

Subject: Personal: Objection to proposed 24 hour licensing of alcohol sales for Tesco Express, Milford

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Dear Mr Hughes,

As a near neighbor to Tesco Express I would like to object to the application by Tesco Express 3 doors down to sell alcohol 24 hours a day. I am objecting on the following grounds:

- Likely to increase noise and disturbance
- May adversely affect public safety

The site of the Tesco Express in Portsmouth Rd currently sells alcohol and on many occasions my family and I have been woken at night by drunken people passing the street. Judging by the various discarded cans and bottles around our front drive in the morning many of these were sold by Tesco. This is a quiet residential area and if this application is successful the chances are that more traffic will go by late at night and there will be increasing incidents of drunken yobs causing noise disturbance late at night as well as disturbing plant pots and discarding bottles.

It really is not appropriate for any business to be selling alcohol 24 hours a day let alone in a quiet residential area.

Yours Sincerely,

SED 24 HOUR OPENING

Sent: Wednesday 22 January 2014 09:57
To: General Enquiries
Subject: TESCO, PORTSMOUTH ROAD MILFORD - PROPOSED 24 HOUR OPENING

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Dear Sirs,

Re: Tesco Application to Trade for 24 hours:

As a resident of Meadow Close, Milford, for many years, and a regular shopper of Tesco, I am writing to you concerning the recent application by Tesco to extend there license to sell alcohol to 24 hours, 7 days a week.

This, would cause even more relentless noise, once pubs have closed, with stop offs to buy more alcohol, and the early morning deliveries at present are a public nuisance enough, they wake me every weekend as it is, would they use this so called quite time to take deliveries for the next day or would there be a restriction imposed on delivery times?

The car park itself is always full, and the road itself, even in broad days light is an absolute nightmare to cross, with cars coming out of Tesco, and traffic from both Milford and Godalming, Customers turning out from Tesco onto the Godalming road do so without a care for anyone either crossing or coming the other way, it really is an accident waiting to happen there, and needs either a traffic light system positioned there or further down towards Meadow Close, I myself am terrified of crossing the road, and am an able bodied person, I hate to think what an elderly person must feel like.

Young Teenagers, have very little to do in the village, to be able to get alcohol - we all know they are devious little things at that age, and will try anything to get hold of what they want, so lets protect our children and keep them from being led astray, and say no to Tesco 24 Hour Opening.

Its us the residents of Milford, that will have to live with this once the application is approved, so please listen to our concerns.

Many thanks

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22nd January 2014

Mr Paul Hughes,
Licensing Manager,
Warrenley Borough Council

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Dear Sir,

Re: Application from Tesco for a license to sell alcohol
24 hours per day - 7 days a week at Portsmouth Rd., Mifford

I wish to raise the strongest possible objection to the above proposal. I live almost opposite the Tesco store and confirm our road has had lots of public nuisance issues and safety anxieties since Tescos came to Mifford a few years ago. Even the fact that Tescos remains open until 10.00pm has presented problems for local residents with drunken youths discarding beer cans and bottles in our road, as well making the road a public convenience. There is constant sounding of car horns at night even now and it is not uncommon to see drunken youths hanging around at night and shouting. Some residents on our road have had to get security lights fitted as a result to prevent people from vomiting in their driveways. A 24 hour license would certainly lead to crime and disorder in our village and would pose a threat to public safety.

I urge you to refuse this application, please.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent: Thursday 23 January 2014 15:45
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Tesco Express, Portsmouth Road, Milford - Licensing Application

Dear Sir

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I wish to make representation to oppose the application by Tesco to obtain Licensing permission to be able to sell alcohol 24 hours a day.

Milford is a small village outside Godalming and, as such, does not warrant the sort of facility which might be appropriate in a town. It would inevitably cause increased traffic and noise late at night and encourage crime and disorder. Their very presence here was controversial as being a threat to the local shops and 24 hour alcohol sales would be completely inappropriate for this village.

Perhaps you would let me know whether there are any restrictions on their opening hours so far as non-alcohol trading is concerned?

May I take the opportunity to comment on your web site? This is a Licensing application, not a Planning application - although most people not involved with the Council would be unaware of this distinction - and I had great difficulty in locating the application and finding out how to proceed. It is certainly not 'customer friendly'!

Yours faithfully

Mr. Paul Hughes,
Licensing Manager,
Waverley Borough Council,
The Bungs,
Godalming GU7 1HR.

23rd January 2014.

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Dear Mr Hughes,

TESCO Application to Trade 24 hours

We notice that the TESCO store on Portsmouth Road, Milford is applying for a licence to sell alcohol 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We wish to lodge an objection to this; the store is open until 10pm daily as it is, which should be sufficient for all normal purposes. We feel that all-night opening for the sale of alcohol would invite a public nuisance in the area, & even possible disorder.

Please take this concern into account in making your decision.

Yours sincerely,

23rd January 2014

Paul Hughes, Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1HR

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Dear Mr Hughes,

Licensing Act 2003, Tesco Stores, Milford, Application to sell Alcohol for 24 Hours

Thanks to the vigilance and interest of one of our neighbours, we've seen the notice posted in a frankly rather unhelpful position at the main entrance to Tesco Stores, next door to this property.

