

APPENDIX 4

Representations received regarding Happy Local, Clay Pit Lane, Rawmarsh

1. Representation received from Ms M B

This email is in aim to prevent the application of Khvinder Kumar to turn the current fish bar on claypit lane rawmarsh into an off license.

There has been a notice put in the window of a building on Claypit lane where I live stating that it will be turned into yet another off license. On Claypit lane we have 3 off license on the same street all of which already bring a lot of traffic and drunk and disorderly people. These all make living in this area hard as I often cannot even park on my own drive way and people going to the shops block it. I only dread to think of how hard my parking will be when the building next to my house is also converted into a shop. Along with these three shops we have two shops up the hill from our house and more shops a two minutes walk down the road on kilnhurt road and sandhill all which provide a range of products rendering it pointless having another shop as it has nothing more to offer the community than the current shops do.

Enabling another shop not only in this area but across the road from two other well established shops is only polluting the area further making life for residents harder and more unsafe. There will be more drunk and disorderly people outside my house making me feel unsafe and access to my property will be further hindered.

I write this in aim of some understanding to the worry and concern that residents in my community feel about this announcement of a new shop and hope that we can prevent this license from being passed.

Many thanks,

Additional information provided:

I would like to further add to my previous concerns

If that is okay, I just wish to point out that there is a child care on the corner of the road next to the current chip shop and so I am concerned that heavier traffic, more parked cars will pose a threat to these children as they will struggle to cross the road, or if they run across the road there is a heavier traffic flow than usual and so they could be in danger. As I previously stated parking is hard on the street at current time and I find it hard to cross the road sometimes as there are always cars pulling in to let others go and you can't see the road clearly so I only think of how hard it will be for children when there is more road traffic. Moreover, the drunk people going to the shop will be on the same side of the road as the childcare meaning they are closer to the children, at current time all the shops are across the road and so they do have a bit of distance but if they are walking past the yard of the childcare or past children as their parents drop them off they are more likely to pose a threat to the child. Our current shops are very good at removing the threat of drunk and disorderly people as they refuse to serve them if they appear intoxicated meaning the community is slightly safer. I can't guarantee that the new shop will have this same ethic towards the communities safety.

Thankyou for answering my concerns.

Further information provided:

Hi, sorry to email again but I just wanted to say that this is the reason I sent my first objection.....1.40 pm and outside the chippy is two drunk men arguing. I was about to pull up home but kept driving as I didn't want to get out. Again all I can say is when this business is selling alcohol this can only get worse. I shouldn't be made to feel unsafe to even get out of my car to get into my home.

Thankyou.

2. Representation received from Mr D W:

My objection is based on my concern that this new licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many dwellings nearby, including my own. I am particularly concerned about noise nuisance as this already happens I object to the alcohol licensing application. It will increase drunken behaviour and harm to children also it will increase public nuisance. Thinking back to when I was a kid and what I got up to we would wait outside for people to go in to the shop for alcohol and we just got drunk and caused chaos for the locals living in this area also there are many elderly people living close around that don't want another shop selling alcohol it will increase noise for them that an elderly person just doesn't need at their age there is already a nisa shop and another local shop on that road we don't need another turning a fish and chip shop into another shop is just a bad idea for everyone living in this area it will increase crime and disorder and public safety.

3. Representation received from Ms E T:

To Whom It May Concern

I am hereby putting my objection forward to this application to be granted on the grounds of nuisance behaviour and street congestion.

We already have 3 local shops on the street selling alcohol, but these premises work together and try to stop selling to those who they know will cause an upset, we have already been told by the owner that he will sell to anyone. So, no social conscience or respect for the street.

I am also worried that this already busy street with very little parking will become a nightmare to navigate as a local, busses already struggle to get through and another outlet will not make that task any easier.

If we have no choice in the matter and you grant the application as you see it as an opportunity for the area, which we sincerely hope you don't, could the selling of alcohol be restricted from 10am to 10pm, as the early selling of alcohol via another establishment caused 2 drunks to cause mayhem and nuisance to residents the other day when they were refused more alcohol by the other 3 shops - I do not think Mr Kym's would have such a social conscience and as a local resident who can remember the shop next door being refused as a sandwich shop because of the shop opposite selling sandwiches, should not this be the same outcome - we have enough disruption of the amount of cars, we have enough choice of where we purchase our goods from. We do not need another.

