

5, Alder Drive,  
Hoghton,  
Preston,  
PR5 0AD.  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010

Dear Mr Swift,

I write in connection with the proposed change of use at 3A, Alder Drive, Hoghton from a hairdressers to an off licence. Less than 100 yds away opposite is the Spar Shop, which has an adequate off licence facility.

We are a small rural village consisting mainly of pensioners and young families. We need a variety of shops in the village, not another off licence. It is about fifteen years since we had an off licence at 3A, Alder Drive, it was then the only one.

Living next door we had constant problems with gangs of youths at the front, side and back of my house. We suffered verbal and physical abuse, litter everywhere, theft from the car and garage and constant noise especially at the weekends.

The young and the elderly used to be scared of walking past or near the shops when gangs were around. This is now

a safe and friendly area in which to live.


Since the off licence shut we no longer have groups of youths hanging around outside or around the back of our property. We have no swearing, fighting or theft from our properties. Instead of picking up cans and bottles I now pick up weeds.

We used to have a local police force to help us out in our hour of need. Unfortunately without a constant police presence it will be chaos, and constant hell for all of us living in the area.

All of us know that there is a different drink culture around today amongst teenagers. It is seen as a rite of passage to drink more than is healthy and to lose all sense of dignity and reasoning.

Please stop all this happening by declining the change of use licence at this shop. 8-00 am - 10-00 pm seven days a week is ridiculous.

Yours faithfully

Mr B. 

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Notification - South Ribble Borough Council

Robert Hilsden (Spar Store Owner)

Yours Sincerely

I hope my concerns will be noted and considered.

All my staff were trained and till procedures for refusing and logging refusals were introduced immediately and youths hanging round outside were moved on at all times. It took perseverance and persistence to achieve this but nevertheless I got rid of the problem. My main concern now is that by introducing another licensed premises into the area it could reinstate the problem as I am informed that the store is to be a Bargain Booze and they operate a low pricing offer on alcohol and in my opinion it will attract youths back into the area.

I am writing to express my concerns reference the application for the above premises to obtain a licence in our area. I own the Spar store opposite the store in question and when I took over this store on 17.5.05 we had a major problem with youths trying to purchase alcohol and anti social behaviour. I very quickly had to introduce due diligence procedure and with the help of James Hall my Spar wholesaler used the "To sell or not to sell" training programme.

FAO Licensing Manager South Ribble Borough Council

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**Subject:** Application Representation I Kabeer Ahmed 3A Alder Drive Hoghton

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Swift, Matthew

Y. Duerden

thank you

I am asking that after carefully considering this application that it be refused as not only being not NEEDED in our village it is most definately not WANTED in our village.

Recentley in national newspapers ther has been an outcry to increase the price of so called cheap alcohol, But i feel putting another OFF- LICENCE so close to an already established licensed premises would only ensure the prices of alcohol to be so low for competition it would not only encourage the youngsters of the village but would also cause the village residents very much trouble in the way of street drinking and anti social behaviour ! Which we do not have at the present.

And the fact that im sure you are already aware off is that within quarter of a mile of this establishment there are already 3 other licensed premises , one being the spar store and the other two public houses, I feel i need to strongly point out there is no need whatsoever to provide the people of this village with any more alcohol !

It is with much dismay i am writing this letter I have lived in this village for 12 years , And i feel now is the time to speak out ! I cannot believe you as a council who cannot even provide the youngsters off this village with a decent play area of which as taken approximately 8yrs to deal with , would even consider putting another licensed premises in their faces .

I am writing to you regarding a premises licence which as been applied for at 3a Alder drive Hoghton.

Dears Sirs,

30 - 8 - 2010

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