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Application for premises: One Stop, 11 – 13 High Street, Kirton in Lindsey, North Lincs DN21 4LZ

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing to you to make a representation as both a resident and a business owner within the Market Place, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey. Our business is a food lead establishment and we have worked very hard to create a business where it is a destination venue and people travel to Kirton to dine with us and stay with us. We have 12 en-suite bedrooms where at present our guests can have a peaceful nights sleep.

The George is not only our business but also our family home where we are raising 2 small children. We have only just got to a point where youths have stopped causing problems within the Market Place. We would regularly have issues where they disturbed both our home life and disturbed guests. We would witness drug taking and dealing, anti-social behaviour, vandalism and violence.

I strongly object to the application made on 8th April 2022 by Samy Limited for One Stop, 11 – 13 High Street to become 24hrs.

The reasons I object to this application are outline below:

1. Objection on the grounds of Crime and Disorder

The Market place has a history of anti-social behaviour and in recent months the police have worked very hard to discourage such behaviour. The Market place became an area for young people to congregate, drink and take drugs. This had a negative impact on both our business and home life. I am concerned if this application was successful that this behaviour would reoccur.

I also believe if this application was to be successful we would see a rise in drink driving on our streets. This shop would be the nearest place for the surrounding villages to access supplies in the night. I feel that this would be the perfect place for anyone wishing to purchase more alcohol late at night without having to travel into Gainsborough or Scunthorpe; where you would be more likely to be caught by the police. This creates a real and very likely threat to my customers and the residents of the High Street and Kirton as a whole.

2. Objection on the grounds of Public Safety

In relation to the reasons above, being open late at night, if it were to encourage youths to hang around then there would be risk to overcrowding. Groups could spill into the road which could then cause someone to be hit by a car. Overcrowding could also lead to an increased risk of violence.

There is also the safety of the shop employee. There is history of the premises being ram raided and theft within the premises itself. There is also a current gang targeting shops locally where they are ram raiding the fronts to gain access. The shop currently runs with one employee within the premises; having a lone worker increases the health and safety implications massively. If the shop were to be targeted and the employee was injured when would they be discovered? We also have to consider the health and safety implications for that employee if they had an accident during the night.

3. Objections on the grounds of Public Nuisance

As previously stated, we own The George and we have worked for years to establish our business. We have a number of letting rooms which face directly onto the shop in question. If this licence was granted, the guests staying in our building would be affected by the lights from One Stop (Londis). Seven of our guest rooms face the shop.

I also feel that there would be an increase in noise. Having the shop open 24hrs would cause an increase in traffic during the night. The High Street is a residential area with some commercial properties, however all the businesses within the High Street currently close at a reasonable hour.

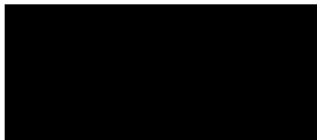
4. Objections on the grounds of Protection of Children from Harm

As previously stated, the Market Place has a history, a very recent history too, of antisocial behaviour. This has included children drinking, drug taking and being involved in violence. We have worked with the police and they have worked closely with the local high school. The police have worked hard to reduce this behaviour and I feel by giving this licence all this hard work would be undone. Having this premises open during the night would give some groups of young people a reason to begin congregating in the Market Place again.

I feel very strongly about this application. I do not feel that Kirton in Lindsey needs a 24hr shop. We have four shops in the area, both co-ops and the spar close at 10pm. One Stop (Londis) and Spar open at 6am, that is only 8hrs without a shop being open. The only time a resident of Kirton in Lindsey would need a 24hr shop would be if they needed some off the shelf medicine in the night; in that case they then have Gainsborough and Scunthorpe nearby which have 24hr shops. The company who has requested this application chose to change One Stop (Londis – this is the name advertised on the shop front) closing hours from 10pm to 8pm and now they want to make it 24hrs. I can only see the reason for this is to appeal to people who want supplies in the night but do not want to travel to Gainsborough or Scunthorpe and why would they not want to do that unless it was for reasons outlined in my concerns above.

I look forward to hearing from you and I am more than happy to make my objections in person.

Kind regards,



Director of The George Kirton