We are totally opposed to this application which we trust will be refused outright.

First such an application is not appropriate for a retail store in a wholly residential area within the Milford village conservation area. The purchase of alcohol from the store for 24 hours a day for seven days a week is bound to create a public nuisance locally; added to which must be additional and unwelcome traffic from delivery vehicles throughout these hours, and the consequent noise from the movement of storage cages over these same hours. We also doubt the efficacy of such an application at a time when there are considerable efforts nationwide to combat and control unhindered drinking of alcohol.

As already mentioned we are next door to and in fact directly linked to Tesco's store, so we have every reason to be alarmed by this application which, if granted, must gravely affect our own well-being and personal circumstances.

In 2010, Waverley's Environmental Health Department successfully intervened on our behalf to ensure that we were satisfactorily protected from wanton and unnecessary inconvenience from Tesco's new store, and we ask please that in these present alarming circumstances that Department is consulted without delay.

Yours faithfully,

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Date: 26th Jan 2014

Our Ref :

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Your Ref: Tesco

Dear Sir,

Tesco Application To Trade 24 Hrs

It has been brought to our attention that Tesco Plc has made an application to sell alcohol 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from their store on Portsmouth Road, Milford. As residents, we were not informed of their application.

We would like to raise our objections to this proposal for several reasons.

Public Nuisance

The area around the store suffers from a surfeit of noise from delivery lorries during the day, who tend to park and deliver from the main road and any noise in the evening/night-time is vastly amplified by the cooler night air. People hanging around the store late at night quite often cause a disturbance, which is particularly worrying from a security and safety aspect.

Public safety

As there would be very few people about during the late night period and early hours of the morning, peoples safety could well be placed in jeopardy. The last thing the Village wants is a magnet for crime and other nefarious activities. Tesco have to be asked as to how many staff will be on duty and the risk to those staff from crime.

Do We Need It?

Does Milford need a 24 hour shop? I don't believe that there are any shops in Godalming that are open 24 hours. If people are that desperate, the main Tesco store near the hospital would easily serve their purposes. Not a village shop.

On another issue, Tesco have changed the sign on the front of the building to a larger one, I believe without planning permission.

I hope that you, as Licensing Manager, take these concerns of ours and other residents very seriously.

Yours faithfully

We write to object to the proposed 24-hour opening and alcohol license of Terco Express in Portsmouth Road, Milford on many grounds:

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1. The store is in a residential area, in which human beings might reasonably expect to sleep without disturbance. 24-hour opening will interrupt that.
2. The store is already open 17 hours a day, quite long enough for any normal person wanting to buy alcohol (or any of the other goods on offer) to do so. Only alcoholics ~~need~~ need to buy alcohol between 11pm and 6am, the current "closed" period of the store.
3. The principal cause of nuisance at night in Milford is those who are drunk. Adding a source of additional alcohol will increase the nuisance, and disproportionately.
4. Public safety at night is similarly afflicted principally by the drunk, and the same argument applies - unless you wish to see ~~it increased~~ public safety impaired.
5. Similar arguments pertain to levels of crime, which thankfully are low.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Bury
GODALMING, Surrey GU7 1HR

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26th January 2014

Dear Mr Hughes,

TESCO EXPRESS, Portsmouth Road, Milford, Godalming Surrey GU8

We understand that Tesco have put in an application for a licence to sell alcohol 24 hour a day and 7 days a week.

Milford is a small village which has no need of such an alcohol licence which can only mean that they wish people to drive here (how else?) to buy alcohol late at night. Hardly to be encouraged. Have the police been asked their view?

We already have alcohol on sale at 3 stores in Milford from morning to late evening: a dedicated off-licence shop, Tesco Express and The Co-op. We cannot see the purpose of this application or any excuse for it.

We strongly urge that this application is refused, together with its 24 hour trading application. There is no local need.

However, Tesco are not stupid and we wonder why this application has been made

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25th January 2014

FAO Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverly Borough Council
The Burys
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Surrey
GU7 1HR

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Dear Mr Hughes

Tesco Store Milford

I read with interest that the Tesco store on the Portsmouth Road site in Milford have applied for an extension to their license; they now want to sell alcohol 24 hours a day.

I have a number of concerns regarding this as follows.

The current situation:

The Tesco store is open to sell alcohol from early in the morning until late into the evening seven days a week. This provision is further supported by a good off licence in Church Road and Secretts Farm Show which is also licensed. In other words there is no shortage of supply or access to off license alcohol in the village.

Noise and public nuisance:

It is unwise to encourage the public to journey into and out of the village during antisocial hours and so cause increase road traffic and noise during the night time. There may also be an increased public nuisance issue from people who may walk to and from the store during the night which may even deteriorate into crime and disorder, a specific issue for those living very near the store.

Public safety and protection of children:

Whilst I recognise that the sale of alcohol is strictly controlled to people over 18 years, it is widely recognised that children younger than this are able to freely access alcohol through older friends or siblings. In a wider public awareness way this under age consumption is controlled or curtailed during daytime hours but would be far less controllable during the night time.

I hope these concerns are given your careful attention and that for the sake of all the residents of Milford this application will be refused.

I look forward to your response in due course.

