

Bob Brown

From: Cllr Terri Dowling
Sent: 27 August 2015 15:57
To: Bob Brown
Cc: Cllr Trevor Webb
Subject: Objection to license of 13 London Rd

Hi Bob,

Please find below my and Trevor Webb's joint objection as Cllrs for Central St Leonards to the license of 13 London Rd. [REDACTED]

We wish to raise a formal objection on behalf of some of the residents of the Central St Leonards ward.

We have been contacted by residents who are concerned about the licensing application for number 13 London Road (the old Barraclough and Styles opticians).

We do appreciate that although this application is for a premises within a saturation zone that this isn't, and should not be, a reason for declining a license. However, having seen the application and the lack of reference made to the saturation zone and the implications this has, we feel that there should be extra measures put in place in order for the four licensing objectives to be not only adhered to but also promoted.

If this application is to be placed before the committee we would therefore like for them to consider the following:

The premises is in a saturation zone. There are high levels of disorder within the area that the premises is located and these issues have tended to arise with members of the street drinking community. This in turn can and does have a negative affect on the wider community.

In order to promote the prevention of public disorder we believe there should be extra stipulations in place as part of the license. This should include the control of the sale of alcohol to street drinkers. We would ask that the licensee sign up to and adhere to the policy of the reduce the strength campaign and agree to not sell single cans of alcohol in order to help prevent street drinking and the issues of public disorder that arise from this.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

Cllr Terri Dowling & Cllr Trevor Webb
Central St Leonards ward
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Bob Brown

From: Melissa Watson <melissa.watson@tedbaker.com>
Sent: 04 August 2015 10:05
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to London Convenience Store, 13 London Road, St Leonards -
Application to supply alcohol for consumption off premises.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a convenience store with supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises at the above address. The basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

It is important to understand that Central St Leonards is an area already struggling with serious issues around crime, alcoholism, substance abuse and anti-social behaviour. The street scene around the junction of Norman Road and London Road is utterly horrendous. There are regularly large groups of people aggressively begging, openly drug dealing and street drinking in this vicinity. The volume of litter present in the immediate street area (discarded bottles and cans) is a key identifier that alcohol plays a large part in contributing to these issues.

The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption off the premises between 8:00am and 11.00pm, Monday - Friday and between 8.00am and 10.30pm on Sundays. Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area already heavily populated with licensed premises where crime, disorder and public nuisance have already reached problem levels for the local police.

Residents in this area already suffer noise nuisance, antisocial behaviour and crime at all hours of the day and night. I feel the present situation is already at an unacceptable level, supporting this application will only further add to the problem.

In view of the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir / Madam

LICENCE APPLICATION FOR SELLING ALCOHOL:

CORNER OF LONDON ROAD AND NORMAN ROAD, ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA

This is an objection to the alcohol licence application for the old Barraclough & Stiles premises. Central St Leonards has many alcohol outlets already (and convenience stores), so I cannot see that there is a basis for another one. I also note with concern that these premises are large.

Central St Leonards also has many drunks and druggies on its streets, and there is a social problem. They often gather at 'Betfred Corner', just opposite the corner and shop in question.* I do not begrudge these people a drink but they can get one already, on the near side of Adams & Jarrett, Norman Road, without even leaving the pavement. Several other sources of alcohol are also available within easy distance (and very probably another one when the Norman Arms reopens).

As you know, the Licensing Act 2003 promotes four licensing objectives. In order of relevance here, I would state them as:

- the prevention of public nuisance
- public safety
- the prevention of crime and disorder
- the protection of children from harm.

ALL of these objectives would be jeopardised by the granting of a licence, and I would ask you therefore to refuse it. No doubt Sussex Police – police officers and PCSOs – will have lots to say about this proposal, and street life in that part of town.

St Leonards has got enough problems without adding to them in this unnecessary way. An off-licence on this corner would damage what progress there has been in recent years. Please refuse this application.

HBC

Licensing Manager

Aquila House

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Hastings TN34

Yours faithfully
Bernard McGinley

* Sometimes they weave in and out of traffic, or cause a nuisance on the wide pavement in Kings Road – near the Old England pub – from where a new seat had to be removed. (Ask why that was done.)

Bob Brown

From: Clive Gross <clive@clivegross.org.uk>
Sent: 05 August 2015 16:17
To: Licensing
Cc: Chris Connelly
Subject: Objection to license application for London Convenience Store, 13 London Road, St Leonards-on-Sea

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5th August 2015

Dear Sir,

Objection to license application for London Convenience Store, 13 London Road, St Leonards-on-Sea

I am writing to formally lodge an objection to the application for a new convenience store and in particular to the application to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises at the above at 13 London Rd, St Leonards-on-Sea.

The location of these premises at the junction of Norman Road and London Road is already a hazard for a number of reasons without allowing further or expanded outlets for the sale of alcohol, and I object to this new application on the following grounds as outlined in the licensing objectives of The Licensing Act 2003:

*** PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER**

Current high levels of anti-social behavior in this location caused by people with alcohol and drug misuse issues - already the subject of regular calls to and interventions by local police officers, creating extra demand on their ever reducing resources - are only likely to increase if new or expanded licensed premises are allowed. There is already regular open street drug dealing here and from the nearby public phone box adjacent to the Oak Bakery in London Road and reported incidents of goods stolen to fund the purchase of alcohol or drugs being traded. Increasing the availability of alcohol in this location is highly likely to also increase associated crime and disorder.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The application should be declined on the grounds of public safety concerning the location of the subject premises on the corner junction of London Road with Norman Road. This particular corner of Central St Leonards is already a favoured meeting spot for local street drinkers and there have already been numerous near misses with drunk individuals crossing both roads into passing traffic, attracted to this location by a cluster of existing off-licensed premises in the immediate vicinity and the BedFred betting shop located on the other southern side of the same junction.

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

The public nuisance caused by the activities of street drinkers and those with alcohol addiction issues is already out of hand in this location. Significant groups of people in a drunken state often lie across the pavement or congregate

and argue or fight on this corner, which makes this part of the street a 'no-go area' at times for other local residents and visitors on which other businesses and our local economy rely. The pavement outside the existing adjacent off-license is already dirty and full of rubbish, which creates an additional public health hazard.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

As far as possible, children should be shielded from exposure to and opportunities for drug and alcohol misuse, and the local area around these premises is home to an increasing number of families with young children. A further expansion of premises selling alcohol and cigarettes will increase the likelihood of children being exposed to such harm and for the possibility of under-age young adults obtaining alcohol. It will further discourage families with children who would help create a more stable and cohesive local community from moving into this area.

Although technically outside the scope of consideration by the Hastings Borough Council Licensing Team and Licensing Committee, there is an important moral and ethical aspect to allowing the increased availability of alcohol sold for commercial profit in this location, which will further exploit a highly vulnerable section of our local community who already experience complex health and addiction issues.

It is noticeable that the other two shops selling alcohol in this section of Norman Road have not signed up to the Hastings Borough Council 'Reduce the Strength' initiative of endeavouring to reduce the sale of cheap high alcohol products such as beer and it is probable that such a new shop will similarly ignore any such scheme.

Concurrently I urge Hastings Borough Council to take an overview, formulate and publish an updated policy statement for encouraged retail practice in the Central St Leonards area, as other councils in our region have done. For example, Brighton and Hove City Council refused an application to sell alcohol by Sainsburys supermarket at their then new shop at the junction of James Street and the Steine in Brighton city centre, so there is every opportunity for Hastings Borough Council to take the initiative of such a precedent being set.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Chris Connelly, Chair, St Leonards Town Team

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