

Appendix 2

Valid Objections – 8 Main Avenue Moor Park Northwood Herts HA6 2HJ

1. I would like to strongly object to the proposed alcohol license as there is already a shop in the parade providing this service. I would not want a shop opening until 11.00pm as this would cause extra traffic noise & disruption to the flats above the shops & the surrounding residential area. There are already two restaurants serving alcohol and it can be very noisy when people are leaving later in the evening. Also, it might encourage people to purchase alcohol & drink it in the vicinity. Please do not grant this license as it is not essential for the existing business.
2. From the link you sent me it states that the notice must be clearly displayed for 28 consecutive days. However, the notice is not clearly displayed as it is displayed in the far corner of the shop and covered by shutters for most of the day. Hence, I have myself noticed it so late.

Secondly, as I have mentioned this is a private quiet residential area. The residents in this place like to have their peace and privacy. The residents surrounding the parade could face a lot of noise and crime up to 11pm. Currently my shop is only open till 6/7 pm, which prevents this sort of disruption to a large extent.

If you have had no objections from the surrounding neighbourhood, it is merely because the notice has not been read due to lockdowns and the way it is displayed in the corner along with so many other notices. Therefore, I would like to object on the basis of prevention of nuisance and crime.

3. I am writing to oppose the granting of a premises license for Moor Park Post Office, 8 Main Avenue, Moor Park, Northwood, HA6 2HJ. The Main Avenue shopping parade already has a seven days a week nearly three hundred & sixty five days a year licensed grocer shop, which has always provided a supportive and reliable service to all, plus to the vulnerable members of our community. Moor Park Fine foods is an integral part of our estate & to grant an alcohol license to another shop in competition on the same parade would undermine this hardworking & dedicated member of our community. As a resident living at the North Approach/Main Avenue junction for over forty years, I am extremely concerned that with the shop's proximity to a busy London Underground station, we could be vulnerable to noisy & disruptive people who will be able to purchase alcohol up to 11.00pm. This is a quiet residential estate & we appreciate our peace. We would not appreciate the added noise & traffic this proposed license would encourage. The notice for this application is not immediately apparent as it is displayed at the top far corner of the shop window at distance from the door & is obscured by shutters for a large part of the day. I strongly object to the granting of a license to sell alcohol to Moor Park Post Office, 8 Main Avenue, Moor Park, HA6 2HJ. Thank you for your help in this matter.
4. We have seen evidence of dis-orderly and anti-social behaviour outside similar premises during extended trading hours. Whilst the shopkeeper cannot control what people do outside the shop, having the shop in the first place will attract the people that will visit and could create the trouble. Already there are rising security concerns on the estate (see www.strretchcheck.co.uk and enter the postcode) with the deployment of private security patrols for added residents' security and we do not need elements that increase security risk.

Sale of Alcohol and extended trading hours in an area where there are elderly and vulnerable residents means that we need to look out for them and not the profit of

the shopkeeper. Whilst this does not fit the criteria for expressing concerns under Public Safety on the site, I believe the operations on the site and the extended hours will lead to increasing risk to the general public safety directly or indirectly. Increasing traffic (human and vehicles) will increase those risks.

The current premise closes at 6pm and as a result there have been no complaints of nuisance in the past. However, if the premise is allowed extended trading hours this will increase the movement of vehicle and people visiting the premise and could in likelihood lead to the sort of disturbances that will lead to the residents losing the peaceful enjoyment of their homes and detract from the outlook of the area. This is a quiet residential street in a private estate. Prevention better than cure.

This premise is frequented by under-age school children from 2 schools on the estate. Whilst the law provides protection for children under 18 to buy alcohol, unscrupulous operators are known to break the law and under 18s have been able to procure alcohol and other illicit/restricted products. Perhaps if the police and environmental health officer walked the local beat they will notice litter in the area from these products. Making it possible to procure them on the estate will expose the children to the risk that the law is meant to protect them from. We know the shopkeeper will be committing an offence if they break the law, but unscrupulous shopkeepers will bend the rules. Again, prevention is better than cure.

