

Dear Licensing Team,

**REPRESENTATION AGAINST PREMISES LICENCE VARIATION,
HORNCHURCH FOOD AND WINE, 77 PARK LANE, RM11 1BH**

I would like to make the following written representation against the application for a Premises Licence Variation for the above mentioned business.

Public Safety

- The location of the shop is in a very busy fast-flowing cut-through narrow road, on a small parade, in a highly residential area. An extension of hours for selling alcohol will encourage even more cars to the area late in the evening and very early in the morning. It will also have the potential to affect peoples' sleep patterns and affect their well-being.

The prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder

- In May 2021 the licensing sub-committee rejected an application for extended hours made by Food Alcohol Express, 65 Park Lane (at the Park Crescent end of this small parade) from 6am – 10pm stating:**"that there was already an existing problem of street drinking and groups of teens in the area that was likely to be exacerbated if the variations were granted"** and this was **"consistent with local knowledge held by members on the sub-committee"**.

A lady who lives opposite the parade informed me recently that she had been frightened, due to anti-social behaviour on the parade, and had to call the police. This is a clear example that the situation hasn't changed since May 2021. This will have the potential to get worse, particularly during hot summer months.

Selling alcohol from 6am to 11pm can only increase the likelihood of increased anti-social behaviour and risk public safety, particularly for residents who live close by to the parade and it's also worrying that this could have the potential to spill into surrounding streets, as there have been people drinking and leaving bottles and cans in the alleyway close to the corner of Hillcrest Road and Park Lane.

- The location of the premises, so close to the park, and the alleyway behind the shops, makes it an attractive location for street drinkers to gather after buying alcohol on this small parade of shops. Selling alcohol from 6am will particularly be likely to attract street drinkers from Romford, as the premises are close to the cumulative impact zone.

Protection of children from harm

I am worried about children being able to access alcohol, particularly so as I've been asked by young people hanging around on the parade to buy alcohol for them. There are no clauses that I can see in the application to protect them, such as:

- *A maximum of 2 children shall be allowed in the premises at one time.*

- *Beer, cider, stout and larger on sale shall not exceed 6%*
- *Outside the permitted hours all alcohol shall be screened off from sale and display by a lockable shutter to which the premises license holder /DPS shall hold the keys.*

Prevention of public nuisance, public safety, protection of children from harm:

- I am very concerned about single cans and bottles being sold which would attract street-drinkers and affect anti-social behaviour. I can't see any reference to any clause in the application stating: *There shall be no single item sales: for cans of alcohol, bottles of beer, ready to buy bottles.*

Finally, I would like to add that I find the following wording on this application confusing "**CURRENT HOLDER WAS SAYING THERE WAS AN ERROR WAS MADE ON THE INITIAL APPLICATION**". I don't understand what this means and so I apologise if I have completely misunderstood - but this reads to me that the previous licence holder made a mistake and applied for the wrong hours. However, it's my understanding that the application for longer hours to sell alcohol at these premises was declined by the licensing sub-committee.

Please will you will take my concerns into account when making your decision.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Janet Haworth

Hillcrest Road