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Alcohol Sales License Application

The Licensing and Enforcement Section
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Dear Sir/Madam

Alcohol Sales License Application
29 Appleton Gate

I wish to bring to your attention my objections to the above application as follows:

- There are three pubs within very close walking distance of the proposed premises
- There are already a sufficient number of shops and office licenses for the sale of alcohol on Kirkgate, Northgate, Bamby Gate and Sleaford Road as well as supermarkets such as Morrisons and Aldi. These are open in the evenings for the sale of alcohol.
- I note that the proposed opening hours are until 10pm everyday thereby giving easy access to alcohol late in evening. The area is already becoming blighted with unchecked anti social behaviour fuelled by alcohol without even more easy access to alcohol in our residential area.
- Every other day before lockdown, I litter picked Magnus St, part of Friary Road and Appleton Gate and all of the Friary Park. The majority of the litter I pick up comprises of cans, beer bottles and spirit bottles as well as take away containers. As part of the Newark in Bloom litter picking group I can also vouch for the large quantity of empty alcohol containers which thrown all over our town. During lockdown, once I was allowed daily exercise, I have continued litter picking these areas with the same results.
- There are always broken beer and spirits bottles on these streets and in the park where children play.
- The vomit in these areas and in the church yard park area and surrounding lanes such as Mount Lane where I also litter picked the empty alcohol containers once a week before lockdown gives evidence of excessive alcohol consumption. This was especially bad after Friday and Saturday nights.
- Before Lockdown we were also litter picking most Sunday mornings on Bamby Gate, Bede House Lane and Sherwood Park. Bede House Lane is a particularly bad area for waste, including human waste, resulting from groups of drinkers as evidenced from the number of empty alcohol containers thrown into the bushes, on the street and on the Bamby Gate Methodist Church steps.
- More premises selling alcohol will further encourage the groups of drinkers congregating on the Palace Theatre steps, in Friary Park and the church yard often until late in the evenings leaving piles of rubbish all around.
- Before lockdown in the warm weather after dusk the gate locked Sherwood Park was used by large groups of young people who climb over the barriers. That alcohol is consumed freely was easy to see by the cans and bottles left there in the mornings.
- The litter picking staff such as Robert and the waste team already have a thankless task which they can't keep up with. Please consult them about the number of cans, bottles etc they have to deal with in Sherwood Park, Friary Park and the church yard areas as well as the surrounding streets.

- During Lockdown, when we have used Friary Park for our daily exercise, we are also concerned by the number of mainly young males using the park as a toilet and openly urinating in the trees and bushes as they congregate for sessions on the benches. That these sessions are used for drinking alcohol and using drugs is shown by the litter they leave behind. The noise from these groups, often until early hours of the night, is the cause of regular disturbance for local residents.
- As an active member of Newark in Bloom I would prefer to use my volunteer time helping to make Newark look attractive for residents and visitors rather than many hours each week spent helping to clean up after anti social alcohol fuelled behaviour.
- This is a quiet residential area but many of us are wondering if now is the time to move due to the unchecked littering and anti social behaviour around our town centre.

Yours faithfully

Vivienne Hall