

Jackie Charlton

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 July 2023 18:10
To: Jackie Charlton; Licensing
Subject: Representation: Waddicar Convenience Store and Off Licence, Melling, Liverpool L31 1DY - Premises Licence Grant Application

Re: Application for premises licence for 88 Waddicar Lan, Melling, Liverpool. L31 1DY

I wish to submit a representation for consideration with regards to the above. I understand an application is being considered for the above and I would like to register some points for consideration.

I am currently a resident of Waddicar Lane for over 20 years. There are currently two other shops who fulfil the same function as what is proposed within a very very close geographical footprint meaning another one is totally unnecessary, that being said I am aware the Sefton do not have a cumulative impact policy within which this would be a key consideration, despite it being a key factor.

Following the guidance around submitting a representation I will cover the required four areas separately although some areas may be duplicated as they cut across several of the objectives:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - Presents further opportunity for groups of youths/people to congregate in yet another area extremely close to residential properties with increased risk of anti social behaviour. This causes high levels of stress and worry due to proximity in the current status and a further location right next to residential houses would further exacerbate this position and risk, especially linked to the proposed extended hours.
 - Increased risk of crime, more specifically robbery. Within the geographic footprint similar business have experienced robbery of the shop. As [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of a similar business I personally have experienced criminal damage to my property as a result of these crimes being committed along with high levels of worry and anxiety linked to repeat offences and personal safety. This submission will create yet another target for criminal activity and increase risk.
 - There are already significant traffic violations daily linked to existing provision, some of which are quite serious and dangerous. The location of the proposed shop is in a cul de sac location where there is limited parking options. This will mean that the traffic will be displaced across Waddicar Lane representing increased car related crime. I personally already have challenges accessing the drive to my house to park my car and regularly face challenges, abuse and confrontation. I do not want to be in a position of worry and anxiety faced with the threat of ASB linked to parking when I come home or leave my house.
- Public Safety
 - The location of the shop is in a densely populated residential area and the increase in traffic and poor traffic related activity will cause public safety issues.
 - Indiscriminate parking, off road parking, curbside parking, double line parking, parking on crossings etc – these are all real issues linked to the opening of yet another premises in the location proposed and present linked safety issues.
 - Linked to risk of increased ASB and associated crime so close to residential properties creates public safety considerations.
 - All of the above have clear public safety issues for a wide range of people including children, people with disabilities, elderly people, people with sight impairments and the general population of Melling. The location of this premise has the very high potential to create knock on impacts for the wider safety of the residents in terms of accessibility and general safety.
 - The premise is right by a zebra crossing that is frequented by many children and elderly residents as a mechanism to safely cross a very busy road. Due to very limited parking options there has been

frequent examples where patrons of both the current shops on Waddicar Lane have parked illegally and dangerously on the zebra crossing limiting both the line of sight of the person cross the road and also drivers. This is clearly a public safety issue and there have been many many near misses. Adding yet another premise in this footprint will increase the public safety risk even further.

- Prevention of public nuisance
 - The traffic that will be generated, again within a very small geographical footprint, will create a huge public nuisance.
 - As covered previously non compliance with basic traffic rules and law create and unsafe environment creating unnecessary nuisance in dealing with the fall out.
 - As a resident who will be directly impacted by the traffic/parking scenario I often feel unsafe asking people to move. Often this is met by confrontation and given I am at my home address by proxy the individuals know where I live. I am already wary of challenging this position due fear of retribution, having another premises with no natural parking access will only see to increase this, this is not only a nuisance but also quite scary creating a lot of worry and anxiety.
 - Deliveries to the establishments also present nuisance, given the location is situated within a heavily residential area any access to delivery of stock causes nuisance and often brings to the road to a standstill due to obstruction, this premise location does not have natural road access and therefore any delivery of stock will further add to this nuisance value.
 - Proposed location is adjacent to the local Pharmacy and the access to this critical service will be massively impacted. The expected traffic linked to patrons of the proposed location will inevitably displace the current pharmacy traffic across the nearby roads again further increasing the nuisance value beyond what is already the case at the moment.
 - Proposed opening times present risk of public nuisance both in terms of ASB and associated noise. I have previously challenged [REDACTED] and the opening hours were capped and delivery windows agreed. Early morning/late evening deliveries (no before 8:30am and not after 7.00pm) were agreed to mitigate the nuisance presented by the supply process.
- Projection of Children from harm
 - The premise is right by a zebra crossing that is frequented by many children as a mechanism to safely cross a very busy road. Due to very limited parking options there has been (unfortunately) frequent proven examples where patrons of both the current shops on Waddicar Lane park illegally and dangerously on the zebra crossing limiting both the line of sight of the child crossing the road. This is clearly a consideration to protect children from harm as there have been many near misses.

These are some of the considerations that I would like to be considered in this representation.

In the guidance that I have accessed it recommends that I ask yourself whether this email submission is sufficient and query whether I need to submit a paper version as well. With this in mind can you please advise accordingly.

If you wish to discuss any of the above in further detail please do not hesitate to contact me either by return of email or via my mobile [REDACTED]

If you could please confirm receipt of the enclosed representations I would be much obliged.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 31 July 2023 at 14:42:22 BST
To: licencing@sefton.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: License request for 88 waddicar lane, melling, L311DY

Good morning,

I am the home owner of [REDACTED]

I am sending this email in regards to the request for License for 88 waddicar lane, melling, L31 1DY to be turned in to a convenience store selling alcohol from the hours of 7:00-23:00. I would like to dispute this and request the license is denied and below is my rational and reasons for this.

Parking is already a issue through the day and I have people parking over my drive way, this will become more of a issue if there is another convenient store build [REDACTED] as there is already one facing my property. I'm a [REDACTED] and there are frequent cases of Emergency I need to attend hospital because of [REDACTED] and despite there being zigzag lines people do park there do to there not being enough parking vicinity [REDACTED] is not big enough to cope with the traffic from the Mcolls and I he pharmacy. This is causing me huge amounts of distress and anxiety that the problem will become worse and I will not be able to get off my drive because the road will become a lot more busy which could then potential become a life threatening situation for me.

Im aware these are pre exisiting issues however if another shop was to be opened the issue will be come worse and worse. I experience verbal aggression, hostility and threatening behaviour when I am trying to gain access to my property and also trying to get off my drive. Over the past few years [REDACTED] on three occasion's again being due to ill parking, by a wagon who was delivering to the existing shop [REDACTED] and by somebody who swerved to miss a pedestrian due to having poor vision due to over crowded parking.

A elderly gentleman was knocked over only 2 weeks ago due to over crowding and illegally parked cars trying to gain access to the already existing shop as there is not enough parking.

I have put numerous complaints in about the illegal parking due to people parking on yellow and zigzag lines however nothing is done about this.

We have a small baby under one years of age in our property, with a shop that serves alcohol to the time of 23:00 means there will be Optus amounts of potentially loud and drunk people and gangs of kids gathering of a evening as they do around the second shop already existing in melling.

My daughter typed this email for me as I can not access the internet.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone