

Guildford, 22 of September 2015

Ref: Waitrose application for new premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003

Dear Sir/Madam

We hereby make a representation, strongly and unreservedly objecting the above mentioned licensing application. The application entails that Waitrose would be open from 07.30 to 22.00 every day, with the exception of Sundays. We feel that this application contravenes two of the licensing objectives, namely the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. Moreover, it will fail to promote the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

Indeed, as residents in the vicinity of the store, living a few metres away from the premises, we feel that, if it were to be approved, this licence would directly and deeply disturb our daily life, with the added noise. Moreover, there are several children of school age sleeping in bedrooms opposite the store. They will be affected by the noise if the store is allowed to operate until 22.00, well past the usual bed time for young children, which is clearly harmful for their healthy development. This is totally unacceptable.

This area has been plagued with antisocial behaviour arising from alcohol consumption – this is well documented by the police and community officers. Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area where crime, disorder and public nuisance have already reached problem levels for the local police.

This application is also in clear contravention of policy G1(3) of the Guildford Local Plan of 2003, concerning the 'Protection of Amenities Enjoyed by Occupants of Buildings'. Point 3.26 of the Plan's preamble states that "[t]he amenities of occupants will be given a high priority, and development which adversely affects existing occupiers will be resisted". The policy itself is quite clear: residents are to be protected from developments and changes of use that may "adversely affect amenity though noise and disturbance".

This is undoubtedly the case with the proposed application. The extended hours will bring additional noise and pollution from traffic. Note also that this constitutes a variation of the initial proposal, which stated opening hours of 8.00-20.00.

In this view of the above, we would urge Guildford Borough Council to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely,

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