

Subject: Licensing application

Dear Mr Cox

I wish to object to the licensing application for the extension of hours for Bay News in Belgrave Road. My main objection is because of the proximity of the premises to the Tor Abbey Inn, a mere 2 doors away. There have been constant incidents of violent behaviour here, two of very serious assaults. Many complaints have been made about the lack of control exercised by the landlord. I am not a timid person, but I will not go past this pub during the evening, but cross over the road. To have an off-license virtually next door is merely encouraging those over-indulging in alcohol to purchase more for their consumption on the streets, and incidentally, this is an alco-free zone. I know the licensee will not serve drunks, but we all know that much alcohol is purchased by those who have not been banned from a premises, for those who have.

The surrounding area has many HIMOs, and unfortunately too many of the occupants have multiple addictions. We should be protecting not only the decent citizens who do not wish to be faced with drunks, but also those who do not have the will power to resist. I have walked out of my front door at 7am to find a man half way through a 2 litre bottle of cider. I constantly have to pick up empty cider bottles, cheap sherry bottles and cheap lager cans from the ancient Torre Churchyard.

The only people I can see wanting to buy alcohol before 8am are those who cannot live without it. Let us design out anti-social behaviour by refusing to extend the licensing hours of Bay News.

Regards