

Appendix C - Representations

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Wed 24/06/2020 10:30

[Redacted]

Application for extension of Morrisons opening hours.

To SW-Licensing

I wish to formally object to the proposed application of extended 24hr opening for the Morrisons supermarket in Totnes and also the garage.

I am particularly concerned about the sale of alcohol.

I do not object to the sale of food or fuel.

I do not want to see a rise in alcohol related crimes and issues particularly for the more vulnerable members of our town. This includes those with mental health issues and young people some of whom will be under age drinkers.

I have been a member of the Street Pastor team for the last 5years in Totnes so I am aware of some of the issues that arise due to the purchase of alcohol particularly in the evenings.

I hope you will take my objection and concerns seriously when making any decisions about this application.

Thank you

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Wed 08/07/2020 17:09

[Redacted]

Proposed increase in licensing hours at Morrisons Supermarket Totnes

To SW-Licensing

I would like to object to the proposed increase in licensing hours at Morrisons Supermarket Coronation Road, Totnes, TQ9 5DF to 24hours. This is addition to the complaint about a similar proposal at Morrisons Petrol Gragae

There is absolutely no benefit to the people of Totnes by this proposal and there are several negative aspects.

Increased likelihood of anti-social drinking. This is already a problem in Totnes, and efforts have been made in recent years to decrease this. Increased availability of alcohol will make the issue worse again and encourage street people to be out and about late at night causing a public nuisance

It increases the risk to the young people of the town. As a school governor I am aware that there is a problem of under-age drinking. Teenagers do hang around Morrisons supermarket on some evenings and manage to obtain alcohol.

The increasing of hours of supply late into the night, increases the possibility of teens obtaining alcohol, and would encourage more of them to stay out late at night. This is a risk in itself, without the added risk of alcohol.

Yours sincerely

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Thu 25/06/2020 08:18

[Redacted]

Objection to extending the times available to buy alcohol

To SW-Licensing

You replied to this message on 25/06/2020 09:53.

Dear Sirs or Madam

I am very concerned about Morrison's wanting to extend the time they can sell alcohol especially at the petrol station.

This will allow alcohol buying in the early hours of the morning which can certainly be a time when people who have problems with alcohol will find it difficult not to purchase more if they can and some of these people might be drivers of cars.

I am really concerned that there will be increased danger to public safety on the roads and possibly more social disturbances, because of this I would like to object to these applications.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

4.



Wed 08/07/2020 16:35

FW: Objection to extension of licensing

To SW-Licensing

We would like to object to the application from **Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC Coronation Road, Totnes, TQ9 5DF** for a variation to a premises licence below: *To vary the hours for the sale by retail of alcohol and opening to 0000 to 2400 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive. To permit late night refreshment from 2300 to 0500 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive.*

Street Pastors support the night-time economy most Fridays between the hours of 9.30pm to 1am. We meet people who often have had too much to drink and have made themselves vulnerable or aggressive. Shop windows have been damaged. We have on CCTV the window of the museum being broken, the perpetrators being quite clearly very drunk. We also meet young people, who whilst they are polite in their interactions with us, have drunk more than they should and very often from high alcohol spirits.

We often notice too, groups of youngsters gathering outside Morrisons, often mixing with those coming out having just purchased alcohol.

As a town we are concerned about alcohol misuse and feel that extended hours will just make it impossible for people to make sensible choices re consumption and make it so much easier for unscrupulous people to exploit the situation and indeed prove too much of an easy temptation for our young people. We picked up **236 discarded bottles and cans in 2019**. We collect many of the bottles and cans from Borough Park where we meet the young people. A lot of the bottles were for spirits – notably vodka.

There is also a public health and hygiene issue. We notice regularly the difficulty experienced by those enjoying the night-time economy in accessing toilets, leading persons of both sexes to resort to urinating in public areas. All-night access to drink – whether alcoholic or not – would greatly increase this burden, both on the night-time visitors and on the local authority cleaning the morning after.

Each of the 4 following objections come into play with this application: Prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance, and protection of children from harm.

The Management Team of Totnes Street Pastors, part of Caring Town



Caring Town

5.



Wed 01/07/2020 17:33

[Redacted]

Opposition to-Variation Application for Morrison store and petrol station

To SW-Licensing

We removed extra line breaks from this message.

I would like to add my total opposition to the above application on the grounds of:

1. Totnes has enough places for people to obtain alcoholic drinks in the town.
2. We have a major drink related problem by many of the homeless people and others, especially in the evening. This has often led to antisocial behaviour, violence to property and distress to local residents.
 1. I live in Manor Way and we have had people knocking on our door in the middle of the night (clearly drunk!) I feel it is totally unnecessary for Morrison to request such an application and I respectfully urge you to deny this.

