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Re: Application for the grant of a Premises Licence
Name of Premises: SCUNTHORPE MINI MARKET
Situated at: 103 FRODINGHAM ROAD, SCUNTHORPE, DN15 6HW

To whom it may concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my concerns on an application for the aforementioned premises.

I regrettably inform you that I have grave concerns on this application as I believe that the granting of this application will only exacerbate the current problems our community are facing on a daily basis.

It is argued that inevitably our community will experience the following: -

- 1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder** – The area is already suffering from the excess sale of alcohol extensively available with the existing off licence premises within the vicinity. I remind you that on Frodingham Road itself there are approximately 8-10 independent premises that already sell alcohol. On top of this we have Lidl and Sainsbury's within close proximity that also has alcohol for sale, therefore the area does not need another premise to supply and sell alcohol.

As a local resident, I can confirm that there has been an increase of alcohol bottles, alcohol related litter and alcohol related disturbances within our area, which I myself have brought to the attention of the North Lincolnshire Council respectfully via photographic and video evidence.

It is argued that the granting of this licence will encourage excess litter and increase anti-social behaviour, which the Police are fully aware of and are currently exhausting all channels to prevent and tackle.

This application will not discourage crime and disorder and it is argued that it would encourage more negative attention, especially if the premise sells alcohol.

I also bring to your attention that the Police are already battling with the existing shops in respect of counterfeit cigarettes and alcohol. I believe that this premise will follow suit and believe the applicant may be related to others or have affiliation with those that have been convicted of illegal sale of counterfeit cigarettes and alcohol from other premises on Frodingham Road.

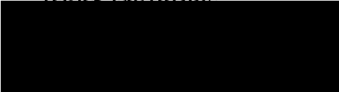
2. **Public Safety** – The application does not promote public safety aspect of the licensing objectives as the area has issues with drunks grouping together and causing anti-social behaviour. A matter that the local Police are already aware of and are currently tackling. Sale of alcohol within the area has increased which is argued has contributed to the increase of anti-social behaviour. Another premise selling alcohol will only exacerbate the situation.
3. **Prevention of Public Nuisance** – The application will not prevent public nuisance as mentioned prior matters have only got worse. Having access to another premise that may sell alcohol could lead to further nuisance and encourage anti-social behaviour. The law abiding citizens are already suffering with public nuisance within the area, I am aware of a few reported anti-social behaviour where groups of drunk people have been threatening and intimidating towards community members who are simply walking to the mosque or the local amenities. This will continue to happen if another premise is available to sell alcohol.
4. **Protect Children from Harm** – The application could contribute to exposing children to alcohol causing harm. It is argued if Frodingham Road shops are notoriously known to be an area that sale counterfeit cigarettes and alcohol, then it may be surmised that the shop owners have no regards to protecting children from harm. Counterfeit cigarettes and alcohol are a health risk in itself and having another premise could endanger children profusely.

Lastly, I would like to add that instead of issuing Premises Licences, the Council should do more to tackle and prevent the sales of counterfeit cigarettes and alcohol in the area. There already exists an abundance of shops within Frodingham Road and it is argued that there is no need for yet another shop. The community need the area to be a peaceful one, which they can enjoy and embrace instead of residing in trepidation.

I fully understand that this Representation will be made available to the applicant and included in the Sub Committee's Hearing papers which are publically accessible documents, and any subsequent appeal court proceedings.

I trust this clarifies my position and if further comments or the providing of evidence is required then please do not hesitate to contact me, where I will be more than amenable to be of assistance.

Yours faithfully,


Mr Abid Ali Khan