5. Hello

I am writing to request you not to grant permission for an off license at 8 Main Avenue, Moor Park, HA6 2HJ (application by Mr S Rathinasingam).

Moor Park is a residential area, it has a lot of woodland and quiet roads. Under the cover of darkness and as the roads are almost isolated after sunset, the area is already being used by young lads to sniff laughing gas, and the walkways are littered with gas canisters. This will become a wider problem if alcohol is available to purchase in this area.

I request you to preserve the family feel of this lovely conservation area.

6. I note an application has been made for a premises licence to apply for the following;
Retail sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises

Monday to Sunday 06:00 - 23:00

The subject property has been a sweet shop, newsagent and post office for many years and is regularly visited for the said amenities by me and my family including 2 children. The recent loss of other valuable amenity providers such as the cafe and hairdressers etc has resulted in a very professional facade on this small parade of shops. From the plan with the application, the loss of a post office and creation of an off licence will unnecessarily put the lure of alcohol in the eyes of the many school children in the vicinity and who would regularly visit the store. We have Moor Park Fine Foods several doors up from this address and they are a licensed premises and offer a broad range of food and drinks and another similar store is not required in such a small parade catering for such a small community.

As a local resident I have noted on many occasions workmen from the numerous building sites walking back with a 4-pack or otherwise and we have an increased littering problem of empty beer cans etc being left on verges and walls around the estate. I can also advise recently someone who appeared to be a workmen slumped

on Wolsey Road at 8am and was reportedly very drunk, an issue we don't want escalating.

Additionally there have been incidents of youths wandering the estate high on alcohol and other substances and having the availability as late as 11pm will only make this an attractive proposition due to Moor Park being secluded and out of gaze of police and licensing officers. In essence I feel we don't need another off licence convenience store on the estate for the protection of children and also for the ridiculous hours sought.

The post office is a valuable amenity to the whole and especially the elderly population around the neighbourhood and must be preserved and retained!

I look to you for support in rejecting this application and not allowing for another off license convenience store in Moor Park.

7. Dear Sirs,

THE POST OFFICE 8 MAIN AVENUE MOOR PARK Proposed Alcohol Licence

I should like to object to this proposal. The sale of alcohol from 6am is undesirable- it will encourage consumption. The sale of alcohol in the evening to 11pm will encourage late-night drinking and attract undesirables. There is no local need for such long hours. Alcohol remains a major public problem.

8. Dear Licensing Team,

I and my household are worried about the licensing application for 8 Main Avenue, Moor Park, currently a post office and newsagent.

The hours requested seem excessive, from 6am to 11pm, considering that most of the ten or so other shops are open much shorter hours. Apart from this small strip of shops and the tube station this area is primarily quiet and residential for about a mile in every direction.

That means that except during office hours, the area outside the shops is pretty empty, which could easily leave it open to more crime, disorder and/or public nuisance, from people who have found this to be one of the few places open for miles around, and are urgent to drink once they get here.

I think granting this license would also damage public safety by encouraging people to drive to buy alcohol, both from the further reaches of Moor Park and from further afield. Many people already speed through Moor Park, where the speed limit is 20 mph throughout, but people don't realize because there aren't enough signs saying so. Some might think that all the speed bumps would stop speeding but of course what happens is many people speed over the bumps and/or accelerate noisily between them.

Plus at many times of year, those hours would involve many hours of darkness, adding to the dangers.

And people on the way to buy alcohol are quite likely to already be drunk....also exacerbating the risk to both public order and road safety. (Also, some stressed commuters who park at Moor Park tube station might be tempted to buy alcohol and drink it before driving home).

I don't know what level of policing happens round here at the moment but I doubt local police want to add extra patrols to their workload. There are some wee security cars that drive around but I doubt they have much power to keep order.

Some local children and teens, not yet driving, will be tempted into hanging out with any loitering drunk adults.

That newsagent is currently used very heavily by schoolboys on their way home at the end of the day, who mostly buy sweets I think.

