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18 August 2019

Dear Ian Rushton

Re: application for Bridgefield mini market, at 1 Ryeland Way, Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7FU

I am writing to object the application of a licence to sell alcohol for the mini market at 1 Ryeland Way.

I believe it is wholly inappropriate to grant an alcohol licence for this premise.

This area has already suffered several incidents of antisocial behaviour and criminal damage caused by youths late at night. These incidents have been reported to the police on numerous occasions.

The readily available alcohol will only exacerbate this situation.

The proximity of the children's play park located adjacent to the premises has already seen intoxicated youths causing vandalism and leaving broken glass scatter among the play equipment. Having a licenced premise will only increase this behaviour as alcohol will be readily available.

The proposal to stay open till 22.30 will increase unnecessary noise levels to the residents and families, several of whom have very young children. It is obvious that a 22.30 closing time still means disturbance until 00.00 with restocking, tidying and youths loitering outside the shop.

I believe a closing time closer time 19.30 will a far more considerate closing time to the residence that will be impacted to heavily by this application.

Yours faithfully



Ashleigh Thorp & William Lines



## **KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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Ian Rushton  
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Civic Centre  
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Ashford  
Kent TN23 1PL



14 August 2019

Dear Ian,

### **Premises Licence for supply of alcohol 08:00 – 22:30 for Bridgefield Mini Market, 1 Ryeland Way**

I am writing on behalf of Kingsnorth Parish Council to raise objections to the above premises licence for supply of alcohol for the following reasons:

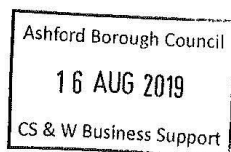
1. The Parish Council are concerned about the length of the hours the store intend to sell alcohol and would like to see these reduced to help prevent crime and disorder in the area as this is already an issue.
2. The premises are located next to a public play park and open space that attracts groups of young people to congregate in the evening causing anti-social behaviour. We feel that restricting the above license application will help public safety and prevent public nuisance to residents.
3. The premises are located on the ground floor of a residential block with flats directly above and to the side of the unit. Allowing this license will cause a public nuisance to residents living in these properties.
4. The public play park and open spaces directly in front of the premises is used by residents and young children we feel that allowing this license could put the children using the play park in danger of harm due to misuse of the area. Residents and users of the play park regularly clear up litter including used glass bottles and condoms from the area before allowing their children to play.

The current license for the following premises named Bridgefield Convenience Store we believe to be owned/managed by the same applicant is located at 38 Poppy Mead, Kingsnorth, Kent, TN23 3GL which is 0.4miles from the new proposed shop and had originally applied for a license to sell alcohol from 08:00 – 19:00, seven days a week with the premises being open from 06:00 – 19:00 seven days a week and the Parish Council would like to see the same license terms and hours applied to this store. We note that these hours have now been extended to 21:00.

The Parish Council would also like to suggest that the applicant is required to have CCTV that covers the outside of the shop and the Play Park and is actively involved in deterring anti-social behaviour around the shop.

Yours sincerely,

  
Peter Le Rossignol  
Kingsnorth Parish Council Manager



Mr D G Ashman  
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REF: 1 Ryeland Way New Premises Licence

To whoever it may concern,

Ashford Borough Council

I am writing in objection to the licensing of the newly opening convenience store at 1 Ryeland way, Bridgefield

It appears that several factors have been overlooked in the planning of the inappropriate proposed siting of the premises in respect of the site being just yards from an under elevens play park, we already have issues with groups of youths loitering in the park starting fires/being noisy late at night/littering and discarding substance abuse canisters/condoms ready for small children to find early in the morning.

I believe we were told that the commercial unit in question would be a retail unit operating within offices hours (IE: 9:00am – 5.00pm) and now it is going to be basically an off licence open until 10.30 pm

Also we are led to believe that the proprietors are relocating from the convenience store from across the bridge on the troubled park farm side of Bridgefield, groups of youths congregate near the shop intimidating local residents and generally being a nuisance even though the existing shop is only open until 9.00pm!

I hope you will take onboard our concerns as this has been a relatively respectable community and the idea of more disrupt ,intimidation and vandalism which a late opening off licence and confectionery shop will undoubtedly attract.

Additionally the impact this could and probably will bring affects the immediately neighbouring dwellings by driving down house prices and gives the area a worsened reputation, three of our neighbours have very recently got for sale boards outside their homes.

All this taken into account we would not be against alternative retail businesses but the idea of fuelling the fire of misery for the community and destruction of a play park is disheartening to say the least.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

We already have video evidence of youths exchanging money for drugs in the under 11,s play park!

Groups of youths can already be seen most nights drinking alcohol in the under 11,s play park

Public Safety

We have witnessed groups of inebriated youths shouting intimidating abuse at residents and myself.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Youths already in the park late at night swearing noisily whilst kids are trying to sleep, that's without the attraction of a shop/off licence

Youths already congregate near shop on park farm side of bridge which I gather will be closing

The protection of Children from Harm

Youths already dropping litter, legal high canisters starting fires and damaging childrens equipment at night in under elevens play park without having a convenience store on site!

All this so the small kids and parents who rise early in the morning can find unsavoury items bought from the inappropriately placed late night opening store the night before littered across the park!

Dangerous and unhygienic!

So yes, we object!

MR D G ASHMAN