

Alcohol Licensing,
Regulatory Services,
Brent Council,
Brent Civic Centre,
Engineers' Way,
Wembley,
HA9 0FJ



10th October 2018

Dear Sir,

Application for Premises Licence – Morrison's Daily Petrol Filling Station

I am writing to you in connection with the application by Morrison's Supermarkets for a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

I understand that Morrison's wish to apply for a licence either to sell alcohol from Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 00.00 and 24.00 – i.e. with no restriction on the hours of sale whatsoever, and/or for a permit for late night refreshment from Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 23.00 and 05.00 at the petrol station.

I sincerely hope that both of these applications will be rejected. It is already possible to buy alcohol in Morrison's supermarket during their opening hours – from 07.00 until 23.00 on Mondays to Saturdays and from 10.00 until 16.00 on Sundays. There is therefore ample time and opportunity for anyone wishing to purchase alcohol to be able to do so. Furthermore, there are also several shops around Queensbury station where it is also possible to purchase alcohol during the normal opening hours.

The proposals by Morrison's to effectively allow the unrestricted sale of alcohol are contrary to the intentions of the Licensing laws. The limit on hours in which alcohol can be purchased has been put in place to protect individuals and the public in general both for health and safety reasons and for public order. Should Morrison's applications be granted these protections will be removed. The type of person wishing or needing to purchase alcohol outside of the normal shopping hours is likely to either have an alcohol dependency problem or be inclined towards public disorder. Further, if alcohol is sold at a petrol filling station there is a risk that the purchaser will be liable to break the drink-driving laws, potentially causing harm to innocent members of the public.

On Monday of this week, 8th October, there was a public meeting for residents of Queensbury, Kenton East and Edgware wards in Harrow, attended by the local police, amongst others, at which a number of residents living near Queensbury station expressed concerns about the behaviour of groups of young men gathering near the station, drinking or

under the influence of drink. If Morrison's application is granted this type of unruly behaviour is likely to increase, with resulting disruption to the local residents and to the many more residents who will occupy the flats shortly to be built under the proposed development by Fairview Homes.

I therefore again repeat my request that this proposal be rejected.