

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 May 2020 18:56

To: Licensing <licensing@Coventry.gov.uk>

Subject: 72 Brambles Street, CV1 2HT- New premise licence for sale of alcohol

Dear Sirs

We write further to the above application and we would like to lodge a refusal for this application. Currently, the area serves more than 15 off-licences. An application was made previously by the landlord however he was not granted one due to the local's refusal.

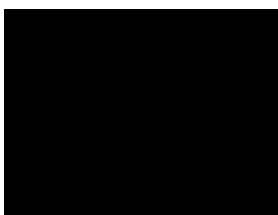
As you may be aware this area is strongly known for its crime, drug dealing, alcohol issues etc. I personally do not send my children to far Gosford street neither do I go, due to the danger and to the crime levels. There have been crimes committed by students, strangers, drink -driving and in particular selling alcohol to younger people. As parents, we do not want to feel threatened where we live. When we walk on our streets we do not want to see glass alcohol bottles smashed, where we can't walk with our children, the elderly or our pets. It would be a ridiculous decision to allow for the same as happened in Far Gosford to take place in bramble street - Gulson road. For the time being, we have Gulson -road/bramble street which is clear of all of this. We have a convenience store at 65 bramble street who has been serving the locals for over 10 years now and there has been no issue since they have been in occupation. We feel totally safe and welcomed to go to our local store but also feel safe when going to it.

Given to the high choice we have in the area of alcohol to add another will only increase the crime levels, more nuisance in our streets, and for new strangers to appear in our area making it less safe for families and for the elderly. As a result of this, we are completely against this application and we believe our local council will take into account and the safety, happiness, of the local residents in this area and reject this application firstly taking into account the safety of their people. We have one clear area and we do not want that to turn into FAR GOSFORD STREET! There is enough for alcohol sales in this area.

Secondly, the owners of the premises have been fined for Nuisance and for hygiene purposes. it will be a ridiculous idea to allow these people to serve any type of drink or food-related goods here. This application is also a sham. The Landlord is in fact applying on behalf of the tenant as the landlord has been previously rejected for an off licence - licencing. The tenant who is currently occupying the premises has been told by the Landlord to leave. These people have 0 Years of experience in running an off-licence and it would be the wrong thing to allow for the sale of such goods here.

Thank you for considering our refusal as to this application.

Kind regards.



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:50 PM

To: licensing@coventry.gov.uk <licensing@coventry.gov.uk>

Subject: REPRESENTATION 72 BRAMBLE STREET - OFF-LICENCE

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the alcohol licence application by premises Country Shop Ltd , 72 Bramble Street

I have an interest in this application that is greater than the general public's because I live right next to this shop. I am also a teachers assistant in a primary school.

I object to the application on the following grounds:

Objection 1:

Grounds for objection –

1. Public safety - I would first like to state that as a local who has been living here for over 15 years, I know this area really well and the level of crime it has had over the past years. This is the only area which we don't really tend to see criminal activities since the majority is all committed mainly in Far Gosford street - where we have seen shooting, drug dealing, stabbing and theft and there are many which the police do not deal with or not reported. Yet the council has not been able to deal with the crime levels in this location it will be a terrible decision to allow off-licence to be granted to Gulson/bramble street and bring more volume of people who have been committing violence 100 meters away. As a local who really feels safe within this area, I do not go near far Gosford street, since there are people who are most of the time drug dealing, drunk and attacking people if they see you be vulnerable. To allow another off licence within this area is going to be terrible. we are only going to allow more harm to the area, less safety, more strangers who appear to be drug dealing, threatening people and committing a crime. There are already many off-licence options 100 meters within this area what benefit other than harm is this going to bring? Does the council consider how the elderly feels? OR families with young children? because I am aware there is going to be a big objection from the elderly/ families to this application. Is the council aware that families will be objecting against this? Why can't we have a social use such as a cafe which will benefit the families, elderly?

We live here and we know this area better than the council and the licensing team. WE ARE AGAINST A PROJECT THAT WILL TURN OUR AREA into FAR GOSFORD STREET! we are already scared, worried to go to far Gosford street why would the council allow the crime levels now to move towards our homes? If you would like proof of crime - you can contact the police - who will show you the number of times they had entered brambles convenience store for CCTV footage for a crime committed in this area. YOU ARE PUTTING PEOPLES/LOCALS IN RISK! Please look at the history of this area and communicate with your locals before giving this decision. Please see below for crime levels only in April 2020 (with this only being on lockdown)

<https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/live-police-far-gosford-street-17036484>

<https://www.streetcheck.co.uk/crime/cv15dz>

Objection 2:

Grounds for objection – Prevention of public nuisance

1. I live three doors down to this store and all the locals have previously complained about the heavy smell coming from this store. We have previously also complained due to the bins, rubbish, being left on the pavement making our streets dirty, harsh smell and more rats being near our homes. They clearly have hygiene issues to be dealt with. Finally, I would also want you to check public records to see the number of times CARS has smashed into this shop. As a person who lives here 3 times from what I've seen.

