



Hull Road Lib Dem Focus Team

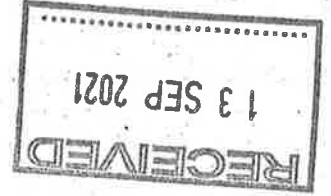
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City of York,
Licensing Services,
Hazel Court EcoDepot,
James Street,
York YO10 3DS



Dear Licensing Panel,

Application for the Variation of a premises licence - Co-Operative Foods Limited 102-104 Hull Road, York YO10 3LQ

On behalf of Hull Road Ward Liberal Democrats I would like to make the following comments regarding the application by the Coop to sell alcohol and hot food and drinks in the hours to midnight.

The Coop have put forward a revised set of conditions showing how they propose to meet the Council's licensing policy key objectives. There are two which are of specific concern to us where we do not believe that the Coop's proposals go far enough.

Licensing Objective - Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The Home Office have issued guidance about the selling of hot food and drinks after 11pm. It makes clear that there is a link between the sale of these 'late night refreshments' and 'alcohol fuelled crime and disorder'. To ensure that this doesn't become a problem on Hull Road we think the Coop need to do more.

CCTV: The Coop have proposed CCTV coverage of the entrance/exits to the store. We think this is not enough to ensure that they can manage any late night issues and that CCTV should also cover the areas outside the store where customers may gather.

Proof of Age: A 'Proof of Age' scheme to ensure that alcohol is not sold to underage drinkers is required by law. The Coop has not given details of the scheme they propose to use. This should happen before their application is considered.

Licensing Objective - Prevention of Public Nuisance

As the area around the Coop is residential this is a very important issue. We don't think that the Co-op have given enough consideration to the impact that their proposals will have on local people.

Complaints Procedure: The Coop are proposing to have a complaints procedure. They haven't given any details of what this would be in their application. Hull Road Lib Dems strongly believe that to be effective any complaints procedure must be developed with the local community. This is the only way to make sure it addresses local concerns. It should be shared with local residents and NOT 'made available on request' as proposed by the Coop.

Signage: We also think that the Coop should be required to display signs to remind customers that they are in a residential area and they should respect local people when using the shop late at night.

Litter: The new 'late night refreshments' and extended hours for selling alcohol are also likely to lead to increased litter around the shop. We think that the Coop should provide extra bins and ensure that any litter is cleared up daily.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above points when making your decision. Also if the application is to go to a public meeting of the Licensing Panel please will you let me know so that I may attend and speak to these points.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Mortimer

For Hull Road Lib Dem Focus Team