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Subject: [LCC Possible Spam] Off-Licence Application Objection regarding 207 Dewsbury Road

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I wish to formally lodge an objection towards the application for an an off-premises alcohol license for Eden Supermarket at 207 Dewsbury Road, Hunslet, Leeds, LS11 5HZ, on the following grounds:

[REDACTED] is already a hotspot for anti-social activity. We regularly have people who sit on the bench at the corner of Dewsbury and Tunstall Road outside the 'Hands On' Recruitment Agency and drink all day, using [REDACTED] as an outdoor lavatory. And on occasion not just micturating in peoples yards and back gardens but also defecating in the street. I have had to clean such mess with bleach and hot water on numerous occasions. Also, the drinkers that sit on the bench day and night just drop their cans and food litter into the carpark of 'Hands On' behind the bench which they (Hands On) very rarely clean up, leading me to have to do it when the wind inevitably blows it into [REDACTED]

None of the business owners ever make an attempt to clean the street which means it falls to me for 20mins each day.

None of the business owners in this block live in the street, and therefore take no interest in cleaning up behind themselves because it does not affect them when they can return to their own homes out of the area at the end of each day.

There is no evidence yet to suggest that they would be responsible in their treatment of the street as: when stripping out the shop and flats above over the last two weeks, they allowed their skip to overflow into the street. The skip has been removed and a large amount of detritus is still there now. Because of the large amount it means that I cannot sweep the street as I normally would each day. Every time the owner drives his car into the street he parks over the pile of rubbish meaning that every time he leaves it gets dragged all over the street. It is very messy down here at the moment and getting worse.

Also none of the previous incarnations of that property, [REDACTED] have taken waste control seriously and have kept their bin on the street which led to huge amounts of mess around about, as well as a homeless person making a home behind it and creating a massive amount of mess that included human faeces, needless and shopping trolleys full of hoarded junk including food waste. No enforcement attempt was ever made to make them store their bin either in the property or around the front on Dewsbury Road instead. I therefore do not trust that any incentive would be made to encourage them to keep the street clean.

Also, when I am cleaning the street I have been verbally abused by drunks asking me 'what the f**k I am looking at' when they are wanting to void their bladders/bowels, drink or shoot up in peace. Most of them proceed to do so anyway. [REDACTED] I cannot challenge such people, much as I want to, as I have a family to protect and I do not want them to take things out on my property either.

On two occasions in the last two years I have had my daughters phone me to tell me that they have found police arresting people in our garden having been caught stealing from Cash Converters by the staff. Cash Converters is also a big draw for individuals with bad intentions having been held up at gunpoint in recent times.

Poundland, Aldi, TekBros and many of the small shops up and down this section of Dewsbury Road already act as off licences and I do not believe we need another. The ease of availability of alcohol on this corner has a deleterious effect on the physical and mental health of the inhabitants many of whom are fall down drunk all of the time, which we as inhabitants have to deal with all of the time.

We need to be encouraging civilised and healthy behaviour in this area rather than pandering to the base desires of those who, for whatever reason, have given up and have become a danger not only to themselves but to those around them.

I initially went to the planning licence applications portal of the [Leeds.gov.uk](https://www.leeds.gov.uk) website but unfortunately the only 'Change of Use' listings for this property were 2006 and 2019. So I have sent my objection to the email address listed instead.

Yrs sincerely

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From:Carlisle, Cllr Ed
Sent:Fri, 9 Feb 2024 23:33:12 +0000
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Subject:RE: Eden Supermarket LS11?

Hi Charlotte.

Can I submit an objection then?

ASB, crime, public nuisance, and disorder are sadly well-documented around that section of Dewsbury Road in Beeston LS11. Things have certainly escalated in the past couple of years, and there is a multi-agency task force trying to address it. It's complex, with a number of contributing factors – but the ready availability of alcohol in that area is undoubtedly one of the factors. I would be keen to restrict further access to alcohol, so have concerns about this application. That's nothing to do with the applicant, and it might seem unfair that a number of off licences are already established – but enough is enough. I'd be open to hearing from the applicant as to what steps they might take to not contribute to the cumulative local impact – but am likely to retain this position.

Does that stack up? Is it clear? Any queries, come back to me.

Many thanks. Ed

Cllr Ed Carlisle

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