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Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 4:27 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@harlow.gov.uk>
Cc: James Ahlberg [REDACTED]
Subject: Imran Newsagents & General Stores

Dear Harlow Council Licensing

As local residents who live opposite Imran Newsagents & General stores, 1 The Marriotts, The Hoo, Harlow, Essex, CM17 0HT, we oppose the application for a premises licence for the following reasons.

This is a quiet residential area with lots of children and elderly people living in close proximity to the premises and any antisocial behaviours will have a huge detrimental impact on everyone's quality of life. Residents are already negatively impacted by the occasional disturbance outside of the shop, of which recently included someone being knocked out. Unfortunately, this is also a well-known location for drug deals which often leave local residents afraid at certain times.

Our main concern is that where alcohol is sold, there are groups of teenagers congregating and finding places to drink which will make us and our neighbours feel unsafe right outside our homes. My elderly parents have already been approached by teenagers outside of my home to go and buy cigarettes for them, I can only imagine this will include alcohol if the license is granted. I have recently bought myself a personal alarm due to feeling unsafe in the area when walking home from Harlow Mill train station.

There is also a great deal of litter in the area, of which the majority is generated by customers of the shop, we also have rubbish thrown over the fence into our garden. Local residents often go out and collect litter which regularly includes nitrous oxide gas canisters, cigarette and joint butts, cans / bottles and food wrappers.

Finally, I am aware of the public health impact alcohol has on the Harlow community as a whole and making alcohol even more accessible is not going to improve matters.

I hope that you consider the points made above and agree that the sale of alcohol on this premises will negatively impact the local area and residents lives.

Kind regards

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