

Appendix C - representations

1.



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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2.



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SW-Licensing

24/06/2020

Objection to extension of licensing

You replied to this message on 24/06/2020 10:42.



I would like to object to the proposed increase in licensing hours at Morrisons Petrol Station, Totnes to 24hours. I gather there may also be a similar proposal for the supermarket itself.

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

[Redacted]

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3.



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.



[Redacted]

SW-Licensing

25/06/2020

Morrisons Totnes filling station licensing application

You replied to this message on 24/07/2020 14:02.

Dear Licensing Committee

I understand that Morrisons petrol station is applying to extend its licensing hours from 6:00 - 21:00 to 0.00 - 24.00.

This would be disastrous, in my opinion, and completely at odds with all four Statutory Licensing Objectives.

1. The scope for crime and disorder would be much greater considering the fact that the people who would frequent the premises during the extra hours are likely to be drunk or desperate for alcohol, and the nearby expanse of grass and shrubs is an invitation for those customers to use it as a meeting place for drinking and possibly drug-taking.
 2. Public safety would be compromised by the above and there's also the danger of needles and broken glass being left in the grass. The safety of staff working at the filling station would also be jeopardised, increasing the workload of local police.
 3. Public nuisance is a further issue: More cars and fumes, more light-pollution, noise, general mayhem. And there's a hospital very close by where patients would be trying to sleep, as would local residents who live right behind the premises. Furthermore, increased litter would turn an attractive green space into an eyesore.
 4. All the above could adversely affect children, from discarded needles to disturbed sleep and maybe an increase in alcohol consumption by older and vulnerable family members.
- The scheme would be of no benefit whatsoever to our town and its impact would be 100% negative.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

5.



Tue 30/06/2020 09:24

FW: Objection to extension of licensing

To SW-Licensing

 You replied to this message on 24/07/2020 14:06.

We would like to object to the application from Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC for Morrisons Daily Petrol Filling Station, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5LF 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

6.



Wed 01/07/2020 17:33

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 [redacted] 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

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

7.



SW-Licensing

02/07/2020

licence application from Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC for Morrisons

(please disregard my previous email accidentally sent prior to editing)

Dear sir

Reference - variation to a premises licence application from Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC for Morrisons Daily Petrol Filling Station, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5LF.

I wish to put forward an objection to the above premises being granted permission to vary the hours for the sale by retail of alcohol and opening to 0000 to 2400 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive.

permit late night refreshment from 2300 to 0500 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive.

The grounds for my objections and concerns are that the 24 hour sale of alcohol will lead to increased crime and disorder, public nuisance and there will be an increased risk to public safety especially in the protection of children. We do not need such access to alcohol in this town. We already have provision during normal licensing hours on and off premises both retail and in hospitality. Policing in this town is often non-existent in the period 00:00 hrs to 06:00hrs, I feel there will be little control of the effects of allowing this.

Further the allowing of night refreshments at this location throughout the night will create a hot spot for gatherings and antisocial behaviour. What protection will be in place for staff at Morrisons who are already subjected to abuse/harm during the present hours of operation? Again the policing of this will be lacking and under-resourced.

Totnes town functions up to midnight on its busier nights. Generally the town becomes quiet after this time. Encouraging the sale of alcohol 24 hrs a day and creating a night refreshment spot will lead to the town's 'quiet hours' being diminished.

Please refuse both of these applications.

Regards

8.



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

Tara O'Keefe

03/07/2020

Dear Ms. O'Keefe

I wish to register a formal objection to the Variation Application by Morrisons Daily Petrol Filling Station, Station Road, Totnes TQ9 5LF to vary the hours for the sale of alcohol.

I live only a few hundred yards from the petrol station. Already in the town centre we have problems with people misbehaving themselves late at night owing to drunkenness. To give them further opportunities for buying alcohol can only serve to increase even more the problems of criminal and disorderly behaviour in the town. I am particularly concerned about the effect on young people, who have not yet learned to drink sensibly and who may come to harm through drinking to excess. In my view there is no need for this variation, as there are already plenty of opportunities in the town for those who wish to buy alcohol during normal hours.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

9.

Ref: Variation to a premises licence application from WM Morrison Supermarkets PLC for Morrisons Daily Petrol Filling Station, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5LF

To vary the hours for the sale by retail of alcohol and opening to 0000 to 2400 from Monday to Sunday inclusive

To permit late night refreshment from 23.00 to 0500 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive

Principal Grounds for Objection

1. Protection of children from harm
2. Prevention of public nuisance

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 extension of the alcohol licence to Morrison's garage from 0000 to 2400 and the sale of late-night refreshment from 2300-0500

Our objections are based on the **proximity of Morrisons filling station to the skate park inside Borough Park and to the Railway station** because:

- These are known areas of concern with regards to the consumption of alcohol and drugs by young people from the age of 11 upwards and the potential for County lines to spread to Totnes via the station, a concern which we were informed about at a recent meeting.

- We are aware that, however vigilant the retailer may be, the purchasing of alcohol by those over 18 for those younger is common practice. As the garage is so close to the park this will be considerably easier at any time day or night. This we believe will encourage longer drinking hours thus increasing the vulnerability of our community of young people.
- If the licence is granted, we anticipate that even more young people and others will congregate in this area, particularly at weekends, and increase the public nuisance that we can already evidence through drug and alcohol debris and intimidating behaviour

Why does this matter?

