
Rasa Food&Wine, 20 Station Lane, Hornchurch

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Rasa Food&Wine, 20 Station Lane, Hornchurch

I'm writing to express my concerns about the premises licence application for Rasa Food&Wine @20Station Lane, Hornchurch.

There are already a number of businesses, in the proximity of a healthy 10 min walk: Costcutter, Post Office, Texaco, Sainsbury's, Iceland, Lidl, Oncu Food Center that can provide "Food & Wine", with long opening hours.

The pressure on public services like police and ambulance is already significant, and I'm concerned that this will only add to the problem.

As a parent, I'm particularly concerned about the protection of children from harm and the prevention of public nuisance, specifically in relation to the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder, ensuring public safety, and protecting children from harm.

I am a local resident and have a 15 year old and a 9 year old autistic son.

My eldest walks, or gets out at the bus stop just opposite to the referred address, everyday, to and from Sanders School, on his own.

Before, it used to be a charity shop but I'm worried about the impact of another off-licence on our community.

The area has changed significantly, with issues like litter, bad smells, and anti-social behaviour becoming more common.

I've had personal experiences with fireworks being thrown at my home, burning on the window seal just next to our dinner table or just a few inches away from my youngest, while on the patio outside. As an NHS staff member myself, just recently I had to stop the car and assist a gentleman who had fallen on the street, while waiting for the ambulance services. It was around 3pm (since I was on my way to pick up, just a few meters from Junior School) & he was so drunk that it took me a good 5 min just to get his name out...

My children are often exposed to underage drinking, smoking, and vaping in public. My eldest is often offered "smokes", followed by "No, thanks."

This specific area is already busy, with groups of youngsters and their clouds of smoke and frequently intoxicated people on the benches. On weekend days is worse, the smell of urine with broken bottles on the floor, discarded vapes and cigarettes. Especially after dark, it can be a very uncomfortable and intimidating area.

I'm concerned that the presence of individuals under the influence in our area can be intimidating for families and restrict children's freedom to play and socialize safely. As a parent, it's worrying to think that our kids might encounter such situations, and I'd like to ensure our community remains a safe and welcoming space for them.

I urge you to consider my concerns and strongly ask for this application to be rejected.

Kind regards

Ana Dias