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REPS:

Celine James

I write in reference to the licensing application for the aforementioned premises.

There is currently considerable concern amongst local residents regarding the perceived increase in ASB in Ashford high street. I am concerned that the extension of an alcohol and music license beyond normal licensing hours will lead to a localised increase in ASB and noise nuisance. The premises will be the only place in the local area that has such relaxed licensing hours and is likely to result in a concentration of persons seeking out a late night alcoholic drink.

Additionally, there is no provision for people to smoke/vape in a private area within the curtilage of the premises. It is highly likely that smokers/vapers will congregate around the side/rear of the premises where the management will have no control over their activities. If a late night licence is granted this is likely to adversely impact on local residents, including those in Clarendon Road..

Yours faithfully,

Celine James

Maria Christmas

I am writing to advise of my strong objection regarding the above application for an alcohol and live music license.

As a resident who lives directly behind the premises on Clarendon Road, my serious concern with this application is in relation to the impact this will have on all residents who live behind the premises in question.

Given the ongoing issues we are already facing regarding the rise of anti social behaviour on Ashford high street (Church Road) - there have been a number of incidents which have occurred in the car park directly behind New Parade. Currently the issues we are facing are with loud music from cars parked late at night, the use of drugs, gas canisters and drinking. Should this license be approved - I dread to think what the residents will be faced with, I can only assume the situation would escalate further. With this in mind, the disruption to residents would only bring immense misery - not to mention sleepless nights!

This application for a late night alcohol license and live music until 1am is not suitable for this residential area and should not be permitted.

I have contacted our local councillors regarding this matter as there have already been a number of incidents of anti social behaviour, alcohol and drug related problems in the car park. I also understand that the new Police Inspector at Staines, Matthew Walton is aware of these issues and has agreed to provide additional night patrols. If the case is such, that the residents are already having to put up with all these goings on, how can this license be granted? This will only add fuel to the fire placing the already stretched police services and council officers under strain.

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I have liaised with several of the neighbours in Clarendon Road regarding this matter and a number of them will also be lodging their objections to this application. We all have a right to be able to reside in our homes without disruption that could potentially cause a lot of unrest and misery affecting our wellbeing.

Kind regards

Maria Christmas

Councillor Olivia Rybinski

Dear all,

I write to raise objection following communication from residents regarding the above application. The concern is based on the rise anti social behaviour on Ashford high street, this has made the local news and residents feel that a late night alcohol license will only encourage more similar behaviour. The application for late night alcohol is not suitable for this quiet, family orientated high street and does not have a "night life". Ashford has many families and the increase in anti social behaviour has worried residents. Alcohol can fuel further anti social behaviour. This will put a strain of police services and council officers.

The car park behind this application, which backs onto Clarendon Road has had increasing amounts of youths and flytipping which is negatively affecting the area. The Police are aware of this. Small groups are gathering in the car park and causing noise and mess. Residents are concerned that a late night bar will make this worse.

Kind regards,

Councillor Olivia Rybinski
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