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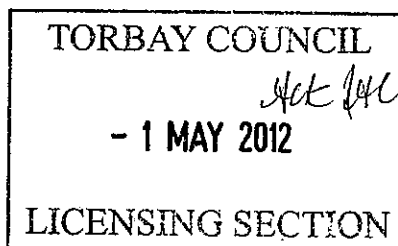


HOUSE OF COMMONS

Steve Cox
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26th April 2012



Dear Steve

I have been approached by interested parties as defined under the Licensing Act 2003 who would like me to represent them and support their objections to the application made by Asda, of Yalberton Tor Industrial Estate to have a late liquor license allowing them to sell alcohol from early in the morning to late at night.

Sale of alcohol commencing at 6.00 am may encourage street drinking, which can adversely affect the quality of life for residents by causing noise, litter and general nuisance. There is a high risk of disturbance to those residents bordering the premises.

This site is also close to numerous schools, including: Paignton Community and Sports College, South Devon College, Roselands Primary School and Hayes Primary School. Children will undoubtedly be passing by this site on their way to school and early access to alcohol will only encourage underage drinking.

Selling alcohol at the same time children are on their way to school 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 and it is a well known fact that children may ask adults to purchase alcohol for their consumption.

Having been a police forensic examiner for Devon and Cornwall Police, I know firsthand that victims of crime are often the result of alcohol fuelled behaviour.

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If the application is granted, I feel conditions should be put in place;

- A personal license holder should be on the premises at all times
- Strong beer and cider should not be sold during the extended hours
- There should be no advertising of cheap alcohol outside the premises
- Refusal register to be maintained
- License limited to part of the premises
- Challenge 25

I feel taking into the consideration the wider spirit of the alcohol strategy, when reviewing this application would be sensible.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sarah Wollaston MP

Cc: To all members of the Licensing Committee

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Brixham Town Council would like to object to the above application under the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Below is an extract from our minutes of Monday 23rd April 2012:

120047 To consider any license applications.

Application 029033 for a Premises Licence for Asda Stores Limited, Borough Close, Paignton, Devon, TQ4 7EP.

It was resolved to recommend refusal for the sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises for the period 6am until midnight. Councillors resolved that an acceptable licence period would be 10am until 10pm due to concerns that customers would take alcohol into the neighbouring estates late at night to consume and cause public nuisance. It was feared that due to this the volume of crime and disorder incidents in the area would escalate and an increased amount of damage would be caused to the neighbouring properties. Concerns were also raised on public health through the sale of alcohol following the new alcohol strategy which seeks to turn the tide against irresponsible drinking.

Cllr M James abstained from voting due to being on the Torbay Council Licensing Committee.

Regards

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