Thank you

[Redacted signature]

6.

Ref: Variation to a premises licence application from WM Morrison Supermarkets PLC for Morrisons Store, Coronation Road, Totnes

Grounds for Objection

1. Protection of children from harm
2. Prevention of public nuisance
3. Prevention of crime and disorder
4. Public safety

Substance of the objection

I am writing as a representative of “Caring Town”, a project unique to Totnes, and convenor and chair of our two working groups which are relevant to this application. The two groups are concerned with the safeguarding of young people **“Keeping Young Totnes Safe”** and the second is concerned with the **rough sleepers and street people in Totnes**.

We wish to lodge **an objection** to the variation of the alcohol licence to Morrisons store for the following reasons:

- Our groups are concerned with the welfare of young people in the community and rough sleepers especially in respect of misuse of drugs and alcohol. We believe that neither of these groups will benefit from extended alcohol sales. We have concerns for their wellbeing already and can see no justification for increasing the risks to their safety by offering them more opportunities to purchase alcohol
- We already have a Public Space Protection order in place (alcohol) as anti-social behaviour related to alcohol has increased over the years. There have been several incidents including damage to shop windows , two valuable windows at the Totnes museum were punched through and threatening behaviour.
- We believe that an extended 24 hour licence is likely to encourage longer drinking hours. As the shop car park borders the river path, we are concerned that people will congregate to continue their drinking in that area and put themselves at risk.

Why does this matter?

We believe that this will not support the safeguarding of our young people

We believe that it would undermine the work done by the Connection Hub, the Street Pastors, SHDC navigators and others all of whom have made significant progress to support vulnerable groups in the town.

Who are we and what are our relevant activities?

Amongst many other initiatives **Caring Town** convenes two multi agency working groups: **“Keeping Young Totnes Safe”** and **“Addressing the needs of rough sleepers and street people”**.

The two groups have representation from: the NHS, Public health, churches, town and district councils, Drug and Alcohol Services for young people and adults, schools, local children’s centres, the Totnes Community Hub, Street pastors, the CAB and several local charities and organisations.

Each group shares the same purpose which include ensuring strong lines of communication and the sharing of local knowledge. We are proactive in seeking new approaches and solutions to support the most vulnerable in our community. Agencies and groups attend voluntarily to gain added value over the normal channels of communication.

In light of the above, we ask that you refuse this application

Thank you for your attention

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Convenor and chair of the Caring Town working groups

The organisations listed under the heading above “**Who are we?**” have agreed that an objection should be placed through “**Caring Town**”. Should you require names please let me know.

7.



Mon 06/07/2020 15:16

Cllr Joseph Rose

RE: Variation to premises licence - Morrisons, Coronation Road, Totnes

To  Naomi Stacey

Hi Naomi

My concern with sales of alcohol in the early hours of the morning would be that the people likely to acquire it could be the least responsible alcohol consumers, I would be concerned that some people might be more likely to engage in disreputable and possibly criminal behaviour under the influence of alcohol when the town is asleep. For this reason I object to the licensing of Morrisons selling alcohol through the night.

Cllr Joseph Rose

Totnes Ward



South Hams
District Council

8.



Mon 13/07/2020 10:31

John Birch [REDACTED]

Variation Application – Morrisons Store, Coronation Road, Totnes.

To SW-Licensing

[REDACTED]



Variation Application – Morrisons Store, Coronation Road, Totnes.

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a variation to the premises licence for the sale of alcohol by Wm. Morrison Supermarkets PLC for Morrisons Store, Coronation Road, Totnes. The basis for this opposition is that granting a variation to the existing licence for these premises, which will result in alcohol being on sale for 24 hours a day for seven days a week, will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder, antisocial behaviour and public nuisance.

The Morrisons Store is adjacent to an area cited within the Public Spaces Protection Order (Alcohol) 2018 issued by South Hams District Council and extending the licence to sell alcohol to 24 hours would be totally detrimental to its aims and objectives. The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption off the premises 24 hours a day for seven days a week. Granting a variation to the existing licence will provide a further source of alcohol within an area already populated with more than sufficient licensed premises and will result in Totnes suffering a further increase in crime, disorder, anti social behaviour and public nuisance. The social problems associated with alcohol have increased in Totnes over the years and gave rise to the need to address the issue by the introduction of the Public Spaces Protection Order (Alcohol) 2018 by SHDC. Residents in this area already suffer noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour at all hours of the day and night. They have endured this inconvenience for a considerable period of time and the granting of the variation application will exacerbate the situation.

