

Representation 1

Date received: 20/03/2023

The easy supply of alcohol to certain train users will likely only attract alcohol fuelled crime and antisocial behaviour.

The interested party was asked to clarify his representation and sent the following response on 23/03/2023:

My objection relates to

Prevention of public nuisance

Public safety

Prevention of crime and disorder

Specifically due to the risk of alcohol fueled antisocial behaviour and public order offences that the selling of alcohol at a train station is likely to contribute to.

You will no doubt be aware that it is also an offence to be drunk on a train, so it seems prudent not to put train users in an easier position to commit an offence.

Representation 2

Date received: 20/03/2023

I wish to formally object to the application of WHSmith to sell alcohol. I live directly opposite WHSmith in the new apartments and thus overlook the shop. I will be severely affected by this. I believe allowing WHSmith to sell alcohol will cause a public nuisance and will increase crime and decrease safety in the area. There are numerous establishments close by already in the town with a licence to sell alcohol and I don't think we need another.

Representation 3

Date received: 29/03/2023

I wish to object to the above New Premises Licence and list my detailed reasons below:-

1. protection of children from harm - unaccompanied children pass this retail shop twice a day, once on the way to school and again on the way home. This poses a risk of danger on the station platform due to trains and possible alcohol

fuelled rough play. As this premises also sells sandwiches it will also put children in the presence of alcohol which they would not otherwise be exposed to on a daily basis.

2. public nuisance - due to the fact that this is a busy public wayfare to the station and the taxi rank, as well as the bicycle rack and multistorey carpark and alcohol encourages people to linger and drink the alcohol in quiet out of the way places, which is unsettling to the general public going about their daily business. There are many new build flats across the road from this shop and the sale of alcohol poses a risk of disruption, noise and alcohol induced antisocial behaviour.

3. public safety -the shop is just outside the train station entrance, the taxi rank, the bicycle rack, the entrance and exit from and to the station ticket office, as well as outside the newly built flats and carparks and is likely to encourage antisocial behaviour in these areas and interfere with public safety.

4. crime and disorder - the shop is in a thoroughfare and is frequented by unaccompanied children, the elderly and general public using the station and station property and making their way to the new build flat and pathways leading home, and especially the new multistorey carpark. The out of the way position of the area around the shop is a possible magnet to people loitering and drinking alcohol purchased from WH Smiths in unseen areas which tends to lead to unsocial behaviour. The area around the station is used by the public who pay to leave their bikes and cars unattended for long periods of time and there is an increased possibility for damage to be done to these belongings due to the alcohol being sold if a new premises licence is granted.

The Council has recently granted the permission for the building of flats and housing and new multistorey carpark in the area surrounding the WH Smiths and I object and I find it unacceptable and irresponsible for the Council to therefore grant a New Premises Licence to a shop in the position of WH Smith, especially as there are two public houses at both entrances/exits to the station and three other premises selling alcohol in close proximity to WH Smith. One being Station Off License & Convenience Store on Station Road, Tesco on South Street and Aldi on London Road, all of which have long hours of opening.

I strongly object to this application on the above grounds.

I would further ask that my name and address does not appear with regards to objection of this application and is not made public now or in the future.