALE REQUESTED - ON TAPE REPLAY - LOTS OF TRAFFIC SOUNDS ON CALL BACK CALLER TALKING ABOUT DRUNKEN PEOPLE...

Log 2364 – 21/09/2015 Call from Texaco/Murco Garage

CALLER STATING THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS UNDERAGE YOUTHS BEING FORCED TO DRINK AND TAKE DRUGS THERE NOW.....

Log 2281 – 26/09/2015

CALLER REPORTING A MALE - POSSIBLY DRUNK HAS FALLEN OVER AND IS LAID IN THE PAVEMENT - UNSURE OF ANY INJURIES...

Log 1582 – 21/10/2015

MALE REQUESTED POLICE - CLEARED - NO DISTURBANCE YM CALLED BACK - COSTOMER WAS DRUNK - SHOTING AND THREW CHOCOLATE - I CALLED POLICE AND HE LEFT - CANCEL POLICE - ADVISED CALL BACK IF HE RETURNS...

Log 33 – 18/11/2015

DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND MALE DUE TO LANGUAGE BARRIER AND EXCESSIVE WIND IN THE BACKGROUND MALE WAS SAYING HE WAS BY THE SHOP JUST KEPT SAYING TOO MUCH FIGHTING FEMALE SHOUTING IN THE BACKGROUND THEY ARE GOING TO KILL HIM WAS UNABLE TO GET CALLERS NAME AS I COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HIM DUE TO EXCESSIVE WIND BLOWING DOWN THE PHONE....

Log 1522 – 03/12/2015

FEW DRUNK MEN NR HUSSEINS CHEMIST STUMBLINH ABOUT AND FALLING INT OTHE ROAD ALREADY BEEN INTO AA TRYING TO GET STUFF FROM THEM.....

Log 691 – 01/01/2016

30 PLUS FIGHTING.....

Log 483 – 10/02/2015

caller reporting 2 x drunken males- stumbling in the road- both ic1 male- both wearing large jackets- both wearing hats caller drove past just a minute ago. they are nearly stumbling into cars.....

I understand that the Texaco/Murco garage on Harnall Lane East is applying for a licence to sell alcohol and 24 hour opening. Being a Neighbourhood Officer on that area, I consider this would have a detrimental effect on the local community and natuarally increase ASB incidents in the area. There are already several shops and stores in the close proximity that sell alcohol which is already causing anti social drinking and gatherings of groups, who regularly sit on the wall outside the garage.