In addition to my objection above I would request the Committee to consider the submissions of the following which are attached;

1. [REDACTED] director and trustee of Marketplace Ministries and the Totnes Connection Hub
2. [REDACTED]
3. Totnes Street Pastors
4. [REDACTED]
5. Caring Town Working Groups - to follow

In view of the above, I would request the Licensing Committee to refuse the application.

Regards

Cllr John Birch
SHDC Member for Totnes

9.

Re: Fw: Variation Application - Morrisons Daily Petrol Filling Station, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5LF

[REDACTED]
Wed 24/06/2020 10:00
[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

I/we at Totnes Connection Hub would want to fully support you in opposing both applications.

We see on a daily the result of people consuming too much alcohol and see no reason to encourage more access to it.

There are currently about 8 rough sleepers who all have various levels of addiction, it would not be helpful for them to have 24hr access.

There are also people who access the Together Drugs and Alcohol service which operates out of our premises, they see a lot of people with alcohol addictions.

[REDACTED] if you want to chat about this further, please don't hesitate to contact me. You may have a clearer way of writing things down!!

I do find this quite unbelievable!!

Thanks

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
Director & Trustee Marketplace Ministries Ltd & Totnes Connection Hub
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

10.



Tue 14/07/2020 15:33

Variation Application Morrisons Store Coronation Road Totnes

To Tara OKeefe

Cc Cllr John Birch

I am making a formal objection on the grounds of impact on public health (public safety) and protection of children from harm.

Excessive alcohol consumption is a leading cause of disease and premature mortality worldwide.....increasing the risk of a wide range of diseases... and can severely impact mental health and become a source of addiction. Research highlights the dangers that growth in excess drinking poses to population health (Lancet 2020). Extending licensing hours increases the availability of alcohol, to all age groups, thus having a potential detrimental impact on public health.

The impact of alcohol availability and pricing on child health, and subsequent behaviour in later adult life, is also emphasised in the report published in March this year 'State of Child Health 2020' (RCPCH). The incidence of adolescent intoxication increases and, no doubt, has a subsequent impact on both future health of the individual, wider society and also an increase of inappropriate behaviour and crime.

The allowance of such availability in an area opposite to the local community hospital, and where people can congregate through the night will have a significant impact on the town and patient care in the hospital.

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

11.



Thu 16/07/2020 16:55

Cllr Jo Sweett

morrison's licenses

To SW-Licensing

Hello Naomi and all,

I thought I had sent a representation a few days ago but I don't believe it has sent after all.

I do not support Morrison's licensing applications for the sale of alcohol 24 hrs or for the sale of refreshments 23.00hrs-0500hrs.

There is no "need" in Totnes for these kind of sales.

The local youth group and safeguarding young peoples group and the food bank where the drug and addiction services work from have all contacted me with concerns around the 24 sales of alcohol. There would be a detrimental impact on those with alcohol addictions and very likely an increase in public disorder and ASB. There is not need for our young people to be offered alcohol 24hours, there are no late night bars or clubs in the area which at least would provide a space and some kind of safeguarding but selling booze all night is not going to benefit the community especially the most vulnerable. I would also have concerns for the wellbeing of children in homes with alcohol issues.

Though the lockdown I've become aware of alcohol delivery services and I'm aware that has a detrimental impact on ASB and neighbour disputes. Whilst I'm sure there are some locals working night shifts I don't know of specific 24 hour employers which may warrant refreshment sales through the night.

As Ward member for Totnes I would like the committee to refuse these applications.

Thanks and best wishes

Jo

12.



Wed 15/07/2020 12:50

FW: Response required please: see below re 24 hour alcohol licence extension at Morrisons filling station

To

Cc



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Dear Cllr Birch and Tara,

At the Council Matters Committee on Monday evening, Totnes Town Councillors considered this licensing request. The Committee objects to the variation for the following reasons:

- Public Safety – concern that the location could attract those driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Prevention of Public Nuisance – the service station sits in a residential area.
- Prevention of Crime and Disorder – 24 hour sale of alcohol could see this location become a magnet for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts.
- Safeguarding – for the staff in the store and for young people given the close proximity to KEVICC, the Skate Park and Vire Island.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

Committee and Cemetery Administrator
Totnes Town Council

[Redacted]

From

[Redacted]

Sent: 15 July 2020 14:13

To: Tara O'Keefe

[Redacted]

Subject: FW: Response required please: see below re 24 hour alcohol licence extension at Morrisons filling station

Hello Tara,

Could I check what contact details you have for Totnes Town Council as we don't seem to have directly received the license extension emails for either the Morrisons Petrol Station or the main store. Totnes Town Council's objections to any extension to the operating hours of the main store would be the same as those listed for the petrol station.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

Committee and Cemetery Administrator
Totnes Town Council

[Redacted]

13.