3. The person applying for this license has never run an off-licence. They do not have the necessary expertise in this field and we, therefore, do not believe this will be a healthy thing to do. We cannot risk shop-keepers with no experience other than the sale of grocery goods. This will only escalate more issues for the locals in this area.

I wish to hear from you.

kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 June 2020 12:01

To: Licensing <licensing@Coventry.gov.uk>

Subject: objection - 72 bramble street - country shop ltd

Hi

we are objecting against this application as we live right across this premises. We are number [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1. the crime in this area has been significantly been increasing in particular in far gosford street. I have an old mother who is terrified to go out near far gosford street and neither we will allow her to go near there. This area has created threat for the public and people do no longer feel safe in this area. Allow other shops to come near by is only going to create more people, who are most likely from not this area to come to our local streets and cause trouble. This is extremely unfair for those with children or with elder parents. Our question is, does the council value the safety of the public or the enhancing crime levels in this area? the council nor the licensing lives in this area we've been brought up in this area and know it clearly well. The more shops the more crime! the more strangers brought to our streets.

2. nuisance. as we live across this shop we have seen number of times cars plotting to the pavement waving in to the store. the latest was last night as the car managed to flew into the lamppost right next to this property. it is clearly not safe to have any type of store being open here. many times people escaped a car hitting them. When the council is granting licences to people or any type of a1/a2 they should consider how close by is the shop near the road? pavement? how often is their highway safety issues? clearly this area is not safe at all and the council still wants to carry on by allowing further shops. Not sure how will this benefit the council if a car was to plunge into residents. this is a real danger !

3. nuisance - now as a person who lives near this premises there has always been heavy smell coming out from this property. we have advised the owners but we did not see any changes being made. neither hygiene has been at a good standards we therefore don't thing this will be a good idea.

4. the application is not real. although the lady applying for it on the face may seem to be looking as if she's applying this is not the case. the landlord has requested herself to make an application and in the meantime he will remove her outstanding rent and she can simply leave the premises. the husband of the applicant has spoken to few people(locals) and he does not seem happy about what his wife is doing as he believes the landlord is simply using her.

we will be united as locals and stand against another alcohol premises opening near by our area. we do not need any further alcohol shops in this area enough is enough! we hope the council will take the people who have been living in this area to serious consideration and not permit this.

best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 10 June 2020 15:03

To: Licensing <licensing@Coventry.gov.uk>

Subject: OBJECTION - 72 BRAMBLE STREET - COUNTRY SHOP

Dear Sirs

I hope you're all keeping healthy and safe.

I have recently noticed a white notice at the shutter of the above premises regarding opening an off-licence.

I am above [REDACTED] and I have been living in this area for over 20 years and has previously worked in the council.

I was absolutely upset and shocked when I noticed the application that was given to have another off-licence in this area. There are numerous reasons why I would object against such application and it's crucial for the councillors to understand the reasonings of the locals and seriously take into account the locals concerns. This area has changed rapidly over the years in goods and bads.

I live right across the premises and can imagine the awful effect this can bring to our streets. We already limited parking and as an elderly, I have to park elsewhere which is terrible. Gulson road - bramble street has very close proximity to the pavements and to pedestrians. In respect of highway safety, this is terrible to allow another off -license which will highly likely have large lorries/ vans parking on yellow lines in fact where this store is located - there is no parking at all and very close to gulson road where thousands of cars pass daily and many incidents take place. May I ask where will the lorry load for the delivery of any good? because this will only create blockages, traffics and more incidents. This is right next to the main road. I will also send you a video just took place 2-3 days ago a car hit into the lamppost in front of this store. This hasn't only happened once it has happened numerous times! what if a person or children where to be hit because where these premises are located is very dangerous for the local's people are scared to pass by!

