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Sevenoaks District Council

Date:

6th March 2010

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I am writing regarding the application for a licence to sell alcohol made by Kemsing Newsagents at Dynes Road, Kemsing.

Kemsing already has Richlands Store in Dynes Road which currently sells alcohol. Fortunately, Richlands Store has a proprietor who is extremely conscientious in his approach to the sale of alcohol and he seems to fully appreciate the responsibilities that come with such a license. I know that all of the staff who work at the store are trained with regards to selling alcohol and they are told in no uncertain terms that if there is any doubt regarding someone's age they do not sell alcohol. In addition to this there are CCTV cameras in all parts of the store.

Young people will try to buy alcohol under-age, this is a fact of life.

Where alcohol is served young people tend to congregate and if they manage to consume alcohol then problems invariably follow. Dynes Road is a residential area and I really cannot see how on earth anyone can justify having two shops in such a location selling alcohol.

The proprietors who have taken over Kemsing Newsagents are new to the area. We do not, as yet, know anything about them. We do not know if they will be as responsible with a liquor license as they should be.

In this day and age we read every day about how young people in this country binge drink and we are constantly being told that alcohol fuelled aggression and crime is spiralling out of control. In view of this I genuinely believe that to issue another alcohol licence in this small parade of shops in our village would be, at best irresponsible, and at worst a recipe for disaster.

To issue another licence would serve no useful purpose and be of absolutely no benefit to the community. It could, however cause untold problems for the decent people of Kemsing.

Finally, I would just like to point out that I am not the sort of person who is taken to writing to local councils or writing letters of complaint etc. I am, however, a family man with two young children. At the moment they are able to go round to the shops in complete safety. This will not be the case if they are confronted by groups of youngsters drunk on cheap alcohol.

I do hope that you take into account the fears and concerns of local residents such as myself.

I look forward to you making the correct, responsible decision.

Yours faithfully

71 Dynes Road

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Dear Sevenoaks Council Licensing Team,

I am writing to oppose the granting of an off license at 1 The Parade, Dynes Road, Kemsing, Sevenoaks.

I am sure that you are fully aware that Kemsing is, and always will be, a quiet remote village in the borders of Sevenoaks. People move here for the so called 'quiet life' and to move away from the late night hustle and bustle of busy towns and cities. I think that if the paper shop were to be granted this license it will just encourage late night binge drinking in the village and this is definitely something that the residents of Kemsing do not want or need.

In addition to the late night drinking that will come with this shop extending its opening hours a lot of cars and general noise will also be a result of this. I think that the people in the village are proud of the fact that Kemsing is calm and peaceful and they would obviously like to keep things the way they are at present.

Moreover, there are also two shop selling alcohol and two pubs. This means there is obviously a sufficient amount of places to purchase alcohol so it would not be necessary for another place to be granted the license.

The parade is located in a residential area so it is stated that all the other shops within the parade have to close at 9pm. This is to respect the wishes of others to have a quiet location to live and discourage late night noise.

I strongly agree that is would be very unnecessary and create lots of problems if 1 The Parade, Dynes Road were to be given the alcohol selling license.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Cook

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66 Dynes Road Kemsing Sevenoaks Kent TN15 6RB

02/03/2010

Sevenoaks District Council Licensing Team Community and Planning Services PO Box 182 Argyle Road Sevenoaks Kent TN13 1GP

Dear Sir / Madam

Newsagents on Dynes Road Parade, Kemsing - Application for Off Licence

I am concerned to hear that the Newsagents on Dynes Parade has recently applied for a licence to sell alcohol up to 10.30pm.

We currently have an off licence within Richlands Convenience store, which serves the community and offers the ability to purchase alcohol up to 7.30pm. By offering the ability to purchase alcohol up to 10.30pm this will encourage more nuisance to the residents in the way of noise from additional traffic and kids loitering and shouting.

Surely there is no need for another off licence so close to an existing one. I trust you will give my concerns due consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Anne Whiting

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APPENDIX F

Vincent, Rachel

From:

Kemsing Parish Council [kemsingpc@tiscali.co.uk]

Posted At:

10 March 2010 21:49

Conversation: Kemsing News - 10/00460/LAPRE

Posted To:

Licensing (Licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

Subject:

Kemsing News - 10/00460/LAPRE

Dear Leeann,

As promised, here are Kemsing Parish Council's comments on this premises licence application.

I was asked to respond as follows:-

- 1. The Parish Council objects to the proposed amendments to extend the hours of opening and sale of alcohol from Monday to Sunday, between 9.00 am and 9.30 pm which is not consistent with the adjoining premises selling alcohol. The Parish Council is of the opinion that the licence to sell alcohol should terminate at 7.30 pm, and not 9.30 pm. in respect that it is a residential area with flats above whereby evening traffic and late night visitors will increase public nuisance.
- 2. The proposed licence would create more traffic movement and noise.

Yours sincerely,

Yolanda Tredoux (Mrs.) Clerk to the Council Clerk's Office St. Edith Hall High Street Kemsing Sevenoaks Kent TN15 6NA

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