

53 Willow Way Farnham GU7 1HR

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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference the recent licence application for:  
53 Willow Way, Farnham, Surrey, GU7 1HR.  
for extended opening hours and to sell alcohol.

These premises are currently used as a news agent, with associated appropriate opening hours for this business.

The actual property is found in the middle of a residential road and is located on a walk through immediately opposite other residential properties, with further residential property above premises subject of the application.

At times during the summer the area is already used by some local youths to congregate and at times disturb the local inhabitants.

The extended evening opening hours will further encourage groups to reside in the area and cause annoyance to the residents in the local area late into the evening.

Parking is already limited for the small number of retail outlets on the same parade, which at times causes overflow parking in the adjacent roads obstructing residents.

I do not think this application should be granted as it is very likely to disturb the existing residents through both potential late night disturbance and parking issues.

The encouragement of alcohol consumption should be avoided rather than increasing the opportunity to increase consumption. The local area already has a number of outlets selling alcohol some within walking distance of this planning application.

Thank you for considering our thoughts,

**OBJECTIONS TO ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATION RELATING TO  
E. J. NASH NEWSAGENTS, 53 WILLOW WAY, FARNHAM, SURREY  
GU9 0NT**

- PUBLIC NUISANCE CAUSED BY LATE NIGHT DRINKERS AND UNDERAGE DRINKERS IN THE VICINITY OF THE NEWSAGENTS.
- DISORDER AND DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY PEOPLE GATHERING ON THE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE NEWSAGENTS AND ENGAGING IN ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.
- NOISE NUISANCE AND DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY CUSTOMERS ARRIVING AND LEAVING PREMISES, PARTICULARLY EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS.
- INCREASED TRAFFIC THROUGH WILLOW WAY AND PARKING IN WILLOW WAY, PARTICULARLY EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS.
- INCREASED LITTER – THERE IS ALREADY AN ONGOING LITTER PROBLEM CAUSED BY SCHOOLCHILDREN DROPPING WRAPPERS AND BOTTLES/CANS ON NEARBY FRONT GARDENS AND PAVEMENTS AND THIS IS JUST FROM USE OF THE NEWSAGENTS ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL.
- THE SQUARE OUTSIDE THE NEWSAGENTS IS FREQUENTLY USED BY YOUNG CHILDREN AS A PLAY AREA.
- WILLOW WAY IS A QUIET RESIDENTIAL ROAD WITHIN A SHORT DISTANCE OF A SAINSBURY SUPERSTORE AND A TESCO SUPERSTORE AND ITS RESIDENTS DO NOT NEED A LATE NIGHT SHOP SELLING ALCOHOL.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

We would like to express our concerns over the application for licensed premises at EJ Nash newsagents 53 willow way Farnham.

We enclose our reasons for opposing the licensing of the premises, for the licensing department to take into consideration prior to making its decision to allow a licensed premises with potentially 365 days a year opening until 23.00, which can and will only have a detrimental effect on this Predominantly Residential estate.

1. Groups of youths hanging around trying to get alcohol purchased for them encouraging / creating anti social behaviour and noise pollution to the local and surrounding residential areas
2. There are currently about 9 parking bays available locally to the square which are all in use by residents during the early evening and night time hours.
3. This is a residential area currently with no need for people to visit the area unless on business visits to the window company or beauty parlour during working hours when the parking bays have been mostly vacated for the day by residents.
4. there are already issues relating to large amounts of litter being left from school children passing through willow way and hanging around on the square pre and post school times, ( raised with Waverley council by myself , who were not interested and said they didn't have the funds to deal or even visit the schools to promote an anti litter campaign, I was referred to the police to deal)
5. The gathering of youths WILL happen and can be seen at the TESCO express at the junction of upper hale road and Alma lane.
6. There will be an increase in day and especially evening / night time traffic flowing through and around the ox bow shape of willow way which upon both entrances to willow way from south avenue and upper hale road is currently (due to residential parking on one side of the road) only single lane traffic at times during the day and every evening.
7. Potential late customers due to the lack of parking WILL through human nature be double parking, blocking drives and completing u turns in incompatible locations throughout willow way
8. There is currently a new off licence on the Farnborough road with off road parking day and night, adjacent to Daves fish and chip shop, so there is no need for another licensed shop in such close proximity.
9. The Tesco at Alma Lane express provides off licence services locally as does the main Sainsbury's .
10. The Requested opening hours to 8-23.00 will change the whole current use of the shop from a newsagent to a convenience store.