From [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 June 2020 09:43
To: SW-Licensing <licensing@swdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Morrisons Filling station. Totnes

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to object to the application by Morrisons filling station, Station Rd, Totnes, for rights to stay open for the sale of alcohol 24/7.

This is a greedy & utterly absurd & dangerous idea. In trying to recoup lost income over lockdown, they are planning to exploit the alcoholic and homeless of this town & attract same from neighbouring towns such as Plymouth.

Morrisons (both petrol station and Supermarket, do extremely well in this town, as they are the sole merchants & have virtually no competition).

It is pure GREED that is driving this absurd suggestion. I hope you can nip it in the bud, teach them a lesson and help the poor folk who have been driven by hard times to dependance on alcohol.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

14.



Mon 06/07/2020 20:30

[Redacted]

Objection to Morrisons, Coronation Road, Totnes, TQ9 5dF license application

To SW-Licensing

To whom it may concern

I'm writing with regard to the license application by WM Morrisons, Coronation Rd, Totnes, to:

- Vary the hours for the sale by retail of alcohol and opening to 24hrs Monday to Sunday inclusive.
- Permit late night refreshment from 11:00 p.m. to 05:00 a.m. Monday to Sunday inclusive.

I am a resident and owner of : [Redacted]

and as such, one of the closest neighbours to Morrisons supermarket.

I have lived at the above address for over 10 years now and since the longer opening hours of Morrisons were introduced a few years ago,

the noise from late night deliveries has become increasingly invasive

- it is not uncommon to be woken up at 3 or 4 am to the sound of crates being dragged across metal flooring, hydraulic lifts, reverse alarms and idling diesel engines.

I have written to Morrisons in the past regarding this, but have never had a response.

I have little doubt that the noise would be above acceptable levels with regard to the Environmental act 1990. So far, I have not had the time and energy to pursue this further,

and have resorted to sleeping on the other side of the house. This is not a long term solution.

I am concerned that that longer opening hours -24hr - would exacerbate this further, as a result of a busier store/ more deliveries and that noise form other vehicles would increase.

Therefore, on these grounds I object to the application. If WM Morrisons were to engage with residents, and come up with a solution to the noise pollution by somehow soundproofing the loading/delivery area

and curtailing night time deliveries, I would be more open to the new opening hours.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

15.



Thu 09/07/2020 12:30

[REDACTED]

Application for variation to a licence

To SW-Licensing

Cc [REDACTED]

I would like to object to the application from Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC Coronation Road, Totnes, TQ9 5DF for a variation to a premises licence below: To vary the hours for the sale by retail of alcohol and opening to 0000 to 2400 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive. To permit late night refreshment from 2300 to 0500 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive.

Here are some excerpts from an internet search I did, which strongly correlate with items 1, 2 and 3 on your list:

<https://alcoholchange.org.uk/alcohol-facts/fact-sheets/alcohol-crime-and-disorder>

Alcohol is implicated in an enormous amount of crime and disorder, and the effects on victims can be devastating. It is a factor in around 39% of all violent crimes in England and 49% in Wales, as well as contributing to public disorder and anti-social behaviour in communities across the country.

As police forces face cuts, dealing with pockets of disorder long into the early hours is a drain on resources.

<https://www.alcoholrehabguide.org/alcohol/crimes/>

Alcohol plays a large role in criminal activities and violence. Excessive drinking has the ability to lower inhibitions, impair a person's judgement and increase the risk of aggressive behaviour.

I am particularly concerned that the sale of alcohol late at night to car drivers in the Morrison's service station could encourage drink-driving. To a somewhat lesser extent, this also applies to the main Morrison's store. I need hardly say that drink-driving can cause fatal accidents.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

16.



Wed 01/07/2020 21:56

[Redacted]
application for selling alcohol at Morrisons Service Station and Store.

To Tara OKeefe

You replied to this message on 24/07/2020 14:21.

Dear Ms O'Keefe, I wish to strongly object to the proposal for the selling of alcoholic drink at Morrison's Service Station on the following grounds:

- 1) Many of the people buying alcohol will be motorists who might not exercise diligent judgment late at night.
- 2) With the lack of youth facilities in the town due not only to lockdown but also to a lack for funds for same from central government there will be a temptation for underage drinkers to obtain alcohol at all times from this facility.
- 3) During the uncertain times we are living through the provision of alcohol to desperate people who tend to assemble in groups, who are bored and frustrated, is unwise.

As a street pastor in Totnes I have seen the results of excessive drinking in public places by both adults and under aged drinkers, ranging from unconsciousness to stupid, loud, and antisocial behaviour. Why do we want this behaviour encouraged to bolster the profits of a large corporation?

Best wishes,
[Redacted]
[Redacted]