Please turn down this application and if you can't, put restrictions on when it can be sold so that anti social behaviour is not the new normal for our area.

Thank you

Kind regards

Additional information provided:

Secondly, I really do want to state that I am deeply concerned about the application for an alcohol license at the former Claypit Lane Fish Bar. The road is very problematic with regular speeding and youths/drunks/drug users on electric scooters or muscled cars using the street as their playground and supply network, adding another shop selling cheap alcohol will only make things worse.

More easily available alcohol with no community conscience means more people drinking on my street and locality, making it dangerous for everyone. There are already eight shops within a ten-minute walk from here selling alcohol, which we already see the issues of, adding another one, who has stated will be cheaper, offers no benefit other than to those wanting cheap alcohol, but it adds further crime, disorder and public nuisances to our community.

We have had new houses built to the rear of our property who have commented on seeing drugs being sold towards the rear of the "chip shop" where there is no street light cover in the evening and during the day is not on a well-travelled route.

The incident I informed you of with the 2 local drunks causing a nuisance to local residents on the street happened just 10 minutes before the school run for families walking to the local schools, including a local child minder who operates to the side of the "chip shop", happened without easier and requested earlier selling of alcohol.

I do not wish to quash any hope of another local business idea for the area as anything that offers something different would be welcome, but I cannot see past the dangerous nuisance that we have had previously, before the cost of living hit, happening again.

Where local drunks and drug dealers, are robbing local houses, using our passageway links as urinals and dumping grounds - our rear passageway, which serves 82 to 94 Claypit lane, is now open again following the development of new houses and has already been used to dump old plaster with tiles on it there, but it could now bring the easy access or rat runs when needed by the people buying the alcohol to consume on the streets rather than going to their own homes.

I may not be able to attend any hearing as I work full time, but I do wish for my worries to be heard positively for my local community, where I would like it to be one of inclusion and safety for all, not one of additional drunks with the drug sellers and users, which I have seen so many times go hand in hand.

Thank you for taking my objections forward.

4. Representation received from Ms E W:

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you regarding my deep concerns that Claypit Lane is getting yet another out let for selling alcohol. I have two main concerns.

1. Increased anti social behaviour - already Southwell Road around this once Fish and Chip Shop is a drop off point on the local drug run. We often have youths drinking and causing disturbances on the street will this increase due to cheap alcohol been on sale from such an early hour. Do drugs and alcohol mix? The owner of this new outlet does not know this community and with his ambitions I fear he will ignore the warning signs and sell alcohol to anyone.
2. Traffic congestion - people living on this section of Claypit Lane already have issues regarding parking. As a Take Away, this shop was only open at certain times. But a shop open from 8am to 10am, I am concerned about increased traffic parking. It is a major road in Rawmarsh which includes a bus route. Years ago, an application was made to make next door into a sandwich shop (its now a hairdressers) the application was refused. I believe one of the reasons was increased traffic parking.

I therefore object to the licensing of this property due to the threat of increased anti social behaviour.

Yours faithfully

5. Representation received from Ms R G B

Dear licencing manger.

I am writing to reject the licencing application of the Happy local of Claypit Lane.

I reject this application on all four grounds of

A) the prevention of crime and disorder

B) public safety

C) the prevention of public nuisance

D) the protection of children from harm.

I go on the grounds of prevention of crime and disorder linking to an incident only a few weeks ago. This incident police did show attendance as two very drunken men went on a rampage around the area. Attacked a gentlemen, kicked our shop door in for entry as we locked ourselves in for protection. Wanted to fight with a gentleman who was dropping his daughter off at the child and another local man and his son in law on way to work. They caused trouble for the staff at nisa. Tried to rob a gentleman after using the bank machine. This was at 8.05 in the morning. Children was going to the child minders or walking to school. This is behaviour and actions we do not want in our local community.

The street has three shops already. Another seven all within a ten minute walk where people can purchase alcohol. With so many alcoholic premises we are seeing more drunken disorder behaviour reported or unreported to the police.

Another example, a drunken man was refused alcohol because how drunk he were so caused trouble in the street. His brother was called to remove him from the area, which ended up in a fight in the middle of the street again police were called. Thus was during early morning where children congregate.

Just these examples show rejecting the application will help prevent crime and disorder, protect the public, prevent public nuisance and protecting children from harm, which is definitely on the increased in our community.

