

Kate Halsall

From: Paul Hughes

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Sent: Monday 16 March 2015 12:01
To: Paul Hughes
Subject: Licensing Application for Tesco - Meadrow, Godalming

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Paul,

I am writing to you to object to the submission of the licensing application by Tesco on Meadrow, Godalming.

My objections are that the store opening hours are advertised as 6am to 11pm and thus the sale of alcohol would I presume be allowed up to 11pm

The Sainsburys, Waitrose and Co-op all within a 1 mile vicinity all close at the very latest at 10pm making this the only shop to open for the sale of alcoholic beverages late into the evening. As a residential area this would be a magnet for young people to gather at Tesco at what can only be considered anti-social hours long after it would be considered reasonable to enjoy a quiet undisturbed evening.

The Co-op in Farncombe has a long standing problem with young people hanging around outside dropping litter, asking passing customers to go and buy them alcohol, smoking and making a nuisance of themselves, the application by Tesco to sell alcohol late into the evening long after all other shops have closed will merely displace that activity to Meadrow, right next to my house.

I therefore object to both their request for a licence to sell alcohol but the hours of opening they have requested which are above and beyond other local retailers, would attract anti-social behaviour and ruin the quiet enjoyment of my home.

Regards

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From
Sent: Saturday 21 March 2015 19:24
To: Paul Hughes
Subject: Objection to Tesco's Application for Alcohol License and Opening Hours

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Dear Sir

We wish to object to the Tesco application for an alcohol license and opening hours.

We live in one of the houses right beside this forthcoming supermarket and would not want to have opening hours from 6.30am to 11.00pm every day of the week.

Our objection would be the noise factor early mornings and late at night that we will clearly hear from our homes.

We also object to the alcohol license as this could well attract anti-social behaviour late at night due to long opening hours.

As far as we know there are no other supermarkets in town that have these long hours and trust these would limited to the same.

Regards

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24 March 2015

Dear Sir,

**OBJECTIONS TO LICENSING APPLICATION MADE BY TESCO STORES – 1 MEADOW, GODALMING, SURREY
GU7 3HJ**

APPLICATION DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 2015

I am writing on behalf of the No Tesco at Meadow Working Party set up by the Godalming Chamber of Commerce, out of concern for the residents and businesses in Godalming.

I wish to place before you the Working Party's formal objections to Tesco's application for a Licence to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises at 1 Meadow from 6am until 11pm, 7 days a week. In summary, the objections are:

- We object to Tesco being granted a Premise Licence; Tesco fail to satisfy the four Licensing Objectives;
- The opening hours proposed by Tesco are excessive;
- The Licence conditions which Tesco have included in their application are generic and do not specifically address the four Licensing Objectives within the context of their location in Meadow.

The detailed grounds of our objections are as follows.

1 Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The most recent crime statistics for the postcode GU7 3HJ clearly state that anti-social behaviour represents 40.8% of all reported crimes. The presence of a further, highly visible premises with an off-sales licence will in our view exacerbate this problem, to the detriment of local residents and the wider community.

We believe that the ready availability of a wide range of low-priced alcoholic beverages, a matter of national as well as local concern, during the proposed, extended opening hours, will increase the risk of drinking in public places. We suggest that it will encourage those who indulge in such anti-social behaviour to congregate in the Tesco car park, the bus shelter opposite and other public spaces at this gateway to our beautiful and historic town. We understand that just such problems have arisen in Farncombe with regard to the availability there of alcohol from the local Co-operative store whose opening hours are 7am to

10pm. Alcohol has been sold to minors and the Get Surrey website refers to youth disturbances in Farncombe.

The local police force is unlikely to have the resources to monitor and take necessary action if this occurs and it is unlikely that Waverley Council will turn this particular area into a patrolled DPPO. Granting Tesco this licence would add another premises to those licensed premises in the town centre. The police force would potentially be obliged to extend their patrols, particularly so given the extensive licensing hours Tesco proposes for its store.

