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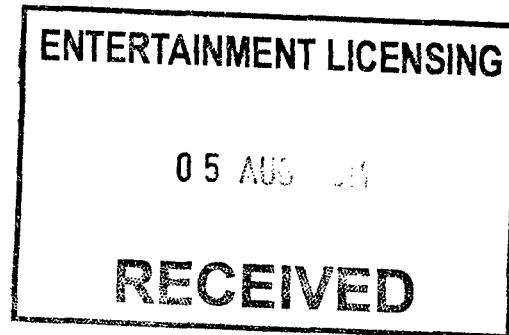
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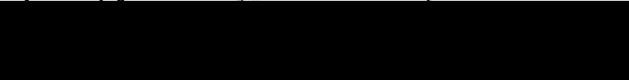
RE: Licensing application, Prem/00856/005

Dear Sir,

Regarding the above licensing application, for the OneStop shop, 265 Hyde Park Rd, we write to object in the strongest possible terms to the premises being granted a 24-hour licence to sell alcohol. There are a number of causes for concern. Considering firstly environmental factors. In the nearby churchyard (St Augustine's Wrangthorn), there is already a serious littering problem, only likely to be made worse by a 24 hour licence being granted. The litter is often empty cans and bottles that are used for drinks packaging. On a related point, parking outside the shop is already causing congestion on the public highway, with cars consistently ignoring parking restrictions. Again, this situation is only likely to be made worse.

Considering social factors. There is already a public house and at least one other licensed premises within eyesight of the OneStop. Within a few minutes walk, there is further potential to purchase alcohol. There is simply no necessity to place further, easy, 24 hour access to alcohol in what is already a socially deprived area, with strong evidence of drink-related problems. There is a alcohol dependency hostel within walking distance for example. Does the council truly think it is socially responsible to grant another 24 hour licence in this context? The church has a mission to protect vulnerable people, and welcomes all regardless of alcohol or drug problems. It is not however helpful to anyone to perpetuate access to alcohol throughout the night. Looking after homeless people with alcohol problems is a worthwhile challenge, and the council has made steps to assist. But again, propagating access to alcohol is a ludicrous decision in this instance.

Please reject the application,



Dr and Rev Che &amp; Joanna Seabourne