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Number JC / CYC - 012832  
Type Alcohol Selling Licence  
Place Proposed Tesco Express  
Address Huntington Road, Huntington, York, YO31 9HP

DEAR MADAM

I am in receipt of your letter dated 28 March 2007, in response to my letter in which I stated my objections to the application for granting of a an alcohol sales licence from the above mentioned premises.

First I must draw your attention to a mistake in the applicants stated address of the site as detailed in your letter. Number 376 Huntington Road is a private residence. This property is part of the same development as 372, and in the deeds there is a covenant which forbids the sale of alcohol from this site / area.

However my main objections to the granting of such a licence to this Tesco Express, are as follows :-

When this site operated as a Murco Filling Station and Shop excessive litter of all types was dropped by persons using that facility, even though bins were provided for the disposal of such litter.

The depositing of "litter" other than in the bins provided was very noticeable by all residents in the area in that the amount of litter cleared from the gardens, verges and paths, which together in our case from around the bus shelter at the front of our garden, reduced dramatically when the garage facility ceased trading.

This was accompanied by a drop in the level of public nuisance and the use of the bus shelter and surrounding area "as a not so public urinal and toilet used by both sexes".

The risk of increased "litter dropping" and "miss use of the area as a public toilet" will increase dramatically if such a licence is granted.

The granting of a licence to this type of facility, which is not always policed or managed to the same extent as a public house, of which there are two within a very short walking distance of this site, are known to be a magnet to all drinkers, particularly those who are under age and those who would not normally be served in a public house.

By not granting this application, it would eliminate, at source, any possible crime and disorder factors, in that the perpetrators would not be drawn into the area in the first place.

With regard to aspects of public safety, there was during the Planning Tribunal great thought and consideration given to the need for protecting the public both on and off the site and that of access and egress by mixed transport types.

The sale of alcohol from this site, will mean an increase in traffic of all types which when mixed with the more than probable drinking of alcohol both on the site and the immediate area will greatly increase the risk of accidents happening, leading to injuries of persons and damage to property.

I have earlier eluded to the use of this site by under aged drinkers as a source of alcohol. This not only means teenagers, but those under the age of 12 who are classified as children.

In other areas relatively close, there are a number of so called exclusion zones in place, which are supposed to eliminate the gathering of such groups.

These areas are rarely if ever policed or managed by persons of authority, which then puts an undue responsibility on the occupants of properties in these areas to control gatherings. When this public action is undertaken, it usually results in an increase in the disruption caused by such groups.

As I said at the Planning Tribunal, I do not agree with this imposition that I or any other person should have this responsibility to police or manage the use of this site.

I strongly object to the granting of an Alcohol Sales Licence to this site, now or in the future.

The application for such a licence is completely contrary to promises made by the legal representatives for Tesco to the Planning Inspector during the Planning Tribunal, which was taken into account and no doubt influenced the decision of the Planning Tribunal.

There are more than sufficient alcohol sales points in this area, which adequately fullfill the needs of those who wish to purchase alcohol.

I see no reason, other than the increase of sales for Tesco from this site, that the granting of such a licence would be beneficial to the area.

By granting such a licence, it will negatively affect the living standards of residents and will greatly reduce the general desirability of area.

Yours faithfully



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