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent: Thursday 30 January 2014 12:20
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Tesco Express, Portsmouth Road, Milford. Licensing Application

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Dear Sirs,

I understand that Tesco's have applied to extend the alcohol sales license to 24 hours. This I strongly object to for the following reasons:-

The Tesco's shop is situated in a village in the middle of a residential area and there is no call for 24 hours opening.

In this area there are no industrial estates with businesses working 24 hours with shift workers who would have been the most likely people to use the facility. The only people likely to make use of the facility are those who have been turned out of pubs at closing time and want to continue drinking. Having bought their drink they will probably stand around in the car park or on the pavement drinking, talking loudly and laughing which will disturb those residents nearby trying to sleep. Cans and empty packages will just be thrown on the ground even though there are litter bins close by. There are no toilets so they will urinate or vomit against walls, fences or in the neighbouring front gardens.

At present we suffer from revving engines and car alarms. This morning when walking along there was a Redbull can in the gutter and the pavement was littered with torn packages and till receipts.

I am sorry but opening 24 hours will ruin the life of the local residents.

Yours sincerely

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent: Sunday 02 February 2014 18:18
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Tesco Express Milford

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To Paul Hughes

Paul

I understand that the Tesco Express store on Portsmouth Road, Milford are applying for a license to sell alcohol 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

As a local resident I am worried about the extra nuisance it will cause in the area as it will encourage people to come to the store at all hours and I am concerned of the added footfall encouraging noise and public nuisance in the small hours when our children are trying to sleep.

Already this shop is well attended and I see no added reason why this should be extended.

2nd February 2014

Mr. Paul Hughes,
Licensing Manager,
Waverley Borough Council,
The Burys,
Godalming, Surrey GU7 1HR

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Dear Mr Hughes,

Application for license to sell Alcohol for 24hrs/ 7 days per week Tesco Store, Portsmouth Road, Milford

I would like to raise my objection to the above mentioned application on the basis of Public Nuisance. My wife and I live a matter of just a few yards away from the store in question. The stretch of the Portsmouth Road from the village boundary to the junction with Church Road is almost entirely residential and falls within the conservation area of Milford Village.

If Tesco were to be permitted to sell alcohol as described in the application it is a certainty that there would be a dramatic increase in road traffic as customers take advantage of the extended opening hours; whilst the application is for the sale of alcohol, the store would also be able to sell other merchandise in line with its usual trading practise. The noise from the extra vehicle movements, slamming of car doors, drunken yobbish behaviour and the inevitable shouting and screaming which seems to accompany excessive consumption of alcohol will all conspire to regularly disturb a decent night's sleep, which is surely a basic human right. There will also be additional pollution which will be all the more unpleasant in warmer weather when one is more inclined to sleep with windows open.

Additionally, the amount of litter will increase dramatically. This is already a problem, which when raised with store management responded by saying it was a matter for Waverley Borough Council(!) I have attached some photographs which illustrate the scale of the problem. It is worth noting that the nearby Co-Op store does not impact village life in the same way because Co-op staff regularly "litter pick" and you can see from one of my photographs how much cleaner and tidier the environs of the Co-Op are. Some of my photographs are taken in and around the Secrett's garden centre which illustrates the nuisance to public and private premises to say nothing of the fact that there is a stronger likelihood of alcohol being consumed on unlicensed premises.

To approve this application would be to condone all the above.

Tesco need not be concerned that it might lose additional trade as there is no other retailer in Milford who trades 24 hours, and Tesco customers can easily reach the Guildford store in less than 15 minutes by car, which is open 24 hours (except Sunday), should they wish.