We request that you deny the license, but if you go ahead and grant it, I request that the hours are restricted to something like 9 to 5 so my neighbours and I and their children would feel a lot safer. Also would it be possible, if you grant the license, to require that only a small part of the shop is devoted to alcohol, e.g. no more than 10% of the shelf space?

PS I know these latter points are not supposed to be relevant but.....

There is already somewhere local that sells alcohol...the grocery store run by Mr Khanna, at 22, Main Avenue, who has received a letter from the police thanking him for following the law so meticulously about needing ID to show one is over 18.

The existing newsagent plus post office serves the local community very well, and I worry that with the alcohol sales license, it will become solely an off-license, stacked throughout with bottles. I imagine that the existence of the post office might be either helped or hindered by the economic boost of alcohol sales. But the most helpful tack might be restricting the amount of the shop devoted to alcohol, as suggested above.

9. My main objection is to the late night opening till 11pm and sometimes even midnight 365 days of the year.

It is in the late hours that there will be noise and nuisance. Also possibly an increase in crime and drunken behaviour. In warmer weather people will buy drinks and hang about outside the shop. This will make people walking home from the station feel insecure and scared.

The current licensed premises are only open till 6pm.

There are children living in the flats opposite and the noise could disturb their sleep. It is also not a good example for them to see people drinking and being noisy outside their home.

There was once an application for a wine bar where the coffee shop was and that was rejected. This is worse.

If the premises selling alcohol are open till 6 pm or 6.30pm, that may be acceptable. However, do we need two shops selling alcohol in the small parade on Main Avenue?

10. Dear Licensing Officer

In the month since our last correspondence I have had an opportunity of assessing this application in more detail, and getting some more information from other local residents and well-informed parties. I am more concerned about this application, upon understanding it better, than I was; such that I would like to object to it.

The reasons are:

- 1) I am now more aware than I was (as I seldom purchase alcohol) how unusually long the hours proposed for the sale of alcohol. Beyond being objectionable in a general light, I am concerned that this will cause a greatly enhanced public nuisance to Moor Park. When word gets around, it seems likely that people who can't purchase alcohol from other outlets in a wide radius at the very early and very late times proposed will come from miles around to Moor Park to avail themselves of this service. (Anybody who feels compelled to do so may well be individuals with problems of dependency and associated risks of anti-social behaviour: who else needs to buy a bottle at 6am in the morning?)

This would be an issue anywhere and it is particularly concerning in Moor Park, which is a private, residential estate. Whilst of course access to the estate has to be granted to customers of businesses based on it, I question very much whether this needs to be promoted at 6am in the morning or 11pm at night. Residents of this estate, in moving here, have a reasonable expectation that 'private', (and the fees they pay in consequence), will mean a diminished traffic of the unrelated general public at times which are not normal business, working hours.

Moor Park is all residential – so much so there is not a café or bakery in the entire ward, and the only pub is off the estate. Cars coming and going at night in these very quiet roads – they are not busy enough to be called streets – would be worse than a nuisance. It could indeed cause a safety issue: Moor Park roads are largely unlit at night, and are not suitable for traffic which is not residential. People walking late at night on dark roads (I have often been one) – there are no footpaths – could be at risk from possibly inebriated drivers who don't know the roads and tend now to drive faster than local conditions permit.

It would be worse than a nuisance if regular drinkers were to get into the habit of patronising this business at untoward hours of the night and morning. It could well be a security issue. There are many extended families on the estate: grandchildren popping over to see their grandparents, early and late, for example, feeling safe because there is some degree of privacy and restriction on the roads. Many houses are largish and many quite open, in line with estate planning restrictions; the owners of many are frequently absent; they present a very accessible temptation to the intoxicated or anti-social. Regularly introducing into this environment the sort of drinkers likely to be attracted to purchase alcohol an hour before midnight feels very much like releasing a fox into a hen house. Amusing though the sequel might be for anyone not immediately involved, it doesn't feel to me like a responsible thing to do.

