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Objection to planned 'Scunthorpe Mini Market 103 Frodingham Road'

I write in relation to the proposed 'Scunthorpe mini market' and what I assume is the application to sell alcohol. I wholeheartedly object to these plans.

We have been operating from the premises at 99 Frodingham road for approximately 40 years and in that time have seen the area deteriorate to levels now that are beyond a joke. Behind our premises we witness drug taking, alcoholism, anti-social behaviour and littering. The alley is frequently littered with smashed alcohol bottles and discarded black bags of rubbish.

We have suffered a drop off in business because of people's unwillingness to venture on to Frodingham road, until now I have been able to ward off potential customers concerns by advising that we were nearer the High St end of Frodingham road so it wasn't that bad. From a solely selfish reason and trying to protect my livelihood and business this is the main reason for my objection.

On Frodingham road there are 18-20 so called Mini Markets, the majority of which sell alcohol. Near to the proposed site of the 'Scunthorpe mini Market' there is also Sainsburys, Lidl, Reena news and Booze at the start of Doncaster road, La Bella off licence at the top of the High St.

My concern is that with such a high number of outlets at which you are able to get cheap alcohol the situation with alcoholics, homeless begging, Drug users/dealers and anti-social behaviour, is only going to be exacerbated.

As with Boozemaster on Frodingham road where Homeless, alcoholics and prostitute's congregate I can see this proposed shop being a meeting ground for them especially with the Alley, Space at the side and rear for people to congregate and the car park of Lidl providing route for quick getaway from authorities/ easy drop off for drug dealers in vehicles, and the already established meeting point for drug takers behind 'The Schnapps Bar'.

As for these 'Mini markets' it doesn't take a genius to work out that for 18-20 to operate, provide income for staff and pay overheads they can't be all making 20p on a bottle of washing up liquid and managing to survive. These shops were raided not so long back and counterfeit cigarettes seized, yet they are still operating?! Just the other day the same sorts of shops were targeted by Police on Ashby High St and more counterfeit cigarettes seized.

From a waste management point of view, we already have an issue with dumping of bags behind said premises by people living above, I am concerned by what I have seen behind other minimarkets on Frodingham Road that the levels of rubbish being dumped/stored behind will only increase making the area even worse, leading to an increase in rats which I've already witnessed.

There is absolutely no requirement for another outlet to sell alcohol in this area and this licence application should definitely not be granted.

Yours Faithfully

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