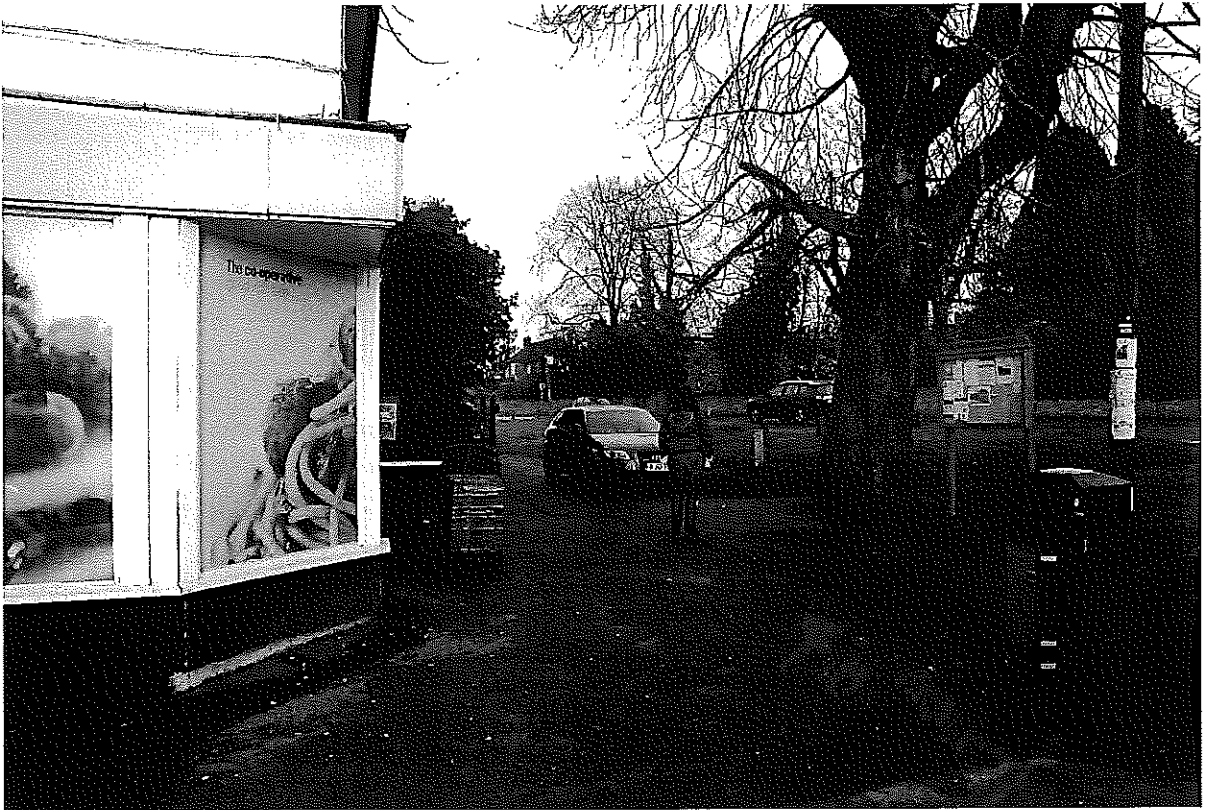
I do hope that you will take my objection and concerns seriously – i would be more than happy to discuss any aspect with you further (my mobile phone number is (

Yours Sincerely













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Dear Sir,

I am writing to oppose the application from Tesco for an all night ^{alcohol} licence. 24 hour availability in an area like this is certainly found to be disturbing, particularly for those living in the immediate vicinity. The increase in noise traffic, over all hours is unacceptable and quite unnecessary. Overflow traffic could well decide to park in the driveway here - on private property.

Yours faithfully,

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Paul Hughes
 Licensing Manager
 Waverly Borough Council

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25th. Jan. 2014

Dear Sir ,

I have just noticed that Tesco Express is applying for a license that would allow 24 hour sale of alcohol . As you will be aware , Milford is not a particularly large village , and we already have Milford Wines , the Co-op , and Tesco already selling alcohol all day .

There is no viable reason for this extension to be granted , and I trust that the Council will have the common sense to reject it .

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent: Sunday 16 February 2014 19:31
To: Kate Halsall
Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003 - Objection to Tesco, Portsmouth Road, Milford, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 5HJ (15)

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Thank you for your letter . My principal objection is that any form of 24 hour opening in a village such as Milford will cause immense discomfort to those living in the immediate vicinity of the store . There were serious doubts when Tesco first applied to open Tesco Express that delivery vans would cause not just traffic problems , but additional noise at unsociable hours .

These worries have to a large extent not materialised , but to extend opening hours including the the sale of alcohol to 24 hours is asking for trouble . By definition , there would be deliveries at grossly unsociable hours which would be to the detriment of the residents .

Unfortunately , I will be on holiday on March 3rd , and will not be able to attend the public meeting .
Yours sincerely .

From: Kate Halsall <Kate.Halsall@waverley.gov.uk>
To:
Sent: Friday, 14 February 2014, 12:07
Subject: Licensing Act 2003 - Objection to Tesco, Portsmouth Road, Milford, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 5HJ (15)

Dear

Please find attached notice of hearing relating to your objection into the above premises application under the Licensing Act 2003.

Regards

Kate Halsall
Licensing Administrator
Waverley Borough Council
Telephone: (01483) 523033
(Calls may be recorded for monitoring and training purposes)
www.waverley.gov.uk/licensing

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Address: Tesco Express, The Red Lion Hotel, Portsmouth Road, Milford, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 5HJ.

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Representations / Consultations

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Date Sent: Return Target: 12/02/2014

Date Received: 30/01/2014 Response: OBJ Decision: Objection

Notes: I wish to object to the extension of the premises alcohol off-sales licence for Tesco beyond the current hours as this is primarily a residential area and I feel 24 trading would greatly disturb the peace of the village, both in terms of noise and additional traffic. Current opening time (to 22.000) provides a useful amenity for residents and I see no benefit at all in extending this.

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Paul Hughes,
Licensing Manager,
Waverley Borough Council,
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2nd February 2014

Dear Sir,

Re: Licensing application Tesco store Portsmouth Road

I notice that Tesco has applied for a 24 hour 7 days a week alcohol license.

I am writing to express my dismay and disbelief that this should even be put forward for consideration.

First of all: Tesco has placed the application notice in an almost unnoticeable area of the shop, on the sliding doors which then remove it from your line of vision as you enter. This strikes me as very underhand. No transparency in their actions.

Secondly: In a nation of binge drinkers, where we are constantly reminded of the dangers of alcohol consumption to all levels of society, it seems counterintuitive to keep a store selling alcohol open all hours. Especially in a residential area where we work hard to encourage a sense of community.

