



10 November 2020


Dear Sir or Madam

To Whom It May Concern

Coventry City Council Licensing Authority
P.O. Box 15
Earl Street
Coventry
CV1 5RR

Ref: Pap's Café, 225 Holbrook Lane (Application for permission to sell alcohol from 08:00 to 18:00)

I would like to take this opportunity to express and air my concerns regarding the issue pertaining to the abovementioned application. My concerns are as follows;

1. The property is on a residential and is a terraced property with very young children living upstairs and in the next door . These minors attend school, and some are reaching their teen years. The influx of strangers/customers to the place to buy alcohol will obviously have an impact on these young ones which raises a safeguarding issue. This will impact on their studies due to noise from the music played at the Café which we currently experience daily. It will impact on their confidence, self-esteem, and schoolwork.
2. The lingering of strangers around the area will trigger some safeguarding issues and will affect our family life and confidence in the public. Waiting strangers lean on our wall dividing the café and our house an often observed smoking while lingering and the problem will be exacerbated by the sale of alcohol as it will increase the influx of people coming to dine and buy alcohol. The family and home environment for children will be compromised and privacy will be affected to a great extent as already some people stand in our yard to smoke.
3. Management of cross infection particularly during this time of the pandemic – COVID 19, how is the virus going to be contained and prevented from infecting others as some

customers tend to lean on the wall where our young ones often lean on when playing and touching the wall when outside. Their health and that of others will be compromised to some extent.

4. Public disorder will be on increase as some youths loiter aimlessly without any purpose in front of our driveway and leaning on the wall and smoking illicit drugs and leaving their empty cans of drinks and litter on our wall. Let alone with the sale of alcohol the problem will get worse. (Evidence based).

5. Burglary will be on the increase as once experienced in the past on the same premises and with such occurrences it affects our car insurances and property as a whole and people are struggling to make ends meet due to loss of jobs during the pandemic.

6. There is going to be a great increase in cars and vans parked outside our drive ways which is a hazard and an accident waiting to happen and the fact we are by the main road and frustrations will increase due to blocked drive ways, constantly calling out for drivers to move their cars when one is from work/night shifts and during school runs or shopping.

7. We have vulnerable elderly people who reside less than a stone throw in the nearby bungalows. This will increase their vulnerability to abuse and burglary and other unwanted activities and some might end up falling back into past habits of alcohol abuse.

8. As neighbours, we hold responsible and key roles and do night shifts and some work from home and it is going to affect one's mental health and well-being due to noise and disturbed sleep or sleep deprivation. Already there is a busy road and constant renovations around and use of machinery. With these factors noise pollution will be on the increase and will affect one's performance at work and a quiet environment will be compromised if one works from home.

9. Customers are often observed smoking outside leaning on the wall which is right next to our windows, hence it affects one's right to liberty to a fresh environment and windows cannot be opened as the cigarette smoke comes straight to the next house. Every human being has a right to fresh air and smoke free environment without any fear for passive smoking and we are afraid such behaviours will manifest some phobias of going outside the house in fear of harm and brewing other mental health conditions.

10. Our community is blessed with public drinking areas where alcohol is leisurely sold and families enjoy such spaces as they are situated out of residential and family sphere in respect of family private life. We have a pub less than 200 metres, Social club and a Convenience store all within reachable distance and are on standalone Property without impinging on the family quiet time and values.

11. It is with great concern that mental health is apparent and prevalent within our communities particularly during the pandemic. People are suffering with their own internal challenges and experiences, hence it becomes a concern if we as community exacerbate conditions by granting some permits at the expense of family function and life and affecting children in the long run for personal gains and profit. Every human being is entitled to a peaceful environment and one desires to own a property that increases in value and am not sure how the sale of alcohol will lure future buyers and how attractive will the post code be with an influx of alcohol outlets everywhere even in residential terraced houses.

12. The application does not place a good picture of our needs and values as a neighbourhood. We all want to lead a quality life in areas we live and all desire to be great citizens and good neighbours. We expect the same from investors in our areas to have children's well fare, vulnerable elderly people at heart and the community at large. As much as we have a café next door, we feel we were not properly consulted regarding its purpose and plan.

I do object to the application of alcohol sale as the café is in residential place and terraced. As well as this request to sell alcohol does not add any value to the community but may increase the issues of malfunction within a community that is already struggling with so many issues.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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Cc Councillor Joseph Clifford

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Holbrook Lane Neighbourhood Community

CC: Councillor Joseph Clifford

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