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

We believe that the granting of this licence would undermine the proactive, preventative work we have been engaged in over the past 5+ years to protect children from harm

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.

How will the granting of this licence undermine our work?

Young people are vulnerable to peer pressure. We believe that extending licensing hours could increase that vulnerability and potentially cause harm.

We believe that sending the message out that alcohol is now available 24 hours a day in Totnes goes counter to the work we have been doing which includes:

- The acquisition of drug and alcohol support services in Totnes, there were none before
- Public information sessions
- A comprehensive survey of young people’s attitudes and behaviours re alcohol and drugs, followed up by the establishment of a “youth can make a difference” forum to engage the voice of young people
- Improved communications between agencies and community groups to address common challenges in this area of concern
- Campaign to improve the number and signage of alcohol-free zones
- Acquisition of funding to further our work

Making a Difference

Misuse of alcohol and drugs is a national challenge and a daunting one. However, as a community we are taking on collective responsibility for addressing this challenge.

Despite the enormity of the issue, we believe it is possible to make a shift and reduce the numbers of young people turning to alcohol and drugs see Iceland's highly effective work on this https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/alcohol/docs/ev_20180320_co08_en.pdf.

As you will see from the Iceland experience **policy decisions make a big difference, even small ones. We therefore request that you reject this request from Morrisons**

10.



Wed 01/07/2020 21:56

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

To Tara O'Keefe

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]

11.

  08/07/2020


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

 You replied to this message on 08/07/2020 09:07.




Hi Naomi
Can I paste the same reasons? :

My concern with sales of alcohol in the early hours of the morning at the Morrisons Petrol Station 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.


Thanks

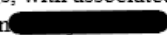



12.

  SW-Licensing;  09/07/2020

Morrisons 24hr sale of alcohol at petrol station

 You replied to this message on 24/07/2020 14:27.

We would like to object to the above application on the grounds of noise and light pollution. Also potential increase traffic during unsocial hours, plus as it becomes known, becoming a place for drink and drug related gatherings, with associated littering and discarded needles.
We live in  and would be directly affected by all the above, should permission be granted
Yours


13.

Mon 13/07/2020 10:23
John Birch [REDACTED]
Fw: Variation Application - Morrisons Daily Petrol Filling Station, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5LF

To: SW-Licensing

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Variation Application – Morrisons Daily Petrol Filling Station, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5LF.

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 Daily Petrol Filling Station, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5LF. 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 Daily Petrol Filling Station 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;

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

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

Regards

Cllr John Birch
SHDC Member for Totnes

14.

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]

15.

 [Redacted Name] | Tara OKeefe; + 1 | 13/07/2020

Re Variation Application Morrisons Daily Petrol Filling Station

 You forwarded this message on 13/07/2020 16:06.


I am writing to object to the variation to the hours for the supply of alcohol at Morrisons Daily Petrol Filling Station.
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 to rise 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.

[Redacted]

16.

 [Redacted Name] | SW-Licensing | 15/07/2020

RE: Morrisons Totnes 24hr application



[Redacted]

Sent: 15 July 2020 09:47
To: SW-Licensing
Subject: Morrisons Totnes 24hr application

I would like to complain about this application. It would be to the detriment of the town to allow this application. There is enough noise with the current traffic, early and late, for the residents of Station Rd and surrounding areas. Totnes neither needs nor requires a 24 hr shop. It would at the best attract more traffic during the night time hours and at worse attract noise and antisocial behaviour from noisy cars and car radios.

[Redacted]

17.

 
morrison's licenses

16/07/2020



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 gong to benefit the community especially the most vulnerable. I would also have concerns for the wellbeing of children in homes with alcohol issues.

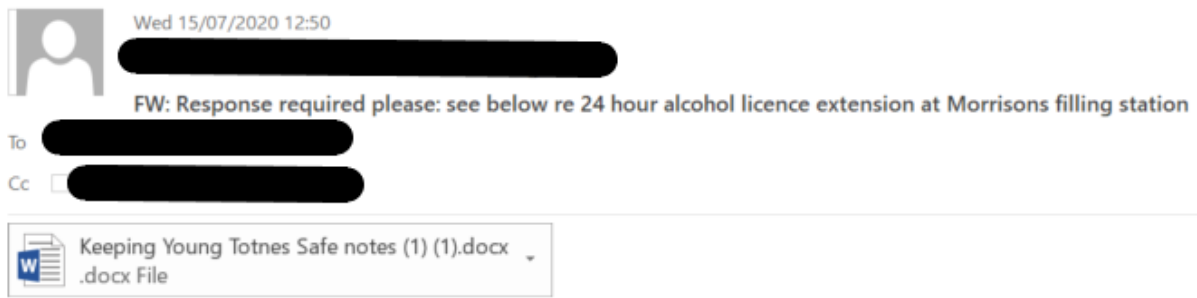
Though the lockdown I've become aware of alcohol delivery services and I'm aware that has a detrimental impact on ASB and neighbour disputes. Whilst Im sure there are some locals working night shifts I don't know of specific 24 hour employers which may warrant refreshment sales through the night.

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

Thanks and best wishes



18.



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 Signature]

Committee and Cemetery Administrator
Totnes Town Council

[Redacted Name]

19.

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 Signature]

20.



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]