The three local shops on claypit lane, Cox shop, Nisa and Claypit news all work together in cases when nuisances are occurring, robberies etc. Send messages to each other, pop in and check in on each other, hence why we were able to lock our selves in that morning due to the heads up from nisa staff. The three shops work together with opening and closing times to help reduce crime and disorder, another

shop selling alcohol will only increase the crime figures. As a community all support each other in so many aspects.

Public safety comes in above example but also from the lines of parking. Parking is very poor on this street as it is. Regularly we see very near misses not just with car on car but also with pedestrians. A property owner prevented a local lad from seriously getting injured and was only hit by the wingmirror of the car by shouting so loud. We see this all the time due to restricted parking. Van deliveries will only restrict the public's vision of traffic and other car uses vision to put them more at risk. Public transport or emergency services would seriously struggle to get larger vehicles through, as it is already a struggle. One local resident has even suggested parking permits to reduce the problem. The child minder across the road already has a task to cross the children, more deliveries, more cars will only not just put her looked after children at harm, but also the local children on way to school and when getting that bit of independence out with friends.

Around this area we have notice recently a lot more of substance reliant individuals hanging around. Another premises where alcohol can be purchased potentially increased how often we see them. Rejecting this application can prevent and potentially lower public nuisance. Prevent them hanging around on the corner where the shop wishes a licence. It is a public nuisance already as it is very intimidating working alone with them hanging on that corner. It would be potentially put children at harm especially the childminders children as her house is next to the local hangout spot. The spot where the application has gone in, a disabled lives on the opposite side. Very intimidated the other night as Cox shop had refused an alcohol sale due to his drunkenness so he sat on the wall to the flat wanting others people passing to purchase the alcohol. Another premises selling alcohol could have made that sale what would have promoted more drunken disorder. The gentleman is known to the police and to locals hence the refused sale of alcohol. Another premises selling alcohol will only promote this drunken nuisances causing more upset and disturbance to the community.

Police have been informed about these individuals on many occasions by Cox shop and Nisa. They have spoke to them and said they have upped patrols but unfortunately these individuals spot them and disperse. I personally am trying to help

our little community by going through the courts to evict a Tenant who is causing trouble. This is cause loss of income but as a community we don't want the trouble.

So many examples have been used to protect children from harm, parking, drunk and disorderly behaviour, public nuisance. The locals in this area is all about community and protecting children from harm is very important. Nisa has no direct house next to it so outside noise should or does not impact on any children at night. However even down to children's sleep links to children and harm. Cox shop closes at 8pm, the applicants are applying to stay open till 10pm. So late night noise will occur with customers to the shop. Noise from Shuttles will disturb locals children's sleep, cars pulling up and in a nuisance to the locals. People leaving the pub will be tempted to go get more beers to take home, whereas because Cox shop is closed they tend to go on their way. Some not all people leaving the pub will be intoxicated, more easily accessed alcohol could lead to more drunken crime and disorder, put public safety at risk, increase public nuisance, and put children at harm.

Some local residents have even emailed the local MP David Sheppard and John Heely to see what they can do to prevent this, as the local people do not want this for all so many reasons.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this

6. Representation received from Ms L F:

I am sending this email as a protest to the above opening with an alcohol licence. My daughter lives next door to the property and I am worried for her safety and vulnerability should the licence go ahead. As there is a public house across the road, there is already an issue with alcohol fuelled people causing noise and nuisance, and I don't feel this licence necessary. I worry for my daughter's safety and if this goes ahead, I wouldn't want her to leave her home to walk her dogs 3 or 4 times a day like she currently does.

Please see this email as my word against such a license being allowed to go ahead.

7. Representation received from Ms S P

Hi sir/madam

I noticed new alcohol licence application for 98A Claypit Lane, Rawmarsh, Rotherham. S625JL.

Ref khvandia kumar.

I am not happy. I object to the alcohol licence application of Claypit Lane. Because I have a business in this same area. My business big effect and loss when come new application. Already more alcohol licence shop Retailer business this area. My business going down I can't pay my staff wages and bills, rent. Not only me affects everyone have problems. And also vehicle parking is bad because busy traffic road. And we are seeing more drunken nuisance behaviour and troubles in the area another off licence will make this increase the application. effect public safety for our community.

