

Licensing Service

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Blackpool Council

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application of a license to retail alcohol, at the Happy Shopper, application number 059448 on Ashfield Road. Having reviewed the Blackpool Borough website, I believe objections need to be proven on four main points.

I hope I am able to illustrate sufficiently that all four points are evident and an objection can be legitimately warranted.

Currently, the premises in question, has a retail area surrounded by Perspex as protection against the numerous attacks that have taken place over the years. Outside CCTV has been fitted, and the police have numerous instances, where their presence has been required to alleviate unwelcome advances. One can only presume, this would only escalate if a license were granted, increasing therefore the likelihood of crime.

As a resident of the area for 48 years, I have noticed a steady decline in morals, however over the last 2 years, this has accelerated rapidly. I, therefore have grave concerns that the anti social behaviour, of which Councillor Kath Rowson is more than aware of, would drop further. We have listed numerous cases of lewd and nuisance behaviour, that no residential area should have to tolerate. Once more an alcohol license between 8.00am and 11.00pm, would only attract more problems.

As I am sure you are aware, the shop in question applying for a license, currently retails, everything expected from a grocery store. Obviously, this includes a vast array of childrens' confectionary. Therefore, whilst every step is currently being taken to detract children from smoking, by shuttering off gantries, allowing alcohol into a shop frequented by minors, would increase their exposure to alcohol, on a daily basis.

In conclusion, from the stand point of a resident in the immediate area of the shop, I can only see, anti social behaviour and crime, increasing should this license be granted. I can see no benefits, and only numerous negatives, and have no desire to live next to a shop retailing alcohol 15 hours a day.

Yours Sincerely

David Sprigg

