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Name: [REDACTED]

Licensing Objective: New Premises Application

Premises: Eden Lawn Service Station Haltwhistle Northumberland NE49 0HH

Reason for Representation:

As a resident living within 200 yards of this business I wish to raise an objection to this application given the significant unnecessary risk that selling alcohol will create within our local community, and for residents living in proximity. Currently there are 6 public houses within the town of Haltwhistle and numerous outlets selling alcohol. This application proposes to create the ongoing selling of alcoholic beverages as an off licence out of hours in a town of 4,000 people. I believe that creating an outlet for out of hours sales within these premises potentially may impact detrimentally upon the community and its surrounding areas.

There is an indisputable correlation in between the use of alcohol and crime. As a small rural town within the NE49 (Edens Lawn) postcode there have been 12 incidents of anti-social behaviour which is less than half of the national average at 25. I believe that this licence application of detrimental to our community and potentiates the risk of anti social behaviour and criminal activity given that this is an off licence without the ability to monitor individuals purchasing alcoholic drinks at times outwith normal licencing hours. North East Alcohol Office in 2023 identified within a review of alcohol and policing that 93% of 1,100 front line officers cited alcohol as having a "large impact" upon domestic violence for example. The effect of unmonitored out of hours alcohol consumption within a small rural town could be further drive incidents of criminal disorder and public nuisance. This is further reinforced by the evidence of the front line officers for Northumberland policing, who again identify alcohol and its unfettered use as constituting 80-100% of their workload. As a small isolated community such as Haltwhistle who have

sporadic overnight policing, this could have devastating consequences and act as a key driver to incidents such as assault, anti social behaviour and the safeguarding of both children and vulnerable adults alike which is again supported by evidence (North East Policing 2023).

Edens Lawn garage is easily accessible to the A69, and by granting such a licence to these premises will possibly encourage individuals outwith the area to seek alcoholic purchases out of hours given that there is no other venue from Hexham to Brampton (37 miles). This in turn increases the possibility of attracting anti social behaviour within the town by individuals attracted by out of hours drinking in a small town within little to no policing overnight. Within January 2024, there were 19 street level crimes 6 of which were classes as anti social behaviour and 2 of violent criminal nature (ilivehere.co.uk 2024). The national average anti social behaviour overall crime rate being 17 per 1,000 people in 2022, therefore clearly indicating that Haltwhistle is clearly below the national average per 1,000 of the population. If Edens Lawn was to offer 24 hour alcohol sales it is highly likely that this in turn will create a beacon for individuals looking to drink irresponsibly, and impact negatively upon the 4 licensing objectives. As an out of hours retailer there will be no way for the business to ensure that their customers will behave responsibly and not impact negatively upon the local and wider communities.

As a home owner in close proximity I have serious concerns for the welfare of the town and the possible impact of an increase in traffic from the A69 overnight seeking alcohol, with no ability to contain the impact upon a rural isolated town. I like many other townfolk are struggling to understand how this will benefit our community, given that there is no demand for out of hours sales as we have a number of established outlets . My concern being that such a licence will only be contrary to the 4 licencing objectives for our small community, and will not be of any benefit to anyone other than those who are more likely to be less responsible. Individuals seeking alcohol out of hours are more likely to have lower inhibitions, impaired judgement and increase the risk of violent behaviours (Alcohol Change UK 2023). Providing such an outlet within Haltwhistle without an increase in policing and supervision will in turn have a negative impact upon the town and the well being of its people. It is my belief along with other townfolk that the impact of offering a licence to these premises is contrary to our collective safety and has no positive benefits to the community.

i would strongly urge any such decisions to be carefully researched and possibly consult with the local council/ townfolk to air our genuine concern for this application.

(continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Signed



Date

12/3/24

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Public Protection Service
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Station, Haltwhistle
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Reason for Representation:

I respectfully request that before granting any License, those parties responsible consider the following concerns:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The applicant will not adequately be able to monitor those purchasing drink and their consumption of purchased drink, will I reasonably consider will result in an increase of crime, disorder and other anti-social behaviour.

Public Safety

This outlet selling alcohol out of normal hours may result persons under the influence or impaired by alcohol travelling to obtain more drink, thus, putting their and others safety at risk.

Public Nuisance & The Protection of Children From Harm

Not being able to effectively monitor sales of drink and ensuring it is for the purchaser's own consumption could result in it being purchased by other parties for minors. This could result in young people being put at risk due to being drunk and causing a public nuisance and potential health risks to themselves.

The above points are of grave concern and should be given great consideration.

Signed ..



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19/03/24

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