Please consider I request council need to cancel this new application. Not just protect my family, my business this is all of our local community. Thank you

8. Representation received from Mr K H:

I object to the alcohol licence because kids can't cross road properly cos of the overcrowded roads due to the parking and to many people under the influence hanging on that corner will cause more trouble to local residents to go home especially with children because the danger their children could be placed in due to the amount of drunk people.

9. Representation received from Ms C H:

reference khvinder kumar.... i object to alcohol licence because kids can't cross road properly cos of parking..to many drunken smoke heads hang on that corner will cause more trouble to local residents etc and people with mobility scooter will not be able to pass so hope this will not go throw as it will be a danger to many

10. Representation received from Mr C B:

I send this email to object to the alcohol licence application for 98 claypit lane.

My reasonings for this objection along the groups of public nuisance. The new premises used as an off license would deter customers from entering the local vicinity. No steps have been proposed by the applicant how to deter this. Nethertheless, thinking on how steps can promote this is zero. There is no space for parking which is already a negative issue for this area. Street drinking and crime related incidences around drink is being seen more and with more off licences will make this more easily accessible. Many of our local older generation have commented on how they feel scared and avoid coming out in evenings. This naturally has an impact on their social lives as many of these people used to attend the local bingo at the local pub.

Negitive effects are already being seen and escalation of these negitive effects on the local community will be enhanced.

Many thanks

11. Representation received from Mr M D:

Recently moved on southwell road Rawmarsh and already having issues with local drunks , to be told there's planning for a new off license on clay Pitt lane less than 50ft from my new home where the drunks hang out ...I'm writing this email to oppose permission as it can't be a necessity as there's 2 other shops on same street selling absolutely same things .. I live on a through road which only as a few parking spaces

which obviously customers will use preventing parking issues for myself my neighbours and any friends and family that call....I hope you take these things into consideration when making your decision.... kind regards

Additional information provided:

we're already having trouble in a new build house only been in 3 weeks threats to smash windows etc by drunks etc

12. Representation received from Ms T H:

I'm writing with concern about a shop on claypit Lane that was formally a chip shop. I have concerns about this shop been given the go ahead we have 2 local shops within minutes of each other we don't need a third. I have deep concerns that this will have serious repercussions under age sales and gatherings of young ppl causing a nuisance this does not need to go ahead I urge you to look into it

13. Representation received from Ms E R:

I am sending this email to object to the application of a alcohol licence on Claypit Lane.

The area has changed of late and I feel opening another off-licence, making drink more accessible will make things worse especially for the older community as they don't feel safe to walk the streets. This is causing social isolation to many.

Opening another off licence will allow more opportunity for drunks to congregate around this area in particular in the alley, at the bus stop or on the field.

This area is seeing an increase in drug and drink related crimes. From street fights to push bikes being stolen out of gardens to help fund their addictions. So making alcohol more accessible potentially will increase the petty crimes to fund their habits.

14. Representation received from Mr G D:

I am writing this email to object to the alcohol licence application on claypit lane. I have lived on this estate nearly all my life and of late the area is declining.

I feel alot if this is strongly due to the clientelle the area is seeing. The field or the steps of the old hairdressers next to my house is where groups congregate to drink, causing nuisance with noise and pollution. Enough alcohol is available to these without making it more accessible. I live on my own and having to walk through and past groups of drunken people is really indimating. This new business can not prevent this from happening it will just escalate the matter.

Another avenue I object to is the parking. Parking on our street is horrendous. The new business will only make parking even more of a nightmare. We have people parking obstructing gateways, again this will be made worse. And the business will have no measures to prevent this. But is a nuisance to any member if public living in this area. The road is not very accessible at best, trying to get a fire engine in an emergency is going to be near impossible. Again the new business can not help this or prevent this happening. No car park is available so this is going to not just be a nuisance but also putting being at risk through not getting emergency vehicles through, crossing the road etc.

The whole idea of opening an off licence there to all of our community will cause nothing but a nuscience to us all.

15. Representation from Ms L S:

I run a childminding business. I have children from 1 year old to 10 years old and I think adding an off licence there would be an horrendous idea. There is already a really bad problem with drugs / drug dealing in the area and adding another place to get alcohol that's cheap would just add to the problem. I open at 7am and have a duty of care to safeguard the children I look after I had to ring the police last month because drunks were fighting in the street and it was not safe to walk to school. Adding another venue to purchase alcohol from will just cause more problem for the local area. There

is the cocks pub and Alcohol can already be purchased from the cox shop and from Nisa shop which are all extremely close there is no need for another.

