

Perrins Barber Shop, 5 Old Cross, Hertford 19/1828/PL

Rep 1:

Why does a barbers shop feel it necessary to also sell alcohol? This does not fit in with EHDC's Health & Wellbeing strategy. Will the licensee be on the premises all the time? Will all staff have appropriate training? Will there be a refusals register? Children also use this shop for haircuts, I think it normalises the continual consumption of alcohol and is inappropriate. I am objecting to the granting of this licence.

Rep 2:

The premises is a barber's shop and has no requirement for the sale or consumption of alcohol.

The location is open to all ages for the purpose of hair care, including children of all ages. It would be inappropriate for alcohol to be openly available for sale or consumption whilst children are openly welcomed into the shop.

The licence hours requested are longer than the current opening times of the premises as advertised in their window.

There is no information about the suitability of the applicant to hold a licence, or any details of what would be served and how, or why it should be required. It is a small shop with a small staff. It faces onto a busy traffic junction with a narrow pavement and has no outdoor space.

There are already lots of licensed premises in Hertford town centre and no requirement for a barber's shop to sell or serve alcohol.

There are concerns within Hertford about the impact of alcohol and licensed premises on local residents and the nature of the town centre. Adding another licence is very likely to have a negative affect on the town centre.

I have significant concerns about protecting children from harm, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and potentially on crime and disorder.

Rep 3:

I have great concerns about the request for an alcohol licence for the proposed 300 club at the above premises.

Such a move could lead to all sorts of abuse. Apart from "private" drinking, it could become a venue for possible illegal drug use and exploitation of young women.

Such activities are a reality now and I heard of a racket persuading young women to marry foreign workers to give legal status, all be it a few years ago. (not far from Hertford)

I would hope that the licencing committee rejects such a move. The barbers may see themselves as legitimate, but we are not awash in this town with resources to police or manage such an establishment to make sure nothing untoward is going on.