

Statement from Paul Williams

I write this because I cannot afford to take another day off work (in a school) to attend a hearing after both the applicant and agent failed to turn up or respond on the previous occasion.

As a long term resident and the direct neighbour of 38 Redesdale, my family and I **sincerely object** to the license being issued. The reasons are clear and detailed below.

I attribute the reasons on the basis that without an alcohol license, a cornershop in that location is probably not viable and thus granting the license simply facilitates the opening of such a premise.

1. Traffic - Evenlode is a 30mph road but not many cars can reach that speed due to how tight it is and with a large volume of parked cars. There have been multiple accidents over the years at an already busy crossroads, one in which my wife's car, along with 4 or 5 other vehicles who were completely wiped out (June 2017 - pictures attached). A shop selling alcohol in the evening will increase traffic, parking and without doubt cause more of these issues, putting not only motorists, but pedestrians at risk.

2. Parking - Double yellow lines have recently been added to all corners of the junction due to cars parking too close to it, causing hazards. In winter, I often have to fill my sledge with salt from the yellow troughs and grit the whole crossroads due to the danger posed by motorists when icy. The addition of a cornershop with an alcohol license will no doubt lead to people parking on these yellow lines as it is very rare to find a parking spot in the vicinity at the best of times, and increase the danger when icy too. This will inevitably lead to more accidents.

3. Litter - Having lived in Coventry all of my life, I cannot recall a cornershop where the streets are not filled with litter close by, regardless of whether bins are provided or not. We are joined to the property by a 3 foot high wall which leads straight into our front garden which my wife takes care of. We are not considering a driveway, gardening is my wifes hobby, but an alcohol license will no doubt lead to litter finding its way to not only our garden , but many others in the community.

4. Anti-Social Behaviour - It goes without saying that shops with alcohol licenses attract groups of people who can become involved in anti-social behaviour. Why should we have to put up with this in our community. The majority of people in our area have lived there for many years with 38 Redesdale being a day time only business. It is simply not fair to change the parameters of this, affecting so many people.

5. Loss Of Business - There are many shops within a few hundred yards of 38 Redesdale, all in different directions. Proprietors of these businesses have built up good relationships with the community. This license will no doubt damage their business models and put their futures at risk too.

6. Deliveries - Shops with alcohol licenses often require deliveries. There is no loading bay outside of 38 Redesdale and any large van will need to park in an extremely dangerous position, again putting motorists and pedestrians at risk.

7. My Childs Sleep - My child's bedroom window is 1 metre away from 38 Redesdale. With an 11pm license his sleep will inevitably be disturbed, there is simply no getting around this.

8. Petition - 24 online and 57 signed the petition, all of which live on either Redesdale or Evenlode, that should outline the communities feelings to this license. All of which pay their council tax and expect some form of protection from having our properties devalued and community damaged in return

I have also been made aware that if this license was to be granted, the proprietor would be liable to do the following:

- Staff awareness and training of alcohol dispensing
- Detailed procedures to prevent incidents
- Measures to mitigate risk (ie noise control)
- Open line to the police
- Paying an annual fee for the alcohol license
- Strict ID checks
- Incident Logs
- Prevention of public nuisance

Considering the proposed license holder has not responded to emails or calls for weeks and not shown up to the initial hearing, I highly doubt that those procedures will be followed.

All in all, granting this license will do nothing but cause a PUBLIC NUISANCE and put both motorists and pedestrians at risk

Please do not allow this license to be granted and protect our brilliant little community, because us hard working, tax paying, loyal Coventrians deserve it!

Kind regards

Mr Williams