Thirdly: We already have disturbances fuelled by drinking occurring when the many pubs and restaurants in the surrounding areas close. Are you seriously considering extending the time in which these disturbances could take place.

Fourthly: We know there is a link between drink/drugs and crime. There has always been a rise in crime during such holiday periods as Christmas, Halloween and Guy Fawkes. Surely we would want to do all we can to eliminate factors that contribute to this?

Lastly: Young people already have a great many 'attractions' which can lead to harmful and destructive behaviours. I hope that all interested parties; families; village communities; councils; governments, will join together in order to provide an environment of safety and protection where kids can gather without causing

problems. Having alcohol regularly and readily available will definitely not help this to happen.

I hope that you will take our concerns seriously. Anyone who has children, or has had to work with the consequences of high alcohol consumption will have strong objections over Tesco's application. Alcohol can be bought at any store during long opening hours. Is this not enough? Any extension of this is completely unnecessary and greedily oblivious of consequences to a neighbourhood.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Hughes - Licencing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
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February 4th 2013

Dear Mr Hughs

I am writing to object to the application by Tesco in Milford village, to open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is totally unacceptable for a small rural village.

As a homeowner in the village the noticeable increase in traffic speeding through the village has already been significant. With easy access to the A3 and a main route to towns further south we are very concerned about what this would do to village life.

In addition there must be an increase in crime and disorder, as there are no 24 hour operations offering alcohol in any locality. Anyone who requires access to 24 hour alcohol by definition has an alcohol problem and is more likely to cause a civil disturbance.

The issue of public safety with an increase in traffic in an already heavily trafficked area is another point you need to consider. There is only one zebra crossing in the village by the Milford infant school.

Any 24 hour, 7 day a week operation becomes a public nuisance, noise, traffic and people will make the main roads round the village intolerable to live in, it is just not acceptable to have a 24 hour operation in such a small place.

I hope that you will consider these complaints not to mention the possible harm that could come to children in the area from the type of people who need access to alcohol 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

Dear Sir,
I must convey to you ⁽¹⁹⁾ my concerns ^{3.2}
about Tesco's application to
obtain a licence to sell alcohol
in the Portsmouth Road, Milford
Shop over 24 hours 7 days a
week.

I am extremely concerned about
the public nuisance this will cause
Please add my name to your
Protest list

Dear Mr Hughes
Licensing Manager

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Dear Sir,

I note the application for 24 hour licensing by Tesco, Milford. I object totally to the application. It is a small village and 24-hour opening is totally inappropriate. It will cause crime, an influx of people, noise and a change to the entire character of the village. It will be a huge public nuisance.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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TESCO APPLICATION

Dear Sir

I would like to raise an objection to Tesco's application to sell alcohol 24 hours per day 7 days per week at their Milford store

Milford is a small village and as such has no requirement for alcohol 24 hours per day
And if Tesco were permitted to do so there would be a great danger of causing a public nuisance in the middle of the night

I do hope this application will be turned down

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent: Thursday 06 February 2014 19:56
To: Paul Hughes; Licensing Policy
Subject: OBJECTION - TESCO MILFORD 24 HOUR OPENING LICENSING

Importance: High

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Dear Paul

Following our conversation this morning, I would like to hereby formally object to this application for a variety of reasons as outlined below.

Firstly, we live at number : Milford, which is directly opposite the Car Park of Tesco and as such, we are probably one of the most disturbed residents around due to our proximity to this store. We hear cars entering and leaving the car park from 7am to 10pm, and often witness small road accidents as cars jostle for position trying to race in or out of the premises as passing traffic speeds along the Portsmouth Road clearly not obeying the 30mph speed limit.

The thought of a 24-hour opening time 7 days per week is a preposterously unnecessary request, and will have major negative impacts on us local residents and the surrounding village.

For a start, Milford is a small, close-knit village community that thrives on its lack of large town facilities, such as a large supermarket, fast food outlets, or 'bargain-booze' pubs, which all attract younger clientele who are willing to visit these establishments late into the evening or night. If people want such facilities then they are normally prepared to visit Guildford which is much better placed to handle these consumers.

Without doubt, the negative impact would be far reaching with public safety a major concern for local residents, especially those of us who have small children in the household. Encouraging customers to shop for alcohol late into the night will of course bring a larger degree of risk and deviance, such as customers that are already inebriated who then choose to consume their alcoholic purchase within the Tesco car park or surrounding areas. It also encourages drink-driving as apart from a small population of several hundred homes that are within walking distance to the store, there is a distinctly increased likelihood that sales will be made to people who have already consumed alcohol at home, run out, and then decide to drive to Tesco to purchase more. Are the Police able to carry out more spot-checks on drivers leaving Tesco during the night, or able to respond to Emergency calls from Tesco staff who suspect consumers to already be over the drink-drink limit.?

As Godalming Police Station is now closed, the Police response times to Milford are ultimately protracted, therefore the community is more vulnerable to incidents. As we have children in the home, we are also deeply concerned as to their welfare from the impact of alcohol being purchased and consumed near to the premises, and then littering on nearby grass land.