2. crime- now I'm not aware if the council is aware of the crime- drugs levels in this area brought in by strangers. Allowing an off-licence this will bring more strangers and unknown people to the area to create more violence and crime. We do not feel safe any longer. Far Gosford has been like this for years and to add more shops to bramble/gulson you will be allowing people in far Gosford to bring their crime- theft- violence- assault- drugs into our local neighbourhood area. We have seen and heard gunshots, people robbing others, drinking alcohol breaking the glass bottles on our streets making it difficult to park, walk, even with our pets we had enough of these nuisances taking place. As a person who was involved in the council previously, if you believe a CCTV will resolve any crime, issue you are WRONG! BRAMBLES convenience store has cameras and the amount of polices that come inside this store to take footages for crimes committed nearby is unbelievable! I had enough of the crime in far Gosford or nearby and I do not want to see my local neighbourhood being unsafe for my grandchildren or my family to feel unsafe to visit me. enough is enough. stop allowing any further off-licences I do not see the point of having any more here? did the council consider the number of shops we already have in far Gosford?

3. I do not know how this lady will run this because I live right across these premises - she has recently had a large operation and she told me that she was supposed to leave! I find it extremely suspicious as to why will someone who has not even operated properly from the day they had this place!

4. The landlord I believe has recently tried to run a coffee shop 1 door next to the premises without having any usage rights - it was simply in a small cage where he had created a door, window and was receiving rent from a tenant. After I had complained he had to stop.

5. Nuisance - the smell which I do not understand that comes from this shop and the bins that they have located in front of the store is creating large amount of nuisance - leading to the streets, smell leading all the way into our houses. These are my objections. Please be careful with such applications - it is the locals who know the area really well and as a person who has lived here for years, this will be a terrible thing to do. Do not allow people to disturb our neighborhoods any longer and the council's job should be prioritizing the safety of the elderly and families who live in the area.

kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 June 2020 18:27

To: Licensing <licensing@Coventry.gov.uk>

Subject: OBJECTION 72 COUNTY SHOP !!! 72 bramble street

Dear Councillors

I would like to appeal against another off-licence to operate in our neighbourhood area.

Firstly, I am concerned with relation to the location of the premises for a number of valid and legal reasons. The store is located at the edge of the Bramble street and Gulson road, where many cars, busses, lorries pass by. The closeness of the store to the main street is less than 2 metres, the issue with this is that we have previously seen cars plunging into this site and luckily we hadn't had any serious injuries. However, this could of been the verse and someone could of died due to this.

Secondly, there is no loading bay nor delivery area for the store. The only parking near the store is bramble street - we rarely find car parking spaces for ourselves we can not have lorries, vans obstructing our car resident park.

Thirdly, this is a very tight road, where cars constantly ignore highway traffic rules causing highway safety issues for the public and for themselves. For your information from Bramble street you can not turn right however, majority of the drivers ignore this and we see many accidents. if there were more lorries, vans lined up on bramble street this will not only obstruct the road but also cause highway safety for the public! You must bear in mind that we have children who may need to walk alone whilst coming from school, which makes it very dangerous for them to go across due to the traffic jam created in this area.

2. Now I'm not to aware of the councillors or the licensing team having many information in this area. But I will briefly explain we currently have over 10 licensed premises in this area which has resulted in number of crimes, drinking disorders, smashed bottles, assault being committed. This area has been well known for drinking and drugs, and by allowing another licence premises in the area you as the council will promote further crime. You will make the elderly less safe. You will make the children of ours less safe to walk on our streets. Allowing strangers, beggars new groups of drug dealers to surround our neighbourhood. This is already case but you will be enhancing this by giving such licence. You will promote a new hill-fields, far Gosford street in Bramble - Gulson Road. The council should take our words seriously.

3. You may be objecting to the local residents as to their fears and objections with the potential systems being in place. However, this will not work. The person applying for a licence is unlikely to adhere the licensing rules they do not have sufficient experience nor a similarity of running something of similar. We will advice you to check who lives above the premises - 95% of them are alcohol and drug addicts.

Over the years street drinking has made our streets less safe to walk and public nuisance has increased with smashed bottles on our streets, increased crime levels in this area mainly to do with taking drugs or consuming alcohol, as a result of this, granting the licence can only exacerbate the relatively serious public order problems to the police and to the public and it will make it harder for everyone. It will increase the numbers of people ending up in A&E and cause the police to deal with less serious harms than the actual ones they should be dealing with. There are plenty of alcohol opportunities in the area including a pub, simply allowing another will damage our community and livelihood.

The fact that the candidates are attached to the licence does not create a difference, this area is well known for underage sales in particular far gosford street, for a number of years we have seen locals being abused by younger people to buy alcohol for them. The council will be prompting more younger people to be more vile and assault the locals for the purchase of underage goods. This has happened to myself and to my wife many times. Council needs to understand we live in an area where poverty is common and parents are less educated leaving children to do what they like. We also have drinkers from fosters coming in to our neighbourhood too. As a result, even if challenge 25 did operate this will not make a difference. It is also extremely difficult for the police to prosecute a off-licence for underage sale since prove is not going to be easy to find and expensive and the police is not going to waste their time on this whilst they have more important duties to be following.

