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To Whom It May Concern

ONE STOP, 265 HYDE PARK ROAD, LEEDS LS6 2AG - APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOL 24 HOURS A DAY
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I wish to object to One Stop's request to sell alcohol 24 hours a day. This strikes me as being a response to requests from local students, rather than the wish of the permanent local community.

One Stop is situated at Hyde Park Corner. The community of North Hyde Park lies to the north of Hyde Park Corner. For the most part it is NOT a student area. This is a quiet residential area. Apart from Regent Park Terrace and Avenue, it comprises mostly of families, older people and young professionals. We have already had problems with some of the student houses within our area, regarding noise and inappropriate partying on weekdays and late at night. We have worked hard to solve these problems, often having to deal with unresponsive letting agents. Although Regent Park Avenue and Regent Park Terrace are, sadly, now mostly student streets, any noise from there impacts on the rest of our neighbourhood.

Also, there are still a significant number of permanent residents still living in Hyde Park. For the most part I doubt whether they would welcome the anti social behaviour that can accompany late night drinking.

The selling of alcohol 24 hours a day will only encourage students to behave in a manner likely to disturb the peace,. It will encourage people returning from night clubs in the wee hours to stock up on yet more alcohol and continue boozing the night away. Some months ago, in the main Hyde Park area, a young man was killed in a drunken brawl at a drink fuelled late night party

Apart from this, alcoholics have been seen in the vicinity of One Stop. Though one must feel sorry for people with this problem, being able to obtain alcohol 24 hours a day is hardly going to help their plight. Alcohol can make these winos aggressive and the most likely people to be approached by them are lone young female students who they think are fair game to beg money from.

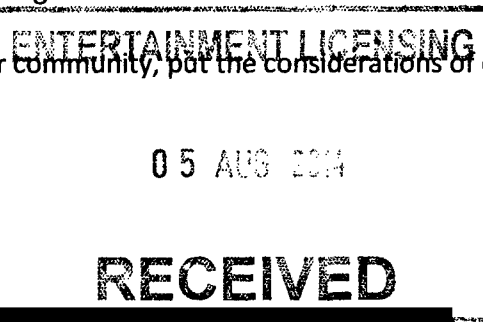
A further reason for refusing this request is religious. I doubt whether local Muslims would welcome a 24 hour of selling alcohol extension. As for 'removing embedded restrictions relating to Christmas Day', One Stop is next door to Wrangthorn Church. There are Christians in the area who might not welcome a shop being open on Christmas Day, particularly if it is selling alcohol.

With these points in mind I would ask you to respect our community, put the considerations of decent local people first, and refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

Clare Marlow

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Copies to local councillors Javaid Aktar, Gerald Harper, Christine Towler; Hilary Benn MP; North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association; any other relevant people