Our objection to this Licensing application is based not just around conjecture, as we are constantly having to clear rubbish and litter scattered over the Highways Agency land immediately in front of our house, most of which has obviously been purchased and consumed from Tesco. Our children have hurt themselves on broken glass that has been abandoned on this aforementioned land and this has become a serious health and safety hazard.

In addition to this, our other main concern is to prevent crime and disorder, and the prevention of public nuisance, as we have already been a victim of this at our address on several occasions.

Most recently, on October 5th 2013, we watched a large group of 16-20 year old youths congregated in or around Tesco's car park, as they consumed alcohol in vast quantities that had most likely just been purchased in store. This was about 9:30pm in the evening and as Tesco's closed their doors and staff left, the congregation of youths

increased to the point where they were being excessively rowdy and disturbing the peace to all nearby residents. This group amassed to about 40-50 youths in total, and as their actions and behaviour deteriorated, Tesco shopping trolleys were thrown around the car park as some form of entertainment. These obnoxious alcohol fuelled youths then decided to cross the road and congregate on the land immediately in front of our house.

At 10:46pm, I noticed some of these youths urinating on, and vandalising, our cars. I immediately called the Police and reported the incident, before going outside to confront the youths to scare them off my property. The Police did send a unit which arrived in approximately 10-15 minutes (which corroborates my earlier view that the Police cannot respond to incidents as quickly as Milford would need for 24 hour Tesco opening) and dispersed the youths whilst searching for the offender(s) who had vandalised our car.

In another incident, about 18 months ago (details to be confirmed by Surrey Police under the FOI Act) we had to call the Police again when a group of six or seven young people squatted on the grass in front of our house in the middle of the night drinking and being noisy, when one of them tried to break into our property. Again, I had to call the Police who failed to respond quickly enough, so I had to call them again and again urging them to send a Patrol. Eventually, after circa ½ hour, the Police responded with an Armed Traffic Unit to deal with the offenders as there was a clear threat to our home and family members' safety. Although this cannot be directly attributed to Tesco, it does serve to support my concerns surrounding public safety which can only get worse should Alcohol be available 24 hours a day on our doorstep.

As the victims of at least two separate crime related incidents, whereby we have had to request the Police to assist us, naturally, we are deeply distressed by the prospect of increased levels of public disorder, crime, and the need to protect ourselves and our children from any impact extra trading hours may yield from Tesco. It is not just the purchase of alcohol that will affect our family peace, as even customers shopping at night for bread or milk will adversely affect our peace with increased levels of noise pollution coming from customers talking or shouting in the car park, cars revving their engines, and car alarms going off throughout the night whilst customers are inside the store (as this already constantly happens throughout the day). With four young children in our house, we must protect them from any disturbances throughout the night in terms of noise and alarms. We cannot allow their sleep to be detrimentally disturbed by excessive night-time noise.

Suffice to say, we strongly request that this Licence be rejected in full and that the opening hours status quo be maintained as a suitable balance between Tesco's profitability and local residents well-being and quality of living.

Please can you RSVP receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely

6th February 2014

Mr P Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
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Dear Mr Hughes

Ref: Tesco, Milford – Application to sell alcohol 24/7

I wish to make my objections to this application as follows:

1. Totally unnecessary in a village the size of Milford to have a shop open 24/7 selling anything, let alone alcohol.
2. It will encourage people out of the area into Milford at unsociable hours.
3. Will encourage people already intoxicated to buy and consume more, possibly causing crime, disorder and a public nuisance in the local area.
4. There is nowhere in Godalming that opens 24/7, so if no need for it in Godalming why the need in Milford, which is much smaller.
5. The site is in a residential area, so the possibility of disruption caused by any of the above is likely.
6. Deliveries to the store late at night, during the night and early morning would cause a disturbance to local residents.

Yours faithfully

Kate Halsall

From: licensing@waverley.gov.uk
Sent: Monday 10 February 2014 02:13
To: Licensing Policy; Kate Halsall
Subject: WK/201308556 : Representation received

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Address: Tesco Express, The Red Lion Hotel, Portsmouth Road, Milford, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 5HJ

Please check above worksheet for representation received online

I wish to object to the application by Tesco Milford to extend their alcohol license to 24hrs a day. The application is not designed to serve the needs of the community in Milford as those are already met. Tesco is seeking to draw in people from further away and that will have a detrimental effect on Milford. If you grant the 24 hr license to Tesco it will generate a substantial increase in traffic late at night and bring late night revellers to a quiet residential area both of which will create a public nuisance. It will attract drunks which will significantly raise the likelihood of crime and disorder in the vicinity which will jeopardise public safety. There is a larger Tesco in Ashenden Road, Guildford which operates 24 hours a day. It can already manage late night traffic and is only 10 minutes drive from the Tesco in Milford. The Tesco at Guildford will easily meet the demand for 24 hour licensing which makes it unnecessary to grant such a license to Tesco Milford.

Attention Paul Hughes
Receiving Manager
Manly-Borough Council
Hodding

MAVERICKS
CHIEF EXECUTIVES
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DATE 10 FEB 2014

(25)

Dear,
It is with great disappointment that I find myself having to write to you on the subject of Teacos applications for 24 hour opening THIS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN!

