

Objector: Sahar Raza, Flat 32 Newport House, Rainham, Essex, RM13 8RW

Objection – Premises license, 1 Halewood Way, Rainham

I to vehemently object to the application for an alcohol and noise licence at 1 Halewood Way on the grounds that it is inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, including the prevention of crime and disorder, the protection and improvement of public health, the prevention of public nuisance, the protection of children from harm, and the securing of public safety.

The proposed licensed premises is located in a newly developed residential area that primarily caters to young families. The grant of a late-night alcohol licence in this area is likely to attract significant anti-social behaviour, which would inevitably change the character of the area for the worse. The residents of Newport House, who did not purchase their properties with the expectation of having a bar operating beneath them, will be significantly impacted by the grant of the licence.

The area is undergoing a transformation, but it continues to suffer from significant deprivation and anti-social behaviour. The grant of a licence before addressing these underlying societal issues is likely to exacerbate the problems. Additionally, the location of the premises directly underneath residential premises will result in significant noise pollution from live music, which is incompatible with the needs of young families and professionals who require a peaceful environment to sleep and work.

The area already suffers from insufficient parking, as most flats were sold without parking spaces. The grant of the licence would further exacerbate the parking problem, causing even more congestion in the area. Furthermore, the proposed location of the premises is not appropriate, as it lacks sufficient accessibility due to the absence of a nearby train station.

The proposed premises are located on roads that are not adopted by the council, which means residents will be responsible for the inevitable mess left on the estates by those who have been drinking. This would have a significant impact on the character of the area, turning it from an upcoming residential area to a nightlife destination, which is not suitable for young families who do not want to live in such an area.

In light of these objections, I submit that the council should refuse the application for the alcohol and noise licence at 1 Halewood Way.