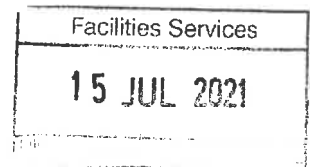


NORTHGATE END
BISHOPS STORTFORD
HERTS CM23

EAST HERTS COUNCIL
WALLFIELDS
PEGS LANE
HERTFORD
SG13 8EQ

13th July 2021



Dear Sir,

Re Beer shop at Northgate End and APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE

I WRITE TO OBJECT STRONGLY TO THE PROPOSED Beer Shop in Northgate End.

The shop will be very close to the Wheatsheaf Public House, and in an area mostly

Residential. There is no parking outside the proposed shop and even now we find people using the Public House park in our road which is a private roadway. Parking there causes problems for residents to access their own properties and it is also the main access to the Northgate Youth Centre for which an emergency access in Yew Tree Place requires a clear passage. Siting a beer shop only yards away from a Youth Centre is asking for trouble. The area is also specifically designated by the police to be alcohol free. We would be very concerned for the well being of young people who might be tempted to use the area for illicit purposes. The new multi storey carpark is only yards away from the proposed shop and this could lead to crime or disorder in that new building or in the outside car park at the rear of our houses. Most of our residents are elderly people and would find it frightening to cope with abuse of drinking in a public area so close to residential properties.

Finally we would draw the council's attention to the fact that in North St, only 5 minutes walk away, there are many eating places together with a shop selling alcohol, We can see no need to extend the area for this type of business, which might easily cause a public

Yours truly

Northgate End
Bishops Stortford
Herts, CM23

The Licensing Authority
East Herts District Council,
Wallfields
Pegs Lane
Hertford, SG13 8EQ

15th July 2021

RE: 21/0490/PL John Gudgin, application for new premises licence for the Beer Shop Ltd, 26A Northgate End, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2EU, to sell alcohol from Monday - Sunday 10am - 10pm, New Year's Eve 10am - 1am

We strongly object to this application on the following grounds that undermine the licensing objectives viz:

- **Prevention of crime and disorder** – the potential noise and activity of people under the influence of alcohol within this largely residential area is a high risk
- **Protecting public safety** – there is NO parking whatsoever outside the premises. It is almost directly opposite a very busy junction and before the traffic calming areas further along Rye Street. It is inevitable people will park nearby on the already crowded streets and also on the main road which is the main thoroughfare into the town from the Stansted Mountfitchet side. Any parking at all here will cause issues with overtaking just before the pedestrian crossing and blind hill on the other side. This will introduce additional risk to pedestrians, local residents and drivers on the main and adjacent roads. This is a main thoroughfare used by school children, and dangerous enough without the addition of alcohol and people under the influence of alcohol at all times of the day to the mix.
Additionally, the local YMCA is less than 500m away. This houses vulnerable young people and it will add an extra challenge to managing this operation and to keeping young people safe.
- **Preventing public nuisance** – it is hard to see how this application will not result in public nuisance. We are relatively near supermarkets and other off-licences in the centre of town. This application is for premises on the 'wrong' side of town as you walk/drive away from the centre so is clearly aimed at those walking/driving into town – buying drinks here means those of us who live between the premises and the town centre will be subject to noise, litter, and general raucousness including vomiting outside peoples' houses that accompanies alcohol consumption. We will already have significant additional disturbance to contend with because of the multi – storey car park being constructed and this will definitely add more noise, stress, and public

nuisance to the mix. We would like to preserve as much of the quiet as we can, especially given alcohol sales are already well-catered for in the area.

Finally, as mentioned this is a largely residential area, and the former petrol station which used to cause a disturbance (simply with people buying petrol and foodstuffs/confectionary!) was converted into a residential site around 5 years ago, so we have even more people living in this area now, along with those who are about to arrive in the 10 or so new terrace houses being built about 20m away!

Takeaways, and other business operations remain on the roundabout area at the top end of North Street. Allowing such a business to operate would mean that this entire residential area suffers, and the conservation area between the premises and the town will become isolated, with the risk it becomes an uncared for strip, 'sandwiched' between commercial outlets.

We cannot object strongly enough to this proposal

Yours sincerely,