Another issue is drinking starts really early in this area. Street drinking has grown in Gulson road, Bramble street, Gosford street, and they tend to start at 7-8am until late night 8-9pm and many are incapable of walking, vomiting on our streets and the problem starts when you have children who are walking to school, or leaving school, or elderly walking to do shopping being harassed.

Over the years anti social behaviour in this area has increased there has been no safety measurements been put in place nor by the local authority or the Police. We do not want to be constrained or safety of ourselves being attached to a policy which the licencer is to follow. Our lives are not that cheap. The reality is this area has increased for social meet ups with alcohol, partying and drugs and the more opportunity of licences are granted the more this will be increased. We have even heard gun shots being fired.

We are responsible to protect our children from harm and we should not constantly fear a potential harm in our livelihood. We are all aware of the area having a high crime level, an additional licence could significantly contribute towards it and worsen it.

We believe there is no evidence of exception reasons to justify deporting from the locals position as to safety, nuisance, crime, public disorder, highway safety, traffic jam and many more. By contrast as public we will promote applications for takeaways, food, as this will reduce the cumulative affect on the crime levels in the area or , public disorder levels. This will enhance our social well being and encourage people to communicate and socialise with each other. We want quality.

To sum up, nobody can explain to us that we are wrong and measures are to be in put in place. The police itself can explain to us how many times those measures have been broken. We no longer want to be in a position where we are left to policy - to protect us whether this is a ' challenge 25' , 'cctv' , etc as these are not escalating factors for criminals or for any related crimes not to be committed.

Like many other councils in the UK who rejected national retailers application (including tesco, sainsburys) applying for licence we expect the same from our council and show empathy and protect our livelihood.

The reasons why the councillors are given the right to consider licence application is to ensure they do take into account the concerns and views of the local residents, the effect it will have in the area in respect of crime, drugs, disorder and public nuisance.

Kind regards



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 June 2020 14:57

To: Licensing <licensing@Coventry.gov.uk>

Subject: County shop objection in bramble street 72

Hi I live at [REDACTED]

I am concerned about the new application for another off-licence to open near by my house.

I have small nieces and nephews and parents who feel unsafe in this area over the years due to street drinking and drugs. The area has grown rapidly with drugs and alcohol in particular meaning for us it's less safe to be out.

1. public nuisance - our streets are full of smashed bottles and even vommiting. We tend to see drinking in early mornings right till late night making it unsafe and unwelcome place to live. Many times where I had called the police for people randomly breaking glass bottles - screaming, shouting, putting our bins on road causing accidents and they did not bother investigating. This is now growing and allowing more strangers to be on our streets and act the way they like since they don't live nearby.
2. This place has grown to be a spot for drug dealers. The more licensed premises the more you will attract these type of illegal actives in our residents. It is much more sensible to have the likes of a cafe or anything similar.
3. underage sales has grown in our area in particular with gangs - young age being around they tend to harass people to buy them cigarettes or alcohol and on you refusal you will be harassed. So not sure if by allowing another off-licence the council will be allowing for more trouble and less safety of the locals.
4. crime levels - has gone up rapidly - with drugs, alcoholics leading it. This will sense me that whilst this is growing why would the council allow for a further licence store without dealing with the areas main issues with crime. It's best to put a stop on crime levels from the begining rather than allowing it to happen and hope some sort of CCTV - will picture them. This is more of letting things to risk and not caring. Remember here we are talking about the peoples lives and safety.
5. I don't see any loading or van parking bays here. In fact the car parking in this area is really bad and people tend to find it difficult to park. Not sure how parking will be made and how this will cause potential outbreak between the locals and the person applying for licence. End of the day it's an off-licence it will require heavy goods to be carried and this will be off from a large vehicle.
6. Let's be honest here we have plenty of options for alcohol's whether this is led by off-licence, restaurants and pubs. I believe this will be extreme. It will create further violence and once someone is damaged whether there is CCTV or any particular condition attached to the licence holder this is unlikely to have stopped anyone- with a criminal intention to not to commit the crime as majority of them come to our areas from other neighbourhoods. This can be people from fosters, drug dealers, gang members. The police is always the latest to arrive in any criminal activity in this area, so I don't see how this can operate.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 June 2020 16:08

To: Licensing <licensing@Coventry.gov.uk>

Subject: Reasons why I object against another off licence 72 bramble street

Hi

we live nearby just down [REDACTED] close to this shop.

we are unhappy about this application since we have been witnessing bad behaviour with alcohol.