16. Representation from Ms E O:

I have become aware that the Ower is looking at opening an off license in the former chipshop, I feel this would be madness, there is no parking and the road always has cars parked either side of the road, this is a road in which many people walk along to take their children to school, there is already 2 shops on this road and the nisa shop creates already a lot of traffic and parking issues, this will result in more issues for the residents living around this area. Please come and have a walk around and see for yourselves. This area does not need another shop that sells alcohol there is 5 within a 10 minute walk, there are many issues with alcohol and I feel this is making it more accessible to young people as well as the locals who have issues with alcohol, I know of several who have local shop keepers restrict their intake daily, would they? It feels that they want to make money and fast without thinking about the people who live around them, will it be cheaper than the other shops, do they care that that cheap (he has been heard to say he will undercut other businesses) alcohol can lead to addiction and abuse. This new business is not thinking about the effects they will have on an area that is already saturated with shops that offer cheap alcohol on deals there is already drinking on streets and areas making places no go areas. I would like to raise my objection to this application,

17. Representation from Ms C A:

Ref Khvander Kumar license application

I am writing in relation to the above request for alcohol license on clay pit lane , Rawmarsh , Rotherham .

As a previous member of RMBC CYPS social services I have dedicated 20 plus years of serving the local communities to safeguarding young people and adults and would

like to contest the above application , not only due to my previous morals , roles , and experiences of the local communities suffering due to lack of care / opportunities and addictions but also the areas of rotherham local villages/areas that are in dyer need of more positive businesses, within low income areas that sell or produce more positive opportunities that are healthy/ substantial to the growth of local people !

The local area was my home for over 7 years and the street already has a public house (the cox) local supermarket and off license all within walking distance to open yet a fourth franchise to obtain more opportunities for under age children / adults and people already suffering from addiction to alcohol would this business not be again a let down that rawmarsh can only sell alcohol !

why can we not have youth clubs to allow safe havens for young people to go to be sheltered and safe and off the streets !

local charity shops to help people with low incomes provide goods that are affordable to the living cost crisis !

local mother and children safe havens, coffee shops the building could be put to so much more than another off license !

I understand that this is a request from someone whose partners background has a criminal record and is the area is well established for high drug use ! would this be really something to encourage a fourth off license with poor ownership and morals ! Do we not have enough problems of young people being served vapours and alcohol !

RMBC morals to build a better town to encourage growth , development , training and positive opportunities yet Rawmarsh is becoming more notorious for none of the above ideas that you and I share !

please consider the again impact this new business will actually have on the area surly we can do better !

18. Representation from Ms L G:

Dear licensing.

I object to the licensing application for claypit lane fish bar. I am objecting as there are enough shops on the road to cater for everyone's needs. Allowing another shop to open will cause the flow of traffic what is already a current problem, which will undermine the nuisance to public principle. I feel this will undermine this as people will find alternative routes to get to destination which will prevent people visiting and passing through our local area impacting on passing trade for other current businesses in the local vicinity.

If a licensing application is granted I also feel it undermines public safety as the road is dangerous enough without creating double parking which will happen as the premises has no parking available. People are going to be put at risk crossing the road especially the childminder on the corner and other walking to school. Parking is not permitted up the alley as land belongs to some residents, which will cause another nuisance as their entry will be blocked.

Another alcoholic premises brings nothing to the community and just totally undermines all 4 of the licensing principles of public safety, prevent to public nuisance, protect children and prevent crime and disorder. The crime committed around this area is always drink related so having more off licences is going to make this worse.

I work across at the pub, I walk home at night alone. Already I don't feel safe when doing this but a taxi is not affordable or warranted. Having more drinkers out late will make my journey home more intimidating and uncomfortable

19. Representation from Mr S H:

I do not agree with this as it is a liability to pedestrians and other roads users with parking already being very restricted due to the shop that is already there, so with a shop very opposite, is going to cause more congestion and pedestrians trying to cross

the road being unable to see potential hazards in the road it's self. There are too many shops, iam not the only one to raise this concern.

Please listen to what the community is asking for. I can almost guarantee that there are more opposed than in favour on yet another off licence, that will likely cause even more disorderly and antisocial behaviour that the area is already suffering from.

Kind regards

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