
Re: Shop 1, Castle House, Well Lane, Clare, Suffolk. CO10 8NH
David Robinson [REDACTED]

Good Morning Lisa I hope you are well.

My name is David Robinson and I work for Mr Geoffrey Sharp in the admin and finance department. I am sending you this email regarding the application of a drinks license for the shop at the above address to answer the objections received and to alleviate concerns.

I moved to Clare in February 1987 and our children attended both the primary and middle schools so I am well aware of the history involved within the community since that date. Both Geoff and I have been operators of convenience stores for over 40 and 35 years therefore know the retail trade inside and out with both of us holding drinks licenses in that time without any issues whatsoever in regard to the relevant criteria to ensure that we abide lawfully within the licensing acts.

Since my family arrived in 1987 the community has lost numerous retail premises including licensed premises for the sale of alcohol including the premises for which we are applying to reinstate a drinks license as this shop has been a convenience store in the past that sold alcohol. The Bell public house, Globe public house, Ship Stores, Ironmongery/DIY, Bakery, Greengrocery and 2 Banks have all been lost to the community being replaced by hairdressers and tea rooms.

I shall now address the concerns of Alison Cavener:

The planned opening hours for the shop will be 6am to 7pm therefore the concern of rowdy behavior from our sale of alcohol in the evening would not be a concern although she does not feel it necessary to address the sale of alcohol from other premises that open late into the evening. The store is not located solely within a residential area but a commercial premises alongside other commercial premises therefore the disruption to local residents would not be at a higher level than at present.

The lack of a police presence within Clare is testament to the lack of rowdy behavior within the Clare community due to the sale of alcohol. Neither myself, family or neighbours have witnessed any public nuisance within Clare due to the sale or consumption of alcohol in open public areas.

We do not have deliveries from trucks or vehicles to these premises as all stock is collected from wholesalers in our own small van although she does not seem concerned with deliveries in large trucks to other convenience stores. Therefore no vibration will be caused from deliveries. We carryout regular litter picks around our stores which results in less litter present than other retail premises all of which is recycled.

We abide by ALL underage drinking laws as set out in the Licensing Act with alcohol products behind counter or well away from products associated with the sale to children which is in line with other commercial premises which allow entry to children.

We have since spoken and text [REDACTED] Power of attorney to the resident living above to alleviate her concerns. The shop will open at 6am alongside that of the post office next door and the shop will close at 7pm to avoid any extra noise or disruption in the evening. All refrigeration is integral therefore noise pollution would be minimal and during the shop refit extra insulation is being put in place once again to reduce noise disruption to the resident above. We are not aware of any covenants in place with the exception of the restriction of food to be consumed on the premises which we do not intend to do. There

has always been a retail unit below the above residential flat therefore any resident would have been aware of the likelihood of noise and disruption cause within such a building.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and please be assured that as with all our stores we do everything in our power to reduce any disruption caused to the local community and to always abide to the rules and legislation involved with being granted an alcohol license. Hopefully you will allow this application to be granted as I can supply names and addresses of Clare residents who are looking forward to a new store enabling them to purchase goods locally previously lost to them.

Kind Regards

David Robinson