

Re: Premises Licence Grant Application: Waddicar Convenience Store & Off Licence 82/84 Waddicar Lane, Melling L31 1DY.

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the premises and I wish to object to the premises licence application for Waddicar Convenience Store & Off Licence 82/84 Waddicar Lane, Melling L31 1DY.

I have lived at the above address for 27 years and recently lost my husband.

I suffer from ill health which includes COPD (Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), I also take warfarin and after a fall in the grounds of Fazakerley Hospital I no longer have the use of my right hand and I am therefore unable to write down my objections and I have no family or friends to help me.

I am therefore dictating my objections to Tony Jennings, Licensing Officer for Sefton Council.

“It will attract all kinds underneath the canopy. I go to bed early of an evening, then get up, rest in the chair for an hour, take a painkiller and then go back to bed. I am used to the area being quiet.

Another convenience store is not needed as we have one across the road within spitting distance.

The traffic and car doors banging at 11 o'clock of a night will cause noise as it is only a small slip road. Congestion is bad and no emergency services could get in at all.

Also, the chemist next door gets deliveries from Alliance Healthcare throughout the day causing congestion.

My side gate which is often closed shut by a nearby resident to stop people entering the grounds of my property and I have already had to call the police because of it.

I am concerned at the premises being open until 11 o'clock as nearby premises are only open until 10 o'clock.

The prospectus which came out from the letting agents said it was to be a hairdressers/beauticians or office block. No mention was made of a convenience store.

It will attract all kinds and I don't need that at 80 years of age.”

I certify that the above is an accurate transcript of a telephone conversation with [REDACTED] on the 16/09/2024 @ 14.11pm.

A Jennings (Licensing Officer – Sefton Council) 16/09/2024

82 – 84 Waddicar lane Melling

I am writing to you to say I object to the proposed application for a new premises licence at 82 – 84 Waddicar Lane Melling L31 1DY.

The reasons I am objection is the proposed selling of alcohol between the hours of 07.00 until 23.00 and the impact this will have to the neighbours and chemist shop who are adjacent to this proposed convenience store. There is an elderly lady in her eighties who is in poor health who lives [REDACTED] proposed store and she owns her property and has lived there for 27 years and in this time, it was always a doctor's surgery which closed at 18.30 Monday to Friday and closed of a weekend. She has regular visits from district nurses due to her health conditions and is normally in bed around 21.00 to 22.00 hours. No one had considered the impact this will have on her or thought to have a discussion with her to get her view. There will be the noise of people visiting the shop until 11pm seven days a week which will result in her and her neighbours having to keep their windows shut during hot summer nights otherwise she and her neighbours will be kept awake by vehicles pulling up outside the shop and the noises of banging car doors going in and out the shop even with her windows shut. There is also the threat of attracting groups of young people resulting in ASB around this proposed shop.

There is a Morisons convenience store opposite the proposed store selling alcohol and other goods which closes every evening at 10pm. There is another convenience store further along Waddicar lane selling the same goods until 10pm. The village is quiet after 10pm when these close including the chippy why we do need a store opening until 11pm just bringing noise from people and vehicles surely people can get what they need up to 10pm. There is only a small service road in front of this proposed shop which is constantly full of vehicles of people visiting the chemist to pick medicine and prescriptions up as well as visiting Morisons store facing there will be nowhere for them to park when people are parking to go the proposed shop. This will affect elderly and disabled people who need to park outside the chemist to get their medicine.

Have Highways been consulted as the Morrison store around 20 yards away facing this proposed shop is a constant headache for motorist as people park their vehicles in front of this shop when visiting the shop on Waddicar lane causing an obstruction resulting in traffic backing up both ways and some people park on the kerb facing the Morrisons in front of the house causing problems for the householder and other motorists. They have HGV deliver goods to this shop having to back down the side street on Rock View and at times parking in front of the shop and the bread delivery wagon parks in front of this proposed shop to deliver their bread to Morrisons which has damaged the householder's wall. The point I am making if this shop opens where are the delivery wagons going to park when delivering to this proposed store, where will the chemist delivery van park and customers to the proposed store and the chemist shop there is just not enough space to park, and it will increase the risk to motorists and pedestrians

which is facing a zebra crossing. It would be good if Highways could visit this area at peak hours around 8.30am to 9am and 5pm to see the amount of traffic passing through and stopping at 2 shops including proposed one as well as the chemist when there is nowhere to park it needs a traffic risk assessment as it will lead to a bottleneck by these shops. There are no parking spaces at the back of the proposed shop for customers as this is for the residents and business owners who have designated parking bays.

The residents who live in the properties above the proposed shop and chemist access their properties through the side of the building where proposed shop will be to the back to get into their properties. They close and lock the gate of an evening for security to keep people out but since the proposed takeover the owners of the proposed store have been visiting this proposed store and leaving the gate open of an evening resulting in the police ringing the householder to check she is OK as they spotted the gate open. The concern is if the shop is open until 11pm the gate will stay open adding to the stress levels of the householders as people will be able to access the back of their properties making them feel vulnerable to theft.

I would like to speak at the licensing committee to explain my reasons for my objection to this proposed convenience store opening until 11pm seven days a week.

Kind Regards

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