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Subject: Online form received: Comment on licensing application

Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS743452247

Contact details

Name:
XXXXXXXX

Address:
XXXXXXXX, Marden, XXXXX

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:
Marden Stores Restaurant

Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:
The hours suggested for the license are out of proportion to the needs of the local community. Encouraging drinking at 8.30am until late in the evening is a recipe for disaster - quite apart from the effect that this will have on the two locally used pubs in Bodenham and Sutton. People who drink are often rowdy and unaware of those living around them [we have an estate of housing going up opposite which is likely to house young families]. I am also very concerned about the message this sends out to the

children of the village [which is expanding] as well as the inherent dangers associated with adult drinkers. I am also concerned about the outside drinking which will be inevitable - this premises is a shop and restaurant, not a pub. The owner also owns what was the pub - the Volunteer - in the village and I suggest this is more appropriate for a drinking hole.

Suggest any conditions:

Limit the consumption of alcohol to 'with food' only, limit the times alcohol can be consumed eg 5pm - 10pm and do not allow it on one day a week, eg Sunday.

Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Having a drink with a meal gives a responsible message to children and teenagers about sensible drinking.

Suggest any conditions:

5-10pm only Tuesday to Saturday with meals.

Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

There is a wealth of research done on the effects of alcohol - the overloading of the NHS, the drunken behaviour, particularly those who start drinking in the morning, the influence on youngsters and their subsequent behaviour. This is a quiet village, not a city centre and this license needs to be measured and sensible.

1. NIH research: [Impacts of licensed premises on alcohol-related harms also Effectiveness of Policies Restricting Hours of Alcohol Sales in Preventing Excessive Alcohol Consumption and Related Harms
 2. Lancaster University: Longer Opening Hours, Alcohol Consumption and Health.
 3. BMJ: Evaluating the impact of local alcohol licensing decisions on outcomes for the community: a systematic review
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