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From: Dobson, Cllr Mark
Sent: 27 November 2014 16:01
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: License Application for PREM/02968/005 - Bargain Booze Select Convenience
Attachments: 141127 Bargain Booze License Application.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Dear Mark,

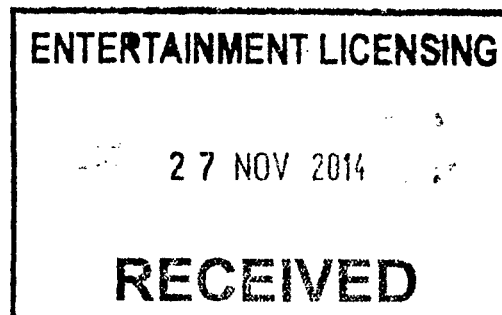
Many thanks for your letter concerning the above license application.

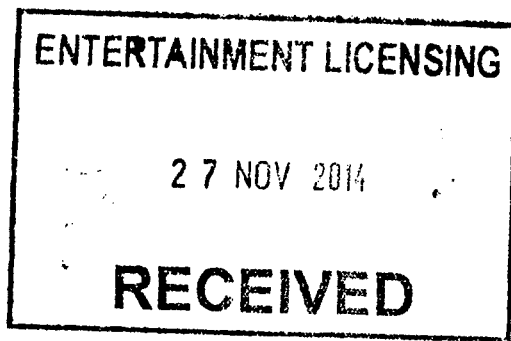
We had seen it, been unhappy about it, but felt a bit hopeless about the possibility of the application being refused. Your letter was the encouragement I needed and a copy of the letter I have sent to Miss Jane Wood, the Licensing Officer, objecting to the application is attached!

On another subject, I was so sorry to read the unhelpful thread re: the Lights - we think the work the Lions do in Garforth is stunning - and while we might not have as many lights as we used to (council cutbacks), the content of the evening is much more varied and there's always lots to entertain folk.

Best wishes and continued thanks for all you do

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27th November 2014

Miss Jane Wood
Licensing Officer
Entertainment Licensing
Civic Hall
Leeds
LS1 1UR

Dear Miss Wood,

Licence Application for: PREM/02968/005 - Bargain Booze Select Convenience, 57-59 Main Street, Garforth, Leeds LS25 1AF

I understand that Bargain Booze Select Convenience have made application to vary the license on their property in Main Street, Garforth and that this variation is as follows:-

- 1) To extend their license to sell alcohol from the existing Monday to Saturday 10.00-22.00 and Sunday 12.00-22.00 to the proposed every day 07.00-23.00.
The applicant also wishes to remove non-standard timings and restrictions placed upon the license regarding Easter Sunday. Namely the condition which reads 'The proposed hours of Easter Sunday trading shall be restricted to 10.00-16.00.
Non Standard Timings - 23rd, 24th and 31st December 08.00-22.00

The extension of sales of alcohol on Main Street, Garforth will directly impact:-

a) Crime & Disorder and Public Nuisance

Late at night drunken individuals - often underage - are to be found on Main Street and in two adjacent areas of residence and relaxation. Just 125 meters from this shop is an area in Fidler's Lane where young people gather to drink their purchases.

Garforth Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to deal with youths causing anti-social behaviour in Barleyhill Park. The park, which covers an area between 225 and 350 metres from Bargain Booze premises on Main Street, is surrounded by residential property. The park provides a gathering place for the consumption of alcohol which on a regular basis leads to illegal behaviour often involving motor vehicles in the adjacent car park. This is the area which backs on to my own property. Young people have spent all night drinking in some of these areas.

The language, aggressive attitude and intimidating behaviour of these groups of young people - particularly late in the evening - is damaging to the quality of life of the local residents and is also a great disincentive to make use of the pedestrian access through these areas.

b) Protection of children

The alcohol sold is often in bottles and this provides additional entertainment for drinkers. The sound of these empty bottles crashing around the children's play park area, and on two occasions over the wall from the flats in Barleyhill Road into Lyndon Avenue, is a public nuisance to those of us who live in this area. More importantly the resultant broken glass is a danger to any young children, who may or may not be accompanied by an adult, on any early morning visits to the park, or the area outside their own homes in the case of the Lyndon Avenue incident.

This is particularly true over public holidays and at the weekends when the resulting litter of cans and broken bottles may not be cleared promptly.

There is already a Tesco supermarket less than a mile from Bargain Booze Select Convenience open until 24.00 for the sale of alcohol, and for this and all the above reasons I would ask that the licensing committee reject this application.

Yours sincerely



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2014 10:39
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Licence application PREM/02968/005

We wish to object to the above application to increase the opening hours of Bargain Booze at 57-59 Main Street, Garforth, Leeds LS25 1AF.

The present licence allows them to sell alcohol between 10:00 and 22:00.

We cannot see any reason to extend these hours - to do so would only lead to more rowdy and drunken behaviour in Main Street, Lidgett Lane and the surrounding streets which have suffered noise and damage by drunks in the past.

Good work by local councillors working with the police has noticeably reduced this nuisance - to give this off-licence more time, especially late at night, to sell alcohol to people who have probably had enough already, could well undo this good work.

The prospect of returning to late-night shouting matches, fences being kicked in, bins being overturned and having to clean up vomit fills us with dread.

We would also question the need to open at 7am every day of the week. If people are so desperate to buy booze at this time of the morning they need help, not a handy outlet for alcohol.

We hope common sense prevails.

