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Dear Steve,

I have been contacted by some constituents regarding the proposal to grant a licence to Bargain Booze at Foxhole Road, Paignton.

I must say that I do share their concerns that not only is it unnecessary to have another licensed premises where there are already at least 5 within a 1 mile radius, but my biggest concern is the close proximity to the newly refurbished play area. Bargain Booze actively advertise that they sell "hundreds of discounted lines across alcohol categories" and to have this type of premises opposite a play area that is well used by local children normalises alcohol as if it were part of everyday behaviour. This is unacceptable and potentially damaging to children. I would like to emphasise the danger to children from exposure to alcohol related anti social behaviour as it is a well known fact that children may ask adults to purchase alcohol for their consumption.

I believe that when Bargain Booze was previously trading there were many occasions of anti social behaviour and youths used to congregate outside the premises and their behaviour was often intimidating towards local residents, since Bargain Booze closed these incidents have ceased.

Please can you confirm that my objections have been registered by replying to my Constituency Office at Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5HW.

Kind regards,

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## **Rackley, Shaun**

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**From:** Thomas, David  
**Sent:** 29 July 2013 15:51  
**To:** Rackley, Shaun  
**Subject:** Application for new premises licence - Bargain Booze, Foxhole Road, Paignton

Hi Shaun,

After looking through the application, I would like to make a formal representation based on the Prevention of Crime & Disorder and Public Nuisance.

I believe that a culture has been established around the outside of Bargain Booze, whereby youngsters have been seen congregating outside this area, in order for them to both buy and consume alcohol under age in the street.

I am recently informed, as previously as Saturday of this week, that since Bargain Booze has closed these events are now NOT taking place, despite the fact of there still being 2 off licenses in the local area. I am very concerned that allowing this application will return to the 'bad old days'.

I am happy to attend a hearing and would wish to speak at that hearing to voice the concerns from some of the residents of the area.

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**Guy, Mandy**

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**From:**

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APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL licence Bargain Booze Plus Foxhole Road Paignton

Dear Sir/Ma'am

I strongly object to the above being granted a licence to sell Alcohol on the following grounds.

1. Since the previous trader has ceased trading the gathering of children under the age of 18 outside the shops has dropped to None. This was brought up at the original hearing but was over ruled by the committee as being a problem. It was a problem that PSCSO's had to deal with but no longer do.
2. Since trading has ceased the litter problem has stopped and the area outside the shops has improved too fold this can be backed up by the street wardens and local PCSO.
3. The projection of children from Alcohol is paramount in to days society. The newly refurbished park where young children play. Having yet another establishment that promotes and sells Alcohol must me looked at and the children safe guarded against it. The Co-Op and Foxys drinks both have very high standards and are compliant with the law Bargain Booze pushes the advertising to far young children to drink.
4. The need to have a 6th establishment within 1 mile of each other is ludicrous this again was said on the original application and he was told he would go bump due to the competition. This has happened and i strongly urge you to reject the application on the above grounds.

Kind regards

**Rackley, Shaun**

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**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: UNCLASSIFIED: Application for new premises licence - Bargain Booze, Foxhole Road, Paignton

Dear Shaun,

Thank you for the your reply.

Here are my objections as per your request.

1. The prevention of crime and disorder:

The local PCSO and police have cut crime including Anti social behaviour on the Foxhole estate. Whilst Bargain booze plus was open both rose again which included Anti social behaviour with kids under 18 hanging around the shops swearing, drinking and verbally abusing members of the public. There was also a robbery at knife point on Foxhole news. It also promotes and encourages Drink driving This has stopped since bargain booze shut/went bankrupt in Dec 2012/Jan 2013.

2. Public safety,

The increase in the volume of traffic caused by people going to Bargain Booze caused problems to the public who could not park outside the shops and in some cases their own homes opposite. It is to be pointed out that this traffic was caused by friends going to the store as the only people that used it.

3. Prevention of public nuisance.

The noise from people and children caused by the increase in traffic and public to the area is a nuisance at 2300hrs / 10 pm people and children are trying to sleep and people arguing and car doors banging is and was unacceptable. This coupled with teenagers and kids sitting on the park walls and in the park at hours day and night is a public nuisance.

4. The protection of children from harm.

Bargain Booze is located directly opposite a public childrens park that was designed for young children and parents to sit and play. Not only does it advertise and promote drinking to children it also sets a bad example ad also allows parents that are not responsible to wonder over ( a distance of 15 meters) buy and then drink alcohol in the park leaving empty bottles and cans leads to children getting hurt.

As i said the other day i can not work out why the Foxhole estate needs 3 licensed premises all with in 50 metres of each other and a further 4 within a mile of it. This is more than any area including Torquay town centre and i would welcome a face to face meeting on Foxhole to enable you to see the close proximities and especially how close it is to the childrens park and the harm it will cause.

I hope this is satisfactory.

Kind regards & best wishes

On 26 July 2013 16:03, Rackley, Shaun <[Shaun.Rackley@torbay.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:Shaun.Rackley@torbay.gcsx.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear

Thank you for your representation in regard to the new premises licence at Bargain Booze, Foxhole Road, Paignton.