Our village of Milford was very much against Teacos coming into it in the first place as it was totally unnecessary. Now we find they want to trade 24 hours. Our letters of complaint (over 2000) were not given any credence, except when they first opened as he had had always been done! Please don't let this happen! My reasons are as follows

1. Milford is too small to need or

require this.

2. The local residents are very concerned about noise late at night and possible public nuisance.

3. There is already a big enough problem with binge drinking in the town - this can seem only encourage that (18 yr olds do by alcohol for underage teenagers)

4. Alcohol encourages crime and disorder
5. Hodding and Studdard are close enough to provide their 24 service
MILFORD DOES NOT NEED TO!

As a resident in Milford for over 20 yrs who has seen many changes (good & bad) please do not let this happen! This would be a definite BHD change.

Tomos have already bullied
pore way into our village -
we can't change that - but we
can try not to let this happen!
It's in your hands -

Regards

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Dear Mr Hughes,

I note with interest that the Tesco store in Milford village has applied for a license to sell alcohol 24hrs, 7 days a week.

Although not a resident in the village, I have worked with and for the community of the village and also the surrounding villages for 16 years. In that time Milford has been served very well by local shops and outlets who have created a village way of life for all ages. By being considerate and aware of their customers needs and requirements this has provided a safe and environmently friendly area with low crime and disorder.

Which brings me to the point of why would any local store wish to be selling alcohol all day every day of the week? This can only be for their own personal monetary gain and not for the benefit of a community which consists mainly of young families and elderly retired. There would be a serious risk of introducing public nuisance and a risk to public safety, all of which would put more pressure on the emergency services.

Whilst the Tesco store started out well, they are already lacking in keeping the exterior of its premises clean and tidy and at times public safety is at risk from dicarded cans and plastic bottles rolling about and plastic bags blowing along the pavements.

I would ask that very serious consideration and debate be given to this matter and after diligent research on your part this application will be refused.

Yours very sincerely

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Dear Sir

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With reference to the application by Tesco and Company for permission to trade for 24 hours, including alcohol sales, at their Milford site.

On behalf of my family and a number of local residents I wish to object most strongly.

The area is served most adequately without further continual noise and disturbance.

Mr. Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming Surrey GU7 1HR

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Dear Mr. Hughes,

I wish to take this opportunity to object to the issuing of a license to sell alcohol on a 24 hour basis by the Tesco store in Portsmouth Road, Milford.

My main objections are threefold.

Firstly: Neither Waitrose nor Sainsburys in Godalming are currently open 24 hours a day. Why is this? Is it because they cannot justify opening at these hours in relation to the amount of customers they could potentially have. They are much bigger stores, better able to handle the situation than a small local store in our little village, which is trying to keep a friendly neighbourly feel to it. If they can't justify opening 24 hours a day surely Tesco shouldn't be encouraged to do so by yourselves.

Secondly: There is almost certainly going to be disturbances to the neighbourhood by people travelling to the store to buy alcohol. The very need to get a drink at that time of night suggests the possibility of excessive or even binge drinking at or around the store itself. The government is trying desperately to curtail this sort of public nuisance and here you are doing the exact reverse by issuing Tesco a license. Surely that cannot be right!

Lastly: If there is a disturbance late at night what will be the Police response. The nearest local police station, Godalming, has been closed down. They are at present stationed in your offices at the Burys, but only during daytime hours. If the police receive a call in the early morning because there is a disturbance they will have to come from Guildford as and when a police car is available. One thing that can be assured is it will not be a rapid response.

I will, at the moment, ignore the fact that Tesco have only put small signs on the door and a window of the shop. If, as is the case with me, one doesn't use the store then we would never have been alerted to their application. That of course brings up another point. Doesn't the council have an obligation to post a copy of the application to all the people who would be most affected?

I will be delighted to receive your response to this letter.

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Dear Mr Hughes

Re: Application by Milford Tesco for 24 hour licence to sell alcohol.

I ask that this application be refused.

I believe it is socially irresponsible as well as totally unnecessary for alcohol to be sold through the night when this store is open from 7 or 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. each day.

Such trade is likely to cause traffic noise which will be disturbing to people sleeping in properties in close proximity to the store.

The sale of alcohol during the night encourages excessive drinking which:
increases the risk of domestic violence including harm to children,
encourages binge drinking with its subsequent trouble and problems in A&E
departments, adding an unnecessary expense on the Health Service,
encourages drink driving.

It is more likely that alcohol purchased during the night will be by irresponsible young people rather than mature responsible adults.

In short it can encourage the likelihood of crime, disorder, injury to persons and damage to property.

Yours sincerely

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Tesco Application to Trade 24/7 plus Alcohol

Dear Mr.Hughes,

Please do not grant the above application.

I live in a small not well lit cul-de-sac and teenagers and alcohol do not go together. I and my neighbours are concerned about our personal safety and that of our property. Those of us who live alone feel particularly vulnerable.

Please can we stay as we are and please, please, please no alcohol.

Thanking you.

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10th February 2014

Dear Mr Hughs

Application by Tesco Plc. To extend Sales of Alcohol Licence at Tesco Express, Portsmouth Road, Milford.