- 2) I do think it very likely that the adolescent boys who comprise Moor Park's school population will be drawn to acquire alcohol here, legally for the very few over the age of 18 (as to the rest, I couldn't say). There is already an issue with drug-taking in the adjoining copse, and anti-social activity at the Tube across the road. My own children frequently run off without permission on the way home to acquire their own indulgences from the shop as it is now, though being the age they are that merely involves consuming undesirable amounts of confectionery.

It beggars belief that older children will not do the same with worse consequences. Those who are underage and cannot purchase drinks legally may be tempted to purloin them, the more because small stores like this one will be seen as a soft-touch, without the sort of security usual at Tesco's. I note that the alcohol shelves planned are down the back of the store, where they might hope to be unobserved, and that the counter is planned to go right to the window, meaning that anybody serving would not be able to intercept anyone absconding with alcohol before they left the shop. In that sense it presents a temptation to a vulnerable group (and not the only one: I am aware of one resident living more or less immediately above the shop who struggles with alcohol dependency issues which this is likely greatly to exacerbate).

11. Dear Sir

I strongly object to the above application for premises licence application with timing 6 AM to 11 PM.

This will present a great degree of nuisance to residents and is not in line with the keepings of the Moor Park village atmosphere and established conservation area. This will be socially unacceptable as it will create an anti-social behaviour with long trading hours selling alcohol, leading to hooliganism, muggings, thefts and general disorder. It is just not the kind of thing that is expected in Moor Park. Such applications should never be made and the council should strongly oppose to this kind of regressive developments.

The incensing team should also note that with increase in disorder, hooliganism and thefts, it will become unsafe for people to walk back to their homes from the station at late hours, especially for young people and ladies. Do you, the licensing team, want hooliganism, muggings, thefts and possible molestations from disorderly public consuming alcohol? Of course not.

I hope the licensing team in the Three Rivers District Council strongly reject the application.

12. Sirs,

I as resident of Moor Park would like to register my objection to granting of licence to sell alcohol late till 11.00 pm at the post office. This will create unsocial behaviour of persons in the evening and would also be a threat to security.

13. Dear Sir / Madam,

With reference to the above application, I would strongly like to object to the application on the grounds that this area is historically mainly a residential area and hence it would cause a nuisance, noise, and disturbance to the neighbourhood with customers buying alcohol late in the evening after disembarking from the train station late at night.

Often these customers have already consumed alcohol elsewhere in the city and on return they disembark at MOOR Park station.

With the premises open late, this will encourage those already having consumed alcohol to purchase more alcohol from the above premises.

This will lead to residents having to suffer increased noise, nuisance and disturbance in the evenings.

The council should refuse this application.

14. Dear Sir

I refer to the above application and would like to object to it on the grounds that Moor Park is a safe, quiet residential environment which does not need a place selling alcohol late into the evening as it will attract anti-social behaviour which will be difficult to control in a private estate. Besides there are various large supermarkets in the close vicinity and which are open till late and which also offer alcohol.

15. I am a resident, within the Moor Park estate and wish to comment on the above application which directly impacts my local neighborhood.

Moor Park is a quiet residential area with a very limited number of retail outlets on Main Avenue, which (apart from two restaurants) have restricted opening hours. Turning the Post Office into a licensed premises for the sale of alcohol is totally out of keeping with the character of this conservation area and is objectionable on the following grounds:

It could give rise to crime and disorder becoming a destination for the purchasing of alcohol (for those from outside the area – also see point 3 below) which may be consumed immediately outside the retail outlet in the surrounding vicinity leading to anti-social and rowdy behaviour.

Public Safety – there is an underground station immediately in front of the parade of shops on Main Avenue. The potential presence of people consuming alcohol on the thoroughfare of their journey back home could prove intimidating for many residents, especially when walking alone during nights. The premises have no control over those who purchase alcohol once they have stepped outside the premises,

Public nuisance – the operating hours would give rise to issues of noise, lighting and litter which are not suitable for a quiet residential area. Moor Park is a private estate only accessible to non-residents by car or underground. It is clear that the residents are not keen to have an off-license premises, so there will be an incentive for this outlet to attract business from outside the area – meaning more car movements in and out of Moor Park.