We are considering accepting your representation, however to aid us in our decision, would you be able to provide us with further information, including some specific examples which are relevant to the licensing objectives. We would need to receive these by the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

I look forward to receiving this information.

Regards

Shaun

**Shaun Rackley**

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**Guy, Mandy**

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**To:** M  
**Subject:** RE: Application for Alcohol license Bargain Booze Plus Foxhole Road Paignton

Dear Sirs,

I agree with exactly what was to say.

On several occasions I witnessed 18 – 19 year old males going into Bargain Booze and coming out to give the alcohol they had just bought to their friends and family who were as young as 12 years old.

On one occasion I did make a complaint at the time and I believe the police or PSCSO did attend.

As said there is a young children's park now directly opposite Bargain Booze and it is well used. I myself have 3 children 2 are primary school age. I do not want them going over the park to find broken bottles and to be harassed by groups of teenagers who are drinking.

Prior to the new park my son's would use the area for their scooters but had to stop due to bullying, foul language and broken glass from these youths and this was during the day time.

Since Bargain Booze has ceased trading we have not had any antisocial behaviour issues over at the shops.

I do not see the need for yet another licensed premise where there are already 6 within a 1 mile radius.

Regards

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in Booze, Foxhole

Hi Shaun,

I afraid I do not have dates but I can give instances that would meet some if not all of the licenses' objectives.

1. My son, who was 6 years old at the time, went across to the paved area opposite Bargin Booze with my 14 year old daughter to play on their scooters and run around. Within 5 minutes they were back, My children told me that "the group of teenagers" meaning the group that normally hang around Bargin Booze and the shops, "were calling names and throwing cans at us". I remember commenting that they would be going out to the church youth club soon so it must have been a Thursday. This happened around 3 times in the space of a month so my children stopped playing over there.

This incident covers number 2, 3 & 4 of the licensing objectives. 2, Public safety – 3 Prevention of public Nuisance, - 4 protection of children from harm.

2. On a separate occasion my daughter, then 14 years old, went to ride her bike over the paved area opposite the shops on Foxhole Road. She came back in tears because teenagers as young as 12 years old were over there drinking from cans they had just bought from Bargin Booze (she said they were alcohol but I didn't go and look for myself. She had just seen one of the lads go into Bargin Booze and came out with 2 lots of cans which he then passed around his mates and they sat drinking on the walls of the paved area). They had started to call her fat and fatty and laugh and torment her because she wasn't very good at riding her bike. To this day she has not ridden her bike again and has only just started to take her brothers over to the new children's pavement games that have been set up.

Again this incident covers several of the licensing objectives: Public Safety – Prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm. Along with, prevention of crime, if the cans were indeed alcohol.

3. I myself witnessed a young lad go into Bargin Booze and come out with what looked like larger cans (they were not the small energy drink sized cans, or coke sized cans they were big and green like Carlsberg cans). I watched, as I sat in my car, the lad hand out these cans to his friends all of whom were congregated around the door of Bargin Booze most of whom looked under 18 years old including the lad that had just made the purchase. I tried to taker pictures with my mobile phone but they were too far away to pick up. The time was 5.30pm as I was about to collect my children from after school club and nursery. Following the incidents above I called the police non emergency number to report what I had just seen. I believe the community constable attended and moved them on.

This covers objective 1 prevention of crime and disorder.

4. One afternoon after school I was sat in my front garden with my children, 14 years, 6 years & 3 years. They were playing nicely when we heard a lot of screaming, shouting and foul language come from the direction of the shops. A group of above 7 boys and 3 girls were hanging around Bargin Booze and the green in front of the shops. Their ages ranged from 7 years to 18 years, some of them I recognized as part of the usual group that hang around Bargin booze. They were throwing there drinks over each other running in front of cars and around the car park of the shops screaming and shouting and swearing at each other. This lasted for about ½ and hour before I had to take my children inside to prevent them from picking up the language they were using.

Groups of youths were always hanging around Bargin Booze and the shops at all hours. Living opposite the shops we were subjected to foul language, shouting and screaming at all hours and a lot of unsociable behaviour. Since Bargin Booze has closed there have been no incidents of anti social behaviour, no groups of youths at all hanging around. Both the Co-op and Foxy's drinks will not stand for groups hanging around and move them on immediately they become aware.

There has now been a new young children's park built on the pavement and green opposite the shops, at great expense and it is well used by primary school age children, mine included. I have real concerns that should yet



another license be granted for alcohol the children will be in danger of harm from older youths, subjected to bullying and foul language as before. There is no need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> licensed premise within the Foxhole Road shops area.

I believe the licensing committee and council have a duty of care to prevent a public nuisance, promote public safety and protect the local children from harm including harm from bullying. I would hate to see the lovely new park become vandalized and not used due to fear of older children bullying. We all had these concerns before but we were not listened to and our fears became reality whilst Bargain Booze was trading, but we have had NO trouble since it ceased trading.

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