

Hi Linda,

The entrance to our residential properties — is directly adjacent to the entrance of Spoon & Rice. Granting this licence would have a seriously detrimental impact on the residents of these properties. We already experience a high level of foot traffic from takeaway customers, and the introduction of alcohol sales will inevitably increase noise, nuisance, and anti-social behaviour at our shared entrance. This would directly and negatively affect our safety, comfort, and quality of life.

While I note that the Licensing Officer has amended the plan to restrict alcohol consumption to within the premises only, the applicant's supplementary information does not appear to acknowledge or address this important change. Furthermore, the premises itself is not designed for on-site consumption — there are only a couple of small tables, and it is primarily operated as a takeaway. It is therefore unclear why an alcohol licence is necessary for this type of business.

Even with CCTV in place, it is unrealistic to expect that it will prevent the disturbance, noise, and disorderly behaviour associated with alcohol consumption. These issues will fall squarely on the neighbouring residents, who will be forced to endure the consequences of a licence that serves no meaningful public benefit.

For these reasons, we urge the Licensing Committee to refuse this application in full.

I have copied my neighbours on this correspondence, as we all collectively object to this proposal and wish to make our position clear.

Kind regards,