

## **Object to a licence application (Representations)**

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Premises name: Lidl Great Britain Limited

Premises address: UNITS 5 TO 7 HORIZON HOUSE RAINHAM ROAD RAINHAM RM13 8SP

Customer details: Mrs Claire Cameron [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Your address: 5 CHRISTCHURCH AVENUE RAINHAM RM13 8JB

### **Public nuisance:**

If an alcohol license is issued, there is a high probability of an increase of anti social behavior, litter and noise to the local residents. The council already fail to keep the area clean and tidy. With the addition of cheap alcohol in glass bottles being available, I feel this would only add to the issues of broken glass (as well as other shop related rubbish) in the area which is a danger to adults, children and wildlife. While I appreciate it is not a crime to walk along the road, drinking alcohol, it does not deter individuals from being inconsiderate to the local residents which creates an unhappy environment.

### **Crime and disorder:**

The proposed site for Lidl Great Britain Limited at 5 Rainham Road RM13 8SR is directly next door to a school and residential properties. The license is being requested to sell alcohol from 7am to 11pm. This is an extortionate and unreasonable amount of time. Do these times reflect the times that Lidl propose to be open? If the license is to be granted, could the council consider amending the times so that there is less of an impact around the school children, please? Please note that the site is also opposite a busy public house. With the proposed timings, patrons can leave the pub, stagger across the busy road into Lidl to buy cheap alcohol and carry on drinking. As we are all aware, drinking often results in anti social behavior which could include fighting, endangerment for the safety of the general public, destruction to local property (including residents home, vehicles, the Church and school next to the site) and just general disturbance to the peace.

### **Protection of children from harm:**

The most important reason that an alcohol license should not be granted for Lidl Great Britain Limited is that the premises is next to an infant and junior school. The council have a moral and ethical duty of care to the protection and safe guarding to those children. Knowing how much alcohol alters an individuals personality, decisions and character, can the council allow what is potentially a controlled substance which could result in endangering the pupils and staff at the school. While it is a sad truth, people do drink and drive with the consequences often impacting on innocent members of the public. Are Lidl able to guarantee that they will not sell alcohol to someone that has driven to the store? If they are not able to guarantee this, there is a possibility of someone being already at their legal limit to drive, purchase alcohol from the store which they can then drink in their vehicle, drive off and knock a school child over due to their inebriated state. I feel that the council have already let the children and local community down by allowing this planning application to go through. Do we really need to add endangerment to a child's life to the list?

**Public safety:**

There are so many threats to public safety with regard to an alcohol license being granted :

- child endangerment;
- anti social behavior;
- littering - including glass bottles which can easily be smashed;
- disturbance of the peace;

Please see my comments under public nuisance, crime, disorder and protection of children from harm. As a parent, I strongly believe that the council need to do the right thing by either denying the application or at least putting child friendly time restrictions to avoid any unnecessary danger while the pupils are in school.

I understand that Havering Council will need to share the information I have provided with the applicant and it is possible that the applicant may choose to contact me using the personal details that I have provided.: Yes