This area has been targeted by strangers, drug dealers, people living at fosters and gang members. The opening of another off-licence will bring and allow more people influenced under alcohol to this area which will make it less safe for us with children.

Beside, crime being committed in the area drinking really does start early in the morning and I can no longer allow my children to go school by foot. We have seen many theft acts, assaults, public disorder in this area and this will only increase the likelihood of more crime.

couple of times we had our bins thrown in the middle of the road with our rubbish being spread across the pavements and roads. Vomiting is something we encounter on our streets but also cider bottles, stella bottles, budweiser bottles smashed across our pavements - making it difficult to walk the children and our pets. this clearly tells me that this area is already overdosed with alcohol you can not make this better by adding another unit. If we really did not have options for booze we will understand the nature of the application but we already do.

nuisance, has grown as stated above with drunk people or gang members causing dilemma in the area. we rarely see the police arriving on time or correctly finding the people to prosecute against. The area is now well known for crime-and getaway easily. Adding more camera's will not solve the issue, putting other type of conditions will neither, as the council you must consider why is the crime level high in this area, why are the residents complaining about groups with different intentions wondering on their streets and making it less safe. As a community we need to understand what we are going through rather than accepting such application and putting conditions to it. conditions are not followed. Shop keepers do not follow such rules and who will be there to constantly monitor these people? very unlikely, I have seen cost cutter and other shops many times selling to people aged over 25 and they then handle to younger people. You then create a neighbourhood with young people with bad habits which then re-occur when new friendships are made spreading the same thing.

I always see people who live above or next to this shop who are drunk most of the time. The landlord did say to few other people previously he will be applying for a licence and put a off-licence here. But we don't feel safe.

How is deliveries to be made here? when you don't even have car parking space for the local residents. It's really not a good idea.

I'm not sure with this neighbourhood and nor have seen the council or the police doing anything to prevent it. Trying to prevent is a different thing but preventing it by not allowing any further alcohol to be served is another.

Coventry is becoming less and less safer with these shops becoming a nearby 'chill spot' for strangers. We had neighbours with children who had his phone stolen by a group of boys and drunk person spitting at my mother. The police could not find the people nor the phone. The conclusion is we no longer want these shops opening nearby - we already have plenty.

This is causing moral issues, public nuisance issues, crime issues, and car safety issues.

Can you please inform me as to when the council will make it's decision and inform me?

Yours faithfully

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 June 2020 12:24

To: Licensing <licensing@Coventry.gov.uk>

Subject: refusal for application to open off-licence 72 bramble street

Hi

i'm objecting against this application which was made recently.

I live 300 metres away from this premises ([REDACTED]) My family and myself have serious concerns regarding this application.

Mainly to do with the crime levels and the groups that has been wondering and have been causing issues to the locals. Drinking around this area has been very common, we have seen people abusing others, or even found dead - which has been the case on gulson road. The amount of off-licence options has allowed alcohol drinkers to wonder to many different shops in the area including pubs and restaurants. If one refuses they know the other will service as business owners or staff are more worried to protect themselves.

Having an additional off-licence in this area is only going to bring more of these people out knowingly that they have 1 more further option to buy their alcohol from. This increases the rates of committing crime, creating nuisance on our streets. Recently, beggars, gang affiliated pupils has been around our area smashing their drinks on the floor and walking as nothing has happened. We recently saw someone chasing another with a bottle and a knife. We no longer want to tolerate this and allow these shops to adhere these people to come into our neighbourhoods and distract our living styles and lives. Our children, elderly shouldn't be worried about getting assaulted by these people who tend to come early morning.

i have witnessed many times where people are asked to buy goods for underage and they seem to be worried to say no. We are simply creating more problems for no reasons. Public nuisance in this area is a disgrace if you walk on the streets you would recognise how bad it has been.

I don't see a point of another store since options are plenty. Why would the council give further consent to these applications whilst knowing that the locals fear any further from opening? you will be promoting more drinking at earlier hours and further violence.

far gosford has been a nightmare for the locals for many years and we don't want any other streets turning into vile, spot for drug dealers, baggers, and many more.

Far Gosford has many camera's surrounded but has it reduced the crime levels? I don't think so, as a person who lives in this area it is growing so allowing another on the basis of stricter rules will only be lying to the public and not following your duties which is to protect and hear the public.

thank you [REDACTED]