Protect children from harm – the Merchant Taylors School is very close to the applicant and would give rise to more opportunities for the sale of alcohol to those who are underage.

I therefore object to this application in the strongest possible terms.

16. Dear Sir / madam

I am writing to raise grave concerns over the licence application for the said property for the hours applied for. The high street is in the residential area with very little footfall from around 9pm and we are concerned about the safety of the residents and the likelihood of anti-social behaviour resulting from late opening and sale of alcohol from this property.

We would very sincerely urge you to consider more appropriate times of opening and sale of licenced items that safeguard the property, the surrounding area and local residents.

17. Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed opening hours of the above application. This is a quiet area and to have an alcohol license from 6am to 11pm would particularly attract noise and disturbance. I have no objection to usual shop hours ie. 9am to 6pm Monday to Saturday.

Please take this letter as my OBJECTION to the current proposal.

18. Dear Sir / Madame

I am writing to you with regards to the Post Office, 8 Main Avenue - Premises Licence Application No: 21/00005/LAPL01

I am a resident of Moor Park Estate and I strongly object against granting the Premises Licence with opening hours planned from 6:00am to 11:00pm.

This will encourage customers who are not residents to enter this private estate and more importantly will bring anti-social behaviour with the sale of alcohol late in the evening.

This has always been a respectful, quiet neighbourhood and with two young teenage children in our family we would like to feel this area safe from any unwanted anti-social behaviour

19. Dear Sirs

I understand that the Moor Park post office has been sold and an application for premises licence submitted.

As a resident on the estate I object to this particularly in view of the proximity of local schools and the potential for anti-social behaviour.

I have concerns about safety if passengers leaving the tube station from those who may be intoxicated.

Surely we should be promoting healthy living and avoid making a safe environment into one which can lead to risks for our local community.

20. Dear Sir and Madam at The Licensing Team,

I wish to inform you that I have concern about the above application, particularly regarding possible anti-social behaviour with the sale of alcohol late in the evening. Apart from that, I have no other concerns.

21. Dear Madam/Sir

We are very concerned and opposed to alcohol being sold at the above venue after 6 pm As you know alcohol intake is associated with antisocial behaviour, vandalism, increased crime, damage to property, cars and personal violence to residents walking in the vicinity It will encourage people from various other areas to come into the area with time to buy alcohol People move into the estate for the tranquillity and safety Of the estate.

This move will threaten the resident's peace, tranquillity and safety I as a woman will be more frightened of walking on my own in the evening in the Roads of the estate My husband as part of his treatment is walking and exercise and he often walks alone at 11pm at night and I think his personal security will be threatened as a lone man walking in an estate where alcohol will be sold till late I feel this move will worsen his health issues if he is unable to walk.

22. License to sell alcohol 6 am/11 pm -

I object to the hours of sale as they could attract unsocial behaviour.

Apart from the two restaurants, other business premises in this parade close at about 6 pm. I think the license should be restricted terminate at 6 pm.

23. Dear Sirs

We would like to register our concerns over the application as noted on the subject line particularly regarding possible anti-social behaviour with the sale of alcohol late in the evening.

24. Dear Sir/Madam

I write as reg resident and occupier.

I object to the above application as I feel that the late opening hours will cause us all a massive nuisance.

The increased level of traffic, shoppers and drunkenness in the locality is a major concern. Especially if it will open till 11pm.

25. Dear sirs,

I am a resident in Moor Park and use the local shops and underground extensively. We are extremely concerned as a family and our neighbours that the extended hours of the above application will result in increased crime and antisocial behaviour, particularly when our young children use the underground in the evenings. We would urge you to refuse the application.

26. The selling of alcohol from 6am to 11pm is totally unnecessary and can only lead to additional disturbance particularly to the residents of the flats on Main Avenue, but also to the wider community.

I would be very concerned that this selling of alcohol in the late evening might encourage people from outside Moor Park to create a nuisance or commit crimes in the area. We have enough trouble already with the littering of bottles and cans on the verges of South Approach.

