

## Judith Catchpole

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I would like to express my concerns and opposition to this request for the above licence request for the following reasons;

1. The shop sells a lot of different and diverse items that other shops in the centre don't sell. They save a lot of people the time and effort of a bus trip and are a very welcome addition to the centre. These could be lost to make room for the alcohol.
2. There are already 3 shops and 2 alcohol establishments within and around the shopping centre which is a very small centre and does not require any more shops selling alcohol.
3. The shopping centre is a local gathering place for ASB and further alcohol sales availability will, in my opinion, increase this.

And finally, the pud, Club and 2 of the shops are open early til late evening so availability is easy and another option is totally unnecessary. People need something to bring people to the centre not drive them away!

It is starting to pick up with its decent cafe, its new Herons and its new dog grooming shop. I believe another new shop is opening soon too.

Please keep these points in mind when deciding if Hemlington Shopping Centre really needs to sell more alcohol.

Yours faithfully

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