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10th August 2020
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The Licensing Department,
Thurrock Council,
New Road,
Grays
RM17 6SL.

RE: The Bon Bon - 40 King Edward Drive, Grays, RM16 2GG

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you in regards to the application which has been made by The Bon Bon (addressed above) to vary their licence to supply alcohol until 23:00 7 days a week.

I would like to express my concerns and raise a rejection to this application for the following reasons:

1. **Display of application notification**- We have only seen the notification of application on Sunday 9th August 2020, The Bon Bon being our convenience store we have been visiting the shop every other day, the shop was visited through the lockdown period, we visited the store on Friday 7th August 2020 and no notification was visible, with such an application this notification should have been visible earlier to allow residents to become aware and enable consultation. An extension should be provided to allow residents time to raise any concerns should they need to.
2. **Residential Street** – As you may be aware, King Edward Drive is a residential street, which mainly consist of elderly residents and families, the extension of alcohol licensing is not needed, and there is no need for the store to be open until 23:00. Can the shop evidence the need for this? This shop has been on the street for numerous years and has never required late openings.
3. **Car Noise/Pollution** – not only do we experience high traffic outside our house due to the people visiting the store, during the evenings this quietens, however if the shop was to open until later, we would be disturbed by the noise of cars, music until a later time. This will also attract people from surrounding areas.

4. **Drunk and Disorderly Behaviour**- over the past few months we have experience people using the Public Bridleway next to our house from Quantum Estate side accessing the shop, During the evenings, we have small groups of people 'hanging around', being loud, screaming and shouting. The opening times will increase this type of activities as people will use the Bridleway to access the shops, this not only disturbs us and our children, it poses a danger to people accessing it at such hours due to no lighting. We fear this will increase the crime rate within the area.
5. **Other amenities**- we are within a location which has two large superstores within a few miles should anyone require alcohol at such time. Asda Tilbury, Tesco Lakeside, Co-Op, Morrison's. An Off-licence is not required on a quiet residential street.

We honestly feel there is no need to extend the operating hours, for the reasons above, we would like to retain our peaceful evenings and keep the crime rate down. The owners are not considering their neighbours or residents, but merely looking for an opportunity to increase their income.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to your response

Kind regards