27. Hello There

I am writing regarding above listed application. MOORE PARK is quite residential residence. I feel that extending long opening hours to sell Alcohol will cause lots of unsocial behaviour will make the neighbour area with lots of rubbish (broken bottles-drink cans-plastic and other related rubbish)

We very strongly feel that the council must not give Licence to 8 Main Avenue to sale Alcohol till late

28. Dear sirs,

I am a resident in Moor Park and use the local shops and underground extensively. We are extremely concerned as a family and our neighbours that the extended hours of the above application will result in increased crime and antisocial behaviour, particularly when our young children use the underground in the evenings. We would urge you to refuse the application.

29. Dear Sirs

I wish to oppose the application by the new owners of the Post Office and General Store at Main Avenue, Moor Park for a Premises Licence with opening hours planned from 6:00am to 11:00pm.

Moor Park Fine Foods on Main Avenue is already licensed to sell alcohol. There is no need for another shop to do the same, albeit with longer opening hours. An off-licence open until 11 pm is unnecessary and inappropriate for a quiet residential neighbourhood like Moor Park; such a shop would rely on customers from outside the estate, with resultant increases in traffic and anti-social behaviour.

Please reject the application.

30. We strongly object to the PO being given a license to sell alcohol

Firstly, there is already one shop selling alcohol and it was always the principle in Moor Pars that there would be no direct competition between the shops because of the limited catchment area

Secondly, providing a further outlet to sell alcohol and especially for longer hours can only lead to unwarranted behaviour in the area

Therefore, we strongly oppose any further shops selling alcohol in this area

31. I strongly object to the proposed alcohol license. There is already a shop in the parade providing this service. There are also two restaurants serving alcohol. An additional off licence will generate more unwelcome traffic and noise late into the night in this quiet residential area.

32. As a local resident, I have real concerns about the granting of a premises licence at this site for two key reasons:
a) the proposed extended opening hours; and
b) the attraction to the shop by children.

The Main Avenue shopping parade is a small parade of community shops in a quiet, residential street moments from Moor Park station. None of the shops offer opening hours comparable to the intended 6am-11pm of this Post Office.

I have concerns that by allowing the purchase of alcohol from the Post Office during such an extended period, the local area could be vulnerable to noisy and disruptive people going to or returning from work (or school, as it is often frequented by school children before and after school).

Main Avenue already has one licensed grocery shop that serves the community well. In such a small parade of shops, I fear that a further retail premises selling alcohol for an extended period could encourage irresponsible, anti-social behaviour detrimental to the community.

33.

Although Moor Park is generally a quiet residential area, it suffers some nuisance from people coming into the area to drink and use NOX (nitrous oxide). The evidence is the large number of bottles and cans (and NOX cylinders) which we pick up every week as we collect rubbish, as local volunteers. Evening sales of alcohol will undoubtedly increase the anti-social activity, the levels of litter in the area and associated noise problems.

Avenue causing a public nuisance to residents throughout this quiet residential area. Potential serious alcohol intoxication may present a substantial threat to public safety both near Main Avenue and farther away. The opportunity to purchase alcohol until late in the evening may also attract non-residents, who may contribute to my reasons for comment outlined above.

34. I have considerable concerns about the prolonged hours proposed in this application for the sale of alcohol on the grounds that it may facilitate excessive consumption of alcohol on and near Main Avenue and other local areas of Moor Park. I am concerned that granting this licensing application may provoke intoxication secondary to alcohol that might result in criminal behaviour and significant disorder in and around 8 Main Avenue causing a public nuisance to residents throughout this quiet residential area. Potential serious alcohol intoxication may present a substantial threat to public safety both near Main Avenue and farther away. The opportunity to purchase alcohol until late in the evening may also attract non-residents, who may contribute to my reasons for comment outlined above.

35. *Noise and disorder may arise if groups are allowed to purchase alcoholic drinks late in the evenings, 7 days a week
I strongly object to opening hours extending to 11 pm in a largely residential area.*

36. Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Moor Park I would like to vehemently object to the proposed license for the sale of alcohol between 6am and 11pm at the Moor Park Post Office.

