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Appendix 3

Re licensing objection for Go Local 85 Borough rd

To Louise Romaine
Cc Matthew Storey, Zafer Uddin

Good morning

Cllr Storey, Cllr Uddin and myself, as Councillors for Central ward, strongly object to the licensing application to sell alcohol, off the premises from 8am to 10pm daily.

We have noted that the proposed time of selling alcohol has changed since their first application, from 7am to the proposed 8am, daily, also that only allowing customers to purchase alcohol after a £5.00 spend is unrealistic and unenforceable.

The premises is situated in a cumulative impact area. One of 5 soon to be 6 across Middlesbrough.

Central ward has high levels of serious crime and ASB, poor health mostly through drink/drugs, high rate of early deaths, high unemployment and low education attainment, all attributed to alcohol.

We should also mention that alcohol abuse has spiraled since the start of the Covid pandemic, many are drinking at home. Alcohol dependency affects all age groups whether direct or indirect, children included.

We 3 Councillors for one of the most deprived wards across Middlesbrough and in the country, feel that another Off License is not needed and ask that this application be refused on the grounds of the 4 Licensing objectives.

Finally, we can't help recalling what Public Health Sinead Upton told the Licensing objection committee hearing, relating to this store back in January.

She said (we have no problems with the applicant, he showed a willingness to work with us but the fact of the matter is, it's just another outlet that wants to sell alcohol in an area where there are already loads of problems with the supply of alcohol.

We do not see anyway if this was granted that it would not exacerbate the problems Middlesbrough already has. As the Police said, It's in the wrong premises in the wrong place).

Kind regards

Linda Lewis

Councillor for Central ward