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Sent: 21 May 2009 10:07
To: Licensing
Subject: Booths Penwortham - Premise Licence variation

Dear Sue

Following our conversation of a few moments ago, I attach the letter that the manager of the store has written to Mr Benzies. This was hand delivered on 18th May.

The manager has spoken to Mrs Benzies and explained what the application is all about and the was told that he ought to speak to Mr Benzies direct. Unfortunately attempts to reach Mr Benzies have as yet been unsuccessful and he has not replied either to telephone messages or this letter as yet.

I'd be grateful if you could ensure this letter appears in the Hearing papers.

Regards

Nick

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18th May 2009

Dear Mr Benzies

I am writing in reference to your concerns regarding the alteration to the premises license at E H Booth Millbrook Way Penwortham Preston.

I understand that you have several concerns as to how the proposed alterations may affect your local neighbourhood.

As you may be aware I spoke to your wife on the telephone on Friday 15th May and have subsequently left a message on your answer machine.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss your concerns and answer any queries regarding the application and I am willing to meet at a time convenient to yourself.

If this is acceptable please contact me at your earliest convenience on the contact details above to arrange a meeting.

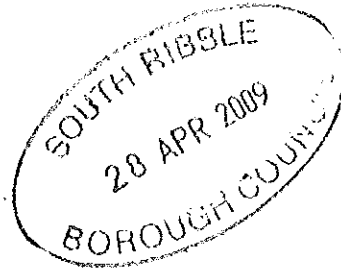
Yours Faithfully

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Monday 20 April 2009

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RE: Objection against Amendment for EH Booths, Millbrook Way

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to register my family's strong objection to the recent application by the Booths superstore on Millbrook Way to extend its opening hours and, effectively, change the use of the premises. Our house in Blackberry Way is only a few yards from the premises and we will be adversely affected.

The company recently extended opening hours to 2100 on most evenings and now they are seeking a licence to sell alcohol and play live and recorded music until 2300 most nights and even 2230 on Sundays. I believe the sale of alcohol will be for consumption both on and off the premises. As a Penwortham resident, and a Booths customer, I fail to see the sense in the application and certainly see several reasons why SRBC should reject it.

Firstly, in a mainly residential area there will be noise and light pollution well into the evenings seven days a week. For Health & Safety reasons I am assuming the Car Park and other lighting will be required until well after the close of the premises i.e. after 2300 six days a week.

Secondly, Booths are effectively changing business use by seeking to play live and recorded music as this relates to the premises becoming an entertainment venue rather than a retail outlet.

Thirdly, the size of the Booths Car Park and the size of the store mean that considerable numbers will be catered for and we are sure a proportion of this will be outside where again noise and disturbance will be maximised. We also believe if customers are allowed to leave their vehicles overnight then the area will become a target for car thieves.

Our home would be on the route home for many of the customers after a late night drinking session so our young family are bound to be affected on school nights. There are already instances of groups of youths congregating near to the store and this will only get worse.

Given the values promoted by SRBC – safe, family-friendly environment with good facilities and services – it seems perverse that as the Leisure Centre is threatened with closure we are also faced with an application that can only be seen to support the binge drinking culture.

Finally, in common with some of our neighbours we have recently extended our home. When we applied for planning permission, individual letters were sent to all close neighbours so they were

clearly informed of our intentions and had the chance to raise concerns and objections. This application was only communicated via a couple of small notices near the Booths store which seems poor given the potential impact.

We have a young family, aged 14 and 9, and late-night disturbances are bound to increase if this application is allowed and the value of our property will be adversely affected. We strongly object to this application and hope you will write back to confirm it has been rejected.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Benzies', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Benzies