Like many other residents, I have young children and the noise and crowds that the license will bring from the early hours of the morning till late at night will be unacceptable. The anti-social behaviour and levels of crime are significantly linked to the license in a residential area which has a majority of elderly and young population.

We live opposite the post office and will be directly impacted.

The Moor Park community is known for being quiet, safe and family friendly. The license undermines these family values and does not add to the community rather it undermines public safety by creating the potential of public nuisance.

I hope that you will take these points in consideration and prevent the license from being granted.

37. Dear Sirs

I write in connection with the above Application for a Premises Licence with opening hours planned from 6:00am to 11:00pm.

I am wholly against such an application for the following reasons:

There is already a retail outlet in this small parade which has an alcohol license (Moor Park Fine Foods). Such a small parade does not need a second retail outlet with a Licence.

Allowing a licence till late in the evening will attract more traffic and pedestrians to a very quiet residential area – this is likely to be disruptive to the immediate area, could lead to possible ante-social behaviour in the immediate vicinity of the parade, the local roads, and the station and station access. Especially for people using the transport system late in the evening likely to be an issue. The traffic likely will bring noise pollution too.

In addition there is too always the possibility of likely increased crime resulting from the sale of more alcohol.

Moor Park is a quiet residential area and allowing this licence is likely for all the above possible reasons to be detrimental to the current enjoyment by the residents of this neighbourhood.

I would also add the current post office is a social gathering place for Merchant Taylors School kids after school – where they buy sweets and soft drinks etc. The risk of theft by under age kids would be very high and would likely lead to some very ante-social behaviours outside the parade of shops which includes retail outlets and professional premises. Such behaviours would be very unpleasant for the many people visiting these professionals (Dentist, Specialist Dental Clinic, Accountants, upmarket fashion outlet).

I don't think there are any sensible grounds on which to permit this Application.

38. Noise and disorder may arise if groups are allowed to purchase alcoholic drinks late in the evenings, 7 days a week.

I strongly object to opening hours extending to 11pm in a largely residential area.

39. THESE OPENING HOURS TILL 2300 HRS SELLING ALCOHOL WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN CRIME & DISORDER REGARDLESS OF PROPOSED MONITORING ENCOURAGING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

40. I DO NOT OBJECT TO ALCOHOL BEING SOLD ON THE PREMISES BUT DO NOT FEEL IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE LICENSING HOURS TO EXTEND BEYOND 1900 HRS.

MOOR PARK IS A PRIVATE ESTATE AND IS UNLIKELY TO GENERATE DEMAND FOR ALCOHOL PURCHASES BEYOND THIS TIME

THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT LIVE ON THE ESTATE, USING ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES AND ALCOHOL IN THE HOODS, PARTICULARLY THOSE BORDERING THE RAILWAY LINE. I FEEL THAT EXTENDED LICENSING HOURS COULD FUEL THIS PROBLEM.

41. THE LOCATION AND LONG OPENING HOURS WILL LIKELY LEAD TO ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, WITH DRINKING IN HOODS BEHIND THE TUBE STATION

IT IS QUITE LIKELY TO ATTRACT DRUNKS CAUSING A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC, THIS HAPPENS NEAR WINTHROD TUBE STATION

IT WILL ATTRACT A LARGE NUMBER OF ALCOHOLICS WITH LONG OPENING HOURS BEHIND THE TUBE STATION (06:00 TO 23:00)

THE PREMISES HAS A FULL SELECTION OF SOFT DRINKS AND JUICES AND IS SELLING MAINLY TO SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM NEARBY SCHOOLS (M. TAYLOR / N. PEAR)

42. Selling alcohol late into the evening encourages young people to come in from the station to gather in large groups, drinking alcohol, drinking, causing antisocial

behaviour, litter, noise, in what is a quiet residential area. The shop is used morning and afternoons by a large number of school children from a school that is 5 mins walk away and children that use the station to go to and from local schools.

43. Groups of young people will congregate and there is potential for disorder during late evening opening hours.

Multiple late evening visits will generate noise and car parking issues. Vehicles that cannot find a car space will block the road and be a nuisance to residents and families leaving the two restaurants.

