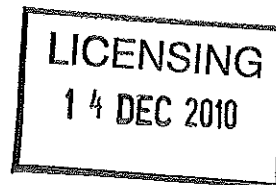


**Objection to a Licence application for
23 Charnwood Avenue, Westone,
Northampton NN3 3DX**



It has been brought to my attention that a licence application under the Licensing Act of 2003 has been made for the above property. I wish to strongly oppose this application.

I, Andrea Cann current owner of Flat 3 Charnwood Court, 17-21 Charnwood Avenue, Westone, Northampton NN3 3DX wish to formally object to the proposed licence application. My property is joined to 23 Charnwood Avenue.

Objections

Noise and direct inconvenience

With proposed hours of 0600 -2300, this would cause major issues for my property and surrounding properties, causing noise disturbance potentially from the hours of 0300- 0400 (commercial paper deliveries etc) to potentially 23.30-0000. 23 Charnwood Avenue, is directly attached to my property, there is no specialised soundproofing in either property as when the properties were built in 1954 they were all shop units.

Mindful of this, the noise pollution would rise to an almost unbearable level as currently every word spoken within 23 Charnwood Avenue can be heard in the adjacent rooms, the adjacent rooms directly attached are bedrooms therefore it would cause intolerable disruption and inconvenience.

Traffic noise (Including surrounding area)

Extra traffic would be a nuisance and cause noise disturbance with vehicles potentially being left outside my bedroom window with engines running with music left playing etc, Nuisance parking, There is only 1 shop unit, the rest are residential, we have had issues over the years with visitors to the shop parking on our drives, blocking our cars in, parking on what is private property.

There is no feasible commercial delivery access at the rear of 23 Charnwood Avenue, therefore commercial vehicles would have to deliver to the front of the property.

This will be potentially a danger to the area, which is currently a very quiet neighbourhood, with a high number of retired occupants and families with small children who currently play safely.

As there are so many small children living nearby, the introduction of commercial vehicles to the area and any additional volume of cars coming in and out would, in my opinion, make the area far too dangerous for pedestrians and especially young children.

Anti social behaviour

Prior to 2001 there was a convenience store (no alcohol sales) situated at 27 Charnwood Avenue (the end of the block, not in the middle of 2 residential properties)

The shop was open from 7am -6pm and this had a huge impact on the surrounding area with a large number of nuisance issues, criminal damage to property, intimidation of local residents with large groups of youths congregating. It is felt that a convenience store with an alcohol licence from 0600 -2300 hours would have an extremely detrimental affect to the surrounding area. With Weston Favell Senior school being within walking distance, this would entice youths to an area they currently have no reason to visit, they may feel that they have more chance in obtaining alcohol and cigarettes from a "local" shop as opposed to the large corporate supermarkets like Co-Op and Tesco.

Environmental issues

With establishments of this kind, there is a damaging affect to the local surrounding area, there will be issues with litter this is enevitable, and the potential graffiti, and damage to surrounding properties. In 2001 when the convenience store was still open. On a daily basis, I had to pick up litter, cigarette butts from both outside the front of my property and to the side and rear where kids used to sneak and hide where they felt they couldn't be seen or caught, there is still slight evidence of the graffiti, but most has over the past 10 years been removed.

Sufficient local amenities

There are already sufficient local amenities in the local area.

Tesco- Weston Favell – 24 hours- direct walk link from Charnwood Avenue
Aldi- Weston Favell
Tesco Garage Weston Favell 24 hours
Co-op
Westone Stores

Finally, on a personal level, I would like to highlight that when the original planning application was approved as A1 status circa 1954, ALL of the units were shops, the opening hours of such establishments in this era, were so significantly different to what they are today. Over the years the council has approved applications to convert all of the other units to residential dwellings.

I would also like to add, that since I found out about this application, I have not slept due to worry and I have had to contact my GP with regards to medication again for stress and sleep issues. I had a lot of issues with the hairdressers in 2008 & 2009 (previous business) and had to be given prescription medication to help me sleep. Even though the hairdressers was supposed to shut at 6pm, they held "meetings" on regular occasions (2-3 times a week) in the property up to and beyond midnight. I complained to the manager Sarah verbally and in writing, unfortunately being the person I am, I tried to resolve my differences directly with the manager rather than contact officials, something that now will go against me as there are no official complaints lodged by myself. I was forced on every occasions to get out of bed to ask them to be quiet. Even whilst wearing ear plugs the loud noise, doors being opened and closed constantly, cars coming and going was unbearable. I hope this goes to explain why I am so concerned as I know what affect a convenience shop with a licence with opening hours of 0600-2300 DAILY will have.

I imagine you will receive many similar objections from other residents living nearby and I trust you will refuse this application.

Please can you inform me that you have received this letter and have logged it as an official objection and keep me informed as to the outcome?

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