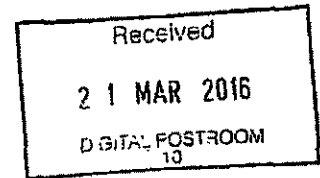


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Re: Premises license for Costcutter, 46-48 Harrow Road, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 6PL

Dear Sir\Madam,

It has come to my attention from the notice displayed that there is an application for another Off-license on our main street. I am writing to object, on yet another Off-license in our shopping parade.

Over the years, I've noticed that Eastern European migration especially is a boon for the alcohol industry. However, now, supply outstrips demand in our neighbourhood and generally the more Off-licenses and betting shops there are, the more the area is dragged down. So, in the rest of the letter I would like to describe some of my experiences over the years.

The first thing that is noticeable is that there are more street drinkers, they congregate and drink, then they throw the can or bottle on the floor and some ceremonially smash the bottle onto the road. They then go onto urinate in the street even if its broad daylight and they don't even try to find inconspicuous area!

Secondly, I've noticed the introduction of more Off-licenses brings more competition and therefore cheaper pricing. It introduces anti social behaviour into the area and in some cases more crime. I have concerns, if there is another license given then there should be more Police community support officers policing the area, especially after dark. There should also be a prohibition of street drinking which needs enforcing too. The local park is also not a pleasant place to visit for families anymore as there are more drinkers 'lurking' around.

Thirdly, as I live on the corner, over the years I've noticed an increase of litter in my garden. For some reason, cans and bottles of alcohol are thrown over the wall or left standing on the walls of the property. I've also had tyre punctures because of broken glass on the street. A few years ago, I had six in one year! I'm sure your street cleaners can tell you how many alcohol cans and bottles they pick up.

In conclusion, this additional Off-license will definitely increase what I've described in my letter. The consequences of which, we will suffer, if there won't be any community policing or making a prohibition of street drinking and enforcing it. I therefore, strongly recommend that you reject the application.