44. THE PREMISES ARE ALSO A POST OFFICE, WHICH IS NOT MENTIONED ON THE APPLICATION. IN FACT THE DRAWING LAYOUT OF THE PREMISES WHICH FEELS PART OF THEIR APPLICATION, LABELS THE P.O. AS STORES!! THE BEER & WINE COUNTER IS RIGHT NEXT TO THE P.O. COUNTER WHICH IS AVOID TO TROUBLE & POTENTIAL CRIME. SEE ATTACHMENT

THE PREMISES ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A QUIET SUBURBAN AREA & AN OFF LICENCE DOES NOT FIT INTO THIS SCENARIO & IS BOUND TO CAUSE NOISE & GATHERING OF YOUTHS, WHICH IS A CONCERN FOR THIS AREA. THE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE ALSO CLEARLY EXCESSIVE, 6AM TO 11PM, & NOT THE REGULAR SHOPPING HOURS (9AM TO 5PM). ALSO THE METRO PARK

TUBE STATION IS LESS THAN 100YDS AWAY. IT'S VERY LIGHTLY (IF AT ALL) MANAGED & THE SALE OF LIQUOR IS BOUND TO CREATE PROBLEMS ON THE TUBE SYSTEM.

45. We have lived in this neighbourhood for over 50 years and the shopping parade has been perfectly adequate for its purposes as being a convenience facility for those who are unable for whatever reason to access more distant shops. There is already a comprehensive outdoor licence premises within 40 yards of the applicant as well 2 licences restaurants, and we don't see the need for any additional alcohol and liquor licences. We also object to this application on other grounds: The location of these proposed licence premises is within 5 mins of a local secondary school, whose pupils already are in the habit of causing unsociable

congestion before and after school hours surrounding the shop. Though the applicant might be able to monitor any drinking that may prevail in the immediate environs of the premises, only 40 yards distant is woodland which itself would be unmonitored and therefore make a suitable location for nuisance parties. With the added danger of involving under age children, as well as potentially causing a public nuisance. The proposed excessive opening hours well into the night will attract from neighbouring areas unwelcome late night shoppers into the estate. The location of the premises does not enjoy police patrols. Your cautious consideration on this unnecessary application would be truly appreciated,

46. The area does not need 2 off-licences within the same parade of shops. Moor Park Fine foods already provides a convenience store/off-licence service. Apart from duplication, the extended evening/night opening hours are potentially likely to attract disturbance/crime to the area. On the basis of the above, I object to the licensing application.

47. Dear Licensing Team

I would like to rephrase

I have concerns with regard to the long hours that the licence has been applied for. This allows alcohol to be purchased for 17 hours straight in a small parade. This may lead to antisocial behaviour, disturbance and congregation at the premises well before and beyond all other locations have closed. The hours applied for seem excessive and in so, there are concerns raised about crime, public safety and nuisance. This also concerns me as it is primarily a news agent where young children regularly frequent which may cause children harm. There are also concerns that such long hours, could lead to antisocial behaviour and children may be impacted when at or around the premises. I also have concerns about the location of the alcohol and unlike other premises in the area, it is not located behind the counter but in the main aisles.

In Support

1. Happy to support this as it will bring more variety of products to the local market to the benefit of the residents whilst also ensuring the valuable post office remains.
2. Dear Licensing Team,
Re above, I live in Moor Park some metres from the premises applying for a licence and I am writing to support the application, please see my comments below.
The longer opening hours could lead to more employment.
The owner(s) could have a successful business providing them with benefit and if successful it will be because customers find the service useful.
There will be work/income for the Council (through license fee and administration).
The risk of anti-social behaviour is acceptable because this is a quiet area and any trouble would more likely be reported than if this was in a busier/nosier location - so if there would be more chance of withdrawing or refusing a renewal for, a license than if this was in an area where anti-social behaviour is not likely to be so well controlled.

3.

As a customer of the above premises
it's good to know that in these
uncertain times someone is willing to
continue and enhance local trading.