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To: Richard Brown <Richard.Brown@southandvale.gov.uk>
Date: 28/07/2014 23:15
Subject: Re: 56 Vineyard, Abingdon, OX14 3PB - Objection

So you say the applicants have answered all issues, but when you are aware as an officer if issues I'm the area regarding alcohol and underage drinkers in parks and the town centre how can you responsibly add another venue to sell alcohol.

Regarding granting the licence them reviewing it how does this make sense when you are aware why grant it in the first instance.

Now if they get granted the licence there will be massive competition this bringing the price of alcohol down as we will compete and this will I turn provide cheap alcohol to locals as the station will want to have alcohol customers which it currently doesn't. In order for it to do so it would need to be cheap. This would be not responsible retailing.

Can you please enlighten me on the the sign that is up on the door. The passers by on the public highway/path cannot see this sign only if you go into the station you will be able to see the sign. So not all the community know that the station is applying for a licence.

I will seek legal advice on all these matters and how this effects the application.

I hope to attend the hearing and highlight the issues raised.

Regards

Mohammed Nazir

60 Vineyard
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On 28 Jul 2014, at 16:14, "Richard Brown" <Richard.Brown@southandvale.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Nazir

Thank-you for the below for which I obviously acknowledge receipt.

I summarise your points in the premises not meeting the licensing objectives as there is

likely to be an increase in thefts, noise/disturbance, underage sales and litter. They appear to have been answered in the application within the steps they intend to take to promote the licensing objectives, viz CCTV, liaison with police, staff training, refusals book, challenge 25, forecourt being swept/bins emptied and notices displayed. The number of licenced premises in the area is not a relevant factor - There is no saturation policy in Abingdon.

I understand that the police are not putting in representations. There is always the option of a Responsible Authority such as the police or a local resident/business such as yourself asking for a review of a licence once granted if evidence of the licence holder not meeting the licensing objectives can be supplied once the business is up and running.

You may care to come back to me. Please note that the deadline for representations is midnight tonight. I will not be in a position to make any further replies before that deadline.

Richard Brown

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>>> Licensing unit 28/07/2014 14:58 >>>
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>>> M D NAZIR <[REDACTED]> 28/07/2014 14:46 >>>

Dear Sirs,

Premises Application -Vineyard Service Station, 56 Vineyard,
Abingdon, OX14 3PB.

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a premises licence by Highway Stops retail Ltd. Vineyard Service Station, 56 Vineyard, Abingdon OX14 3PB. 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.

As a licensee ourselves at 60 Vineyard we feel the local area is saturated with licensed premises. Since we have been trading we have had a number of thefts fuelled by alcohol. Also many locals have been banned as a measure to keep peace and order in the area. The worry here is that 56 Vineyard will be another point for them to buy alcohol from and cause noise, nuisance and disturbance, as a result our hard work would be undermined. The police and local council can look back at the previous owners at 60 vineyard and number of incidents was high until we became the licensees. We have controlled the underage buyers requesting alcohol by being very strict but this is still an huge issue. At late night people park up and request alcohol, on many occasions we refuse as they are a nuisance and we have deterred many people from trying. This is also an issue from people walking back from the boundary house or city centre.

Please take into account the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill - March 2011, when making any decision.

The flats at Banbury Court and the Knowle Centre have been an issue with residents causing disturbance which are alcohol related, many of these residents are banned from our premises. Litter is another issue in the area as we have to use are staff to clear up at nights. We have had to have extra staff to clear this rubbish and keep the area tidy. The concerns need to be looked at before making a decision. Also on numerous occasions police is seen attending the vineyard service station. Theft is an issue already. The local area has many outlets the council needs to take a fresh approach to premises licence applications since 2011 to object to the application on these grounds. The local police have been doing a fantastic job and this application can have a totally detrimental effect to its aims and objectives. The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption off the premises between 6:00am and 11.00pm, seven days a week. This station would attract alcoholics and petrol users from around the area causing traffic, disturbance and nuisance to local residents.

Increased deliveries and traffic would cause an issue already a problem on the Vineyard. In recent years accidents have happened for cars exiting the station. Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area already so heavily populated by alcoholics wanting alcohol, where many premises have banned these individuals, crime, disorder and public nuisance have already reached problem levels for the local police.

Residents in this area already suffer noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour at all hours of the day and night, especially with Banbury Court flats which are opposite the station.

I would also urge the Committee to consider the findings of the Health Impact Assessment, in which evidence of the negative effects of the flexible licensing hours was put by the national health organisation, we have worked very hard to ban all troublemakers in the area.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mohammed Nazir

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