11. The extended hours until 23.00 are way beyond the current closure time of around 18.00 and also that of the 22.00 closure of the Tesco Express along with its allocated parking for around 15 cars, not only are these unsociable hours but they will encourage more visits to the residential Willow Way area after 22.00 causing a much greater disturbance to the currently peaceful area with car doors slamming and greatly increased Volumes of traffic.
12. Willow Way will become better known for its residential link between Farnborough Road (Via South Avenue) and Upper Hale Road thus becoming more of a rat run at all times of the day.
13. The square is already a congregation point for youths with lots of places to sit and the licensing of the premises will only encourage their return later in the evening in attempts to purchase alcohol.
14. In all of the papers and within the election debates there where concerns over the ease of purchasing alcohol and the anti social behaviour that comes with it, so setting up a licensed premise within a primarily residential area is not a good idea or one that is welcomed by the local community.
15. If problems do occur with anti social behaviour Willow way has non police friendly quick exits via an alleyway to an adjacent housing estate and the closed via bollards access to white cottage close on another estate.

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**OBJECTION TO APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENSE**

I wish to place on record my objection to the application for a license to sell alcohol, at the premises know as E.J.Nash Newsagent at 53 Willow Way, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 0NT. My reasons for objection are as follows:-

- 1) This facility is not needed in this location as there are a number of off license outlets that retail alcohol, very nearby.viz Tesco express in Upper Hale( 10 min walk), Heath End Garage (. 15 min walk), and just recently opened Heath End Wine Shop ( less than 5 min walk ). There are also three pubs within easy walking distance of Willow Way, viz. The Lobster Pot, and Ball & Wicket on the Upper Hale Road. The Queens Arms at Heath End.
- 2) The location of the store has been a regular magnet for youngsters to congregate after school hours, not all of these youngsters are actually resident in Willow Way, but come from elsewhere. By having a source of alcohol readily available, this is only going to lead to unsociable behaviour, and public disorder. I have lived in Willow Way for 31 years during that time about 12 years ago the shop next door became a mini market. That store also had a license to retail alcohol, at the time those that lived the closest to the store suffered nothing but trouble during the time that the store was opened. It was noted at the time that the owner was in the habit of selling , illegally alcohol to underage persons. When he tried to renew his license ( of all places the magistrates court in Camberley ) it was refused.
- 3) Willow Way is on a direct route via this store to the school at Heath End, children who attend this school are in the habit of buying drinks ( soft at the moment ) and various snacks and sweets. This has led to considerable amounts of litter every day that the school is in session, this is at the moment at just about a tolerable level. Nearly all of this litter has originated from this store. Once that they are allowed to retail alcohol, nearly all of which is contained in a glass bottle. The litter then takes on a more unhealthy and dangerous level, as discarded glass bottles suddenly become weapons.
- 4) The hours that the applicant is asking for the retailing of alcohol are far in excess of we would consider sensible. We are of the understanding that off licenses are not permitted to sell alcohol on either Good Friday or Christmas Day. Or has the law been changed on that point. The length of opening hours we would consider totally ridiculous.
- 5) For all of the above reasons I am urging the committee to reject this application for a premises license.

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Application for a Premises Licence at 53 Willow Way, Farnham, Surrey.**

We are writing as residents of Willow Way to lodge a protest against the licence for the above premises to include the sale by retail of alcohol.

This shop is used regularly by children attending Heath End School, who are too young to buy alcohol. As former teachers, we know that unfortunately it is not always possible to ascertain the age of some young people and there are adults who are willing to buy for others. With the current outcry against 'binge drinking' we would consider that this would be a very unwise action on the council's behalf to allow such an application to be granted.

We do at present suffer from children discarding sweet and ice-cream wrappers and the thought of having to deal also with bottles and cans feels us with dismay.

You need to be aware that there are many elderly people such as us living in this street and the surrounding area, who could suffer from vandalism and other such crimes if this were to go ahead.

Thank you for the consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**Objection to Premises Licence - Sasikumar Shanmugarajalingam, Newsagents, 53 Willow Way, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 0NT.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Willow Way living in very close proximity to the newsagent, my wife and I would like to strongly object to the newsagents being allowed to sell alcohol.

The square in which the shop is situated is a gathering area for local youths who are, on the whole, mostly well behaved. However, it is not so long ago that a supermarket selling alcohol was situated in the same row of shops and the problems that caused in Willow Way were quite extensive and included damage to property, vehicles, abuse, graffiti, broken bottle, empty cans and general litter.

Please also note that the shop itself is used extensively by children to and from Heath End School.

Please therefore consider the lessons learned from past experience and refuse a premises licence in this instance.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

