
Lorraine Neale

From: Mrs Wendy Skinner [headteacher@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk]
Sent: 06 February 2012 14:25
To: Licensing
Subject: proposed license for 99p store in Leafy lane - objection
Importance: High

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On behalf of the governing body of Brunswick House Primary school, I would like to lodge an objection to the proposed license for 99p stores to operate a business from 8am until 11pm, including the sale of alcohol at the former MFI site off Leafy Lane, Maidstone, ME16. Under the category of 'children from harm', I would like to object on the grounds that this premises is directly opposite and in full view of Brunswick House Primary School. Our school operates from 8am in the mornings an often has functions after school that our children are involved in. Selling alcohol in a premises that would directly appeal to our children (99p enticing the pocket money spenders) is not a premises that we would like to see opposite our school. It concerns me that this would then become a convenient 'stopping point' for people to consume their alcohol in full view of our pupils before and after school. This could in turn lead to problems with anti social behaviour that may well impact upon our premises and the security of it.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs W J Skinner
Headteacher

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Brunswick House Primary School

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Kent

ME16 0QQ

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From: Browne A Mr [abrowne@mggs.org]
Sent: 06 February 2012 15:09
To: Licensing
Cc: headteacher@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk
Subject: Family Bargains - Licence Application
Attachments: Licensing Unit.doc

Dear Sir,

Our objections to this application are attached. Please confirm receipt of this letter. Thanking you in anticipation

Kind Regards

Andy Browne

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6th February 2012

Dear Sir

Application for a Premises Licence – Family Bargains, Unit 1B, London Road, Allington, Maidstone, ME16 0DT

This school is in very close proximity to Family Bargains, being less than 400m away. Also, we are co located with another large secondary school, The Mapelsden Noakes School, making a total of over 2,300 pupils aged between 11 and 18, over 500 of whom are in the sixth form.

We object to the granting of a Premises Licence for Family Bargains, Unit 1B, London Road, Allington, Maidstone, ME16 0DT on the following grounds;

1. **Prevention of crime and disorder.** Sixth formers are permitted to leave school during lunch times. Access to alcohol this close to both schools has the potential to have a significant negative impact on pupil behaviour and as a consequence may lead to criminal activity and public disorder offences.
2. **Public safety.** The consumption of alcohol during the school day by any pupil could have serious implications, not only for the individual's safety but also for the safety of any member of the public that is in close proximity to him or her.
3. **Protection of children from harm.** The consumption of alcohol will undoubtedly fuel anti-social behaviour. This could well include members of the public who do not attend either school. The younger pupils at both schools could well be at risk from harm.

We have very strict protocols in place regarding the prevention of alcohol and substance abuse. All pupils receive education on how to avoid such temptations. Although we have confidence in the vast majority of our students to behave

sensibly the ready availability of low cost alcohol so near to the school will undoubtedly undermine our efforts in this regard.

Therefore, we vehemently object to this application on the grounds stated above.

Yours sincerely

Mary Smith
Headteacher

Lorraine Neale

From: Tim Gill [gillgang@sky.com]
Sent: 06 February 2012 17:01
To: Licensing
Subject: 99p Store argains - Alcohol Licence

Dear Sirs,

I would like to object the to the following Licence Application:

99p Store - Family Bargains
Unit 1B
London Road
Maidstone
Kent
ME16 0DT

I feel it would not be suitable to grant an alcohol licence in such close proximity to 3 schools (Brunswick House, Maplesden Noakes and Maidstone Girls Grammar School). I feel it would encourage underage children to hang around outside in the hope that they can buy cheap alcohol during lunch times and after school and into the evenings. It would encourage some of the older children to hang around at the rear of the premises where they know that not many people would see them! I could also encourage those younger drivers to hang around in the car park late at night, which can them cause a nuisance to shoppers in other stores.

At the moment I understand that the car park is locked at night when all of the other shops have closed. Would this mean that the 99p store would stay open until 11pm?

Regards

Allison Gill

Lorraine Neale

From: Elizabeth Fidock [lbbbyfidock1@gmail.com]
Sent: 06 February 2012 17:06
To: Licensing
Subject: Ex-MFI premises

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object to the opening of a premises selling Alcohol on what was the MFI store on Leafy Lane, Maidstone. I feel that this area is already congested enough with school traffic (Brunswick House, Maidstone Girls Grammar and Mapleston Noakes). The weight of traffic using Leafy Lane and the current stores, already puts the children walking to school at risk and if this was to be used for a convenience store then this level would only increase. The application to serve alcohol is another concern particularly in relation to the customers that it'll be targeting and the proximity to the schools.

There is already a TESCOs local less than a mile away which serves alcohol.

Your sincerely,

Mrs E Fidock
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ME16 8BA

Lorraine Neale

From: Rob Rowland [rob@church-int.com]
Sent: 06 February 2012 17:44
To: Lorraine Neale
Cc: Stephen Noble
Subject: RE: MFI Premises Sale of Alcohol unsuitable:

Afternoon Lorraine,

My objection is purely on the basis that I believe a large outlet on the MFI site offering the sale of Alcohol from 8 am to 11 pm so close to a school is likely to be detrimental to the environment and safety wellbeing of children:

Ticks three out of four boxes:

- the prevention of crime and disorder; (it's a harmful and expensive drug)
- public safety; (n/a)
- the prevention of public nuisance; (Early morning drinkers gathered near a school)
- the protection of children from harm. (Again links between alcohol and violence are generally accepted in the medical profession)

I have two children in the schools nearby ages 11 and 12. I would like them to be able to arrive to and from school without risk from inebriated people who gather round such premises. With so many other kids (in excess of 2000) in this very small catchment I feel it would be wrong to grant this licence.

Many thanks,

Rob Rowland.

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From: Lorraine Neale [mailto:LorraineNeale@maidstone.gov.uk]

Sent: 06 February 2012 16:44

To: Rob Rowland

Cc: Stephen Noble

Subject: RE: MFI Premises Sale of Alcohol unsuitable:

Dear Rob

Your comments are not a valid representation and will not be accepted, I have attached a document that explains representations and the Hearing procedure, if you wish to make a valid representation then you have until midnight tonight to do so.

Regards

Lorraine Neale

Senior Licensing Officer

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From: Rob Rowland [<mailto:rob@church-int.com>]

Sent: 06 February 2012 16:33

To: Licensing

Subject: MFI Premises Sale of Alcohol unsuitable:

Afternoon,

As a resident of ME16 0TU and with children attending Mapleston Noakes and Brunswick House Primary. I object to plans for the MFI Premises to sell Alcohol: Opening hours of 8 am to 11 pm for sale of alcohol seem anti social and not suitable for the local environment.

Thanks,

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Kent

ME16 0TU

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