We would ask Waverley to note also that Tesco do not mention in the licence conditions that there will be external CCTV monitoring at the front, side and rear of their car park. Internal CCTV seems intended purely for loss prevention; furthermore, their application does not state that it will cover all shop floor areas. Waverley should impose strict conditions relating to CCTV, both internally and externally.

Our OBJECTION is therefore on the grounds that the Tesco's premise licence would increase crime and disorder in the immediate area around the store.

2 Public Safety

The location of the Tesco Express store is pivotal to this point. It is located on an extremely busy roundabout which, because of the unusual nature of the flow of traffic, is often very difficult to negotiate (both on foot and by car). We believe it is reasonable to suggest that people under the influence of alcohol will be using the store to purchase more alcohol and, as pedestrians, could meet with a road traffic accident. There is also the potential for people to go into the store to purchase alcohol, leave the store and consume it in the car park and other concealed areas around the store – in particular, in the adjoining car park which belongs to Hamble House

In both these scenarios, there is a distinct possibility that passers by and local residents returning to their homes late at night could be vulnerable to such people.

Tesco's application under this objective states that '*Ordinarily*, a member of the Management Team shall be on the premises all the time the store is open'. Given the concerns outlined above and below, this is not good enough. A member of the Tesco Management Team should be on site *throughout* their opening hours.

Our OBJECTION is therefore on the grounds that this location is dangerous for such a licensed premises with the proposed extended opening hours.

3 Prevention of Public Nuisance

Granting Tesco this licence will have a severe negative effect on passers-by, including in particular young children and their parents, and local residents and local businesses at the boundaries of the site. We can anticipate that there will be noise, bright lights and vehicles coming and going, potentially from 6 am up to 11 pm and, in particular, during the evenings, from 6 pm to 11 pm.

There will be litter (a cursory examination of the water-meadow adjoining Bridge Road is testimony to the fact that those who consume alcohol already regard this as a convenient place to discard empty beer cans and bottles) and anti-social behaviour, possibly damage to local domestic and business premises. Waverley must question the need for Tesco to serve alcohol beyond 8 pm, after which time it is reasonable for local residents to have quiet enjoyment of their homes.

R&V Convenience Stores, immediately next door, have a licence in place to sell alcohol from 8 am to 8 pm, Monday to Saturday and 7 am to 2 pm on Sunday, which we suggest is a perfectly adequate arrangement. If Tesco is to be granted a licence we suggest that they should be made subject to the same hours.

Our OBJECTION is therefore on the grounds that granting Tesco this licence will lead to further public nuisance and that the hours Tesco propose are excessive and out of alignment with those of the neighbouring licensed premises.

4 The Protection of Children from Harm

While we recognise that Tesco will administer the 'Think 25' Policy, this will not prevent completely someone who is over 18 buying alcohol and giving it to under-age drinkers, illegal though such an act may be. We have to question whether Tesco staff, conscious though they may be of the Policy, will be in a position to monitor such occurrences.

Our OBJECTION therefore is on the grounds that the store will be operating in the midst of a large concentration of school children who are vulnerable to the issues outlined above.

Yours faithfully

Kate Halsall

From:
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Subject: FW: Licensing Application for Tesco - Meadrow, Godalming
Importance: High

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Dear, Paul Hughes/Kate Halsall

I am writing to you to object to the submission of the licensing application by Tesco on Meadrow, Godalming. My objections are that the store opening hours are advertised as 6am to 11pm for the licenced sale of alcohol on this premises. There are numerous supermarkets within the vicinity which all stop trading any alcohol at 10pm.

This will encourage groups of younger people to aggregate around the tesco premises in the evenings. The Tesco store is in a residential area, and this behaviour would only be considered as anti-social. This problems is seen currently with the Co-op store in Farncombe, and with the planned longer alcohol selling hours, this problem will only spread.

I object to both their request for a licence to sell alcohol and secondaly to the hours of sale for alcohol. As the owner of a local newsagents next to the proposed tesco site, My own business only sells alcohol from 8 am - 8 pm and this is primarily to maintain respect with surrounding residents as we do not want the problem of groups of people aggregating around our premise and surrounding houses late at night drinking alcohol and causing a disturbance to the local community.

Regards,

