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Central Bedfordshire Council

Central Bedfordshire Council,
Watling House,
High Street North,
Dunstable,
Beds,
LU61LF

15 FEB 2019

Public Protection

Ref:- Application to vary a premises license

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to object to the license application by Malhurst Petroleum Ltd,
MRH Stotfold,
67 Arleseey Rd,
Stotfold,
Beds SG54HB

We have an interest in this application that is greater than the general public because we live in close proximity, less than 300 metres from the location.

The sale and supply of alcohol act 2012 states that its aims are:-

- To ensure the safe, and responsible sale supply and consumption of alcohol.
- To minimize the harm from excessive drinking including crime, disorder, public nuisance and negative public health outcomes.

We feel that the granting of a 24 hour License contravenes the above and would be an irresponsible action for the following reasons.

Concentration of Licensed outlets

Stotfold is a small service town.

It already has 5 public houses, selling alcohol to be consumed at the premises, and 3 shops/convenience stores selling alcohol 7 days a week, 2 of them until 10pm. This does not include the MHR site which already holds a license to sell alcohol until 11pm.

The Stotfold football club with in house facilities has been relocated opposite the MHR site; the clubhouse is under construction now and will include a bar.

The MHR premises are located in a residential area, in fact, it is surrounded by residential houses. The concern is that people will be drawn to this residential area for the further purchase of alcohol and other items. There is also the potential overspill from events from the Fox and Duck public house about 500 metres away, and also from the newly built Stotfold football club opposite.

Crime and disorder

24 hour opening with an alcohol license will draw unwelcome attention and increased footfall at unsociable hours to a residential area.

Noise, littering, and antisocial behavior will increase in the nearby neighborhood.

Litter and glass around the vicinity of the premises is already being cleared away by a concerned neighbour at least twice a week. This will most certainly increase and worsen if the site is open for 24 hours.

The pavement outside the site is in daily use by children going to and from their school about 600 metres away on the same road thereby bringing a risk of injury and a risk to their general safety.

Public Nuisance

Increased noise, light pollution, traffic and traffic noise will all have a negative impact, particularly to residents who live next to the premises, to note again, this is a site surrounded by houses.

I enclose photos of area in question showing the close proximity of the residential houses to the application site and the litter/glass being found already.

I hope you will take the time to seriously consider our objections and refuse this license application

Our contact details are:-


 The Gardens,
Stotfold
Hitchin, Herts.
SG54HD

Yours Sincerely



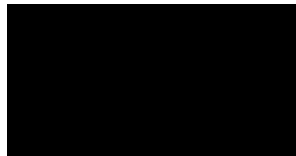




Fig. 1 Layout

Arlesey Road
 [Black Box]
 ESSO garage.
 New football club.



Fig 2 Part of the daily litter collection

Fig. 3 More litter



Fig 4 Typical daily rubbish

At least twice a week there are glass beer bottles, some times broken, purchased from the garage. All this on the public pavement or gully of the road, a definite danger to passing school children.



Fig. 5 Yet more litter



**Application to vary the premises licence at:- ESSO garage
67 Arlesey Road,
Stotfold. Sg5 4HE
(bearing in mind, they only trade now from 07:00 to 23:00)**