I refer to the above application and, within the context of Waverley's Licensing policy, I would make the following observations:

1. Tesco currently has a licence to sell alcohol between the hours of 0700-2200 hr, seven days a week. The application to extend to 24 hours Monday to Sunday, begs the question as to precisely who would benefit from granting this application. Any responsible purchaser of alcohol would surely have the foresight to purchase sufficient to keep them going until Tesco reopens at 0700 am before closing time the previous evening.
2. The vast majority of the customers at Tesco's Milford store arrive and depart by car. It is at least possible that customers arriving in the early hours of the morning will already have consumed some alcohol. If not, they will be quite able to drive on to Tesco's 24 hour superstore just down the A3, where a huge range of discounted alcoholic beverages is available.
3. While I recognise that at present, no area of the borough is covered by a cumulative impact policy, it is salutary to reflect that at the centre of the village of Milford, within a few metres of the conservation area there are currently five retailers selling alcohol (Tesco, the Coop, the Milford Wine shop, Secrets shop and the ESSO garage). Four of these are open until late in the evening. This is a situation that has developed over the past few years. By any standards, consumers of alcohol in the Milford area are well served.
4. Milford is not an area that is currently particularly afflicted with rowdiness or drunkenness, but for a semi-rural community, it gets its share. A 24 hour licence can do nothing but aggravate this situation with consequent disturbance to those living in close proximity to Tesco.

Overall, the granting of this licence can only lead to an increase in drunkenness and further nuisance to Milford residents.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Sir/ Madam.

A subject to your

opening 24 hours a day.

We had quite a lot of problems when the Pub was there; eliminating all over our properties & cars parked in the road 1-o'clock & 2-o'clock in the morning

bringing there car-stacks.

As I am now 88 years of age I feel that your should be stopped of opening all these hours.

Yours faithfully

Prevention of Crime
Public Safety
Public Amusement
Protection of Children

— Please note
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We have also had problems with your selling cheap drinks, therefore we have had broken bottles, not only that they are wandering about in the road.

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Paul Hughes

Licensing Manager

Waverley Borough Council

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Dear Mr Hughes

I am writing to voice my objection to the Milford Tesco's request to be able to sell alcohol 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

As an immediate neighbour to the Milford Tesco I am very concerned about their request. The area surrounding the Milford Tesco is predominately a quiet residential area inhabited mainly by elderly people and families.

I strongly feel that allowing Milford Tesco to sell alcohol throughout the night will increase alcohol related crime and create public nuisance within the immediate area.

By refusing Milford Tesco's request, I feel you will both prevent such crime and disorder, as well as the public nuisance that the licensing request will inevitably bring.

There are huge problems associated with alcohol related crime and disorder in many towns and city centres at night, and it seems ludicrous to grant a licence that will most likely bring the same problems to the predominately residential village of Milford.

Yours sincerely

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Mr. Paul Hughes,
Licensing Manager,
Waverley Borough Council,
The Burys, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1HR

8 February 2014

Re: Tesco Application to trade 24 hours.

Dear Sir,

As occupants of one of the houses opposite Tesco Express on Portsmouth Road, Milford, we object to the application by Tesco for a 24 hour opening licence including for the sale of alcohol.

As this store is dependent for viability on frequent visits by private cars carrying customers and delivery lorries servicing the store, we think this plan is more suitable for an out-of-town store. Even Sainsbury's and Waitrose in Godalming do not have these extended opening hours. Milford is a village and a conservation area which has quite a lot of traffic during the day and it would be nice if at least the nights would be quiet. It could be very disruptive for the people living next to and opposite the premises. There is already a lot of light pollution with two illuminated signs and a very bright light at the front of the store, which we assume will be kept on during the night.

What sort of customers does Tesco hope to attract in the middle of the night? We are worried what effect all night opening will have on noise, safety, nuisance and disorder levels in this area, especially when customers visit the store after a night out!

We hope Waverley Borough Council will see sense and reject this application and make a decision that protects the residents of this area.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Paul Hughes
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10th February 2014

Dear Mr Hughes

Tesco, Portsmouth Road, Milford
Application for a licence to trade 24 hours and to sell alcohol 24 hours

I am writing to object to this application which I think is totally inappropriate for a small local store in a rural village.

Specifically my objections are:

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) prevention of public nuisance
- 4) protection of children from harm

With regard to 24 hour trading – I believe there would be no demand for 24 hour trading by Milford residents and the surrounding community, there is no shift work in the village and any such need would be best catered for in a town situation.

Disturbance to neighbours and increased traffic during the night are significant objections.

The availability of alcohol during the night, particularly when “revellers” are returning home after visiting night clubs and similar venues could cause nuisance and potential disorder, littering and even damage to properties, in addition to the danger of drinking and driving.

Yours sincerely

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To: Paul Hughes
Subject: Tesco Milford

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Dear Mr Hughes

I understand that Tesco in Milford are applying for 24 hour opening, to include the sale of alcohol, and as a local resident am aghast at this suggestion. Do we really need 24 hour grocery shopping in this small and quiet area?

I am more deeply concerned that, if this goes ahead, the store will act as a nocturnal magnet for people who are unlikely to use alcohol wisely and result in significant risk of public nuisance, crime & disorder.

Can the licensing committee please reject this dreadful idea?

With thanks and in hope,

Yours sincerely