

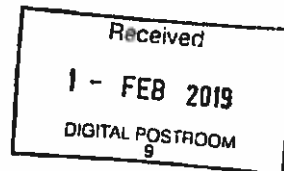
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Licensing Authority  
Brent Council  
Brent Civic Centre  
Engineers Way  
Wembley  
Middlesex, HA9 0FJ  
27 January 2019



**REF: Licensing Act 2003 Notice of application for a New Premises Licence at 164 Watford Road, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 3HB, by Applicant 'Co-operative Group Food Limited' for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises between Monday-Sunday 06:00-23:00.**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to register my objection to the application referenced, on the basis that approval of this application would not promote the licensing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, public safety and prevention of harm to children.

Representation is made on the following grounds:

**Licensing Act 2003 Objective - Prevention of crime and disorder**

Situated between two licensed premises on the Watford Road, my front garden is already used to dump alcohol bottles and beer cans. This means I have to collect and dispose of this litter. Approval of a licence application almost at my doorstep would increase this burden which would not be of my making and would detract from the enjoyment and use of my home.

Increased alcohol availability in the area especially during the anti-social operating hours proposed by the Co-operative Group for 164 Watford Road, would likely draw an element of anti-social and nuisance behaviour by loitering individuals or congregating groups of unruly people at some point. This kind of situation is already visible outside other outlets in the area selling alcohol, especially during the summer months. This can lead to threat, intimidation and abuse of people and property in the surrounding area. The application to sell alcohol late night, if approved would bring this type of environment right to our doorsteps.

As this is predominantly a residential neighbourhood, it is reasonably quiet aside from road noise, which, once the bulk of the work traffic has diminished coincides with the time the majority of the

working population seeks to sleep. Should late night opening with the sale of alcohol be approved it will encourage late night noise, disruption and activities which will impact on the ability of the surrounding residents to enjoy decent sleep and impact their well-being. This will also hold true in the early morning where the applicant seeks to open at 6 am. Again, we currently enjoy relative quietness through to about 8am when work and school traffic builds. I feel I should have a reasonable expectation to a decent sleep in my home.

**Licensing Act 2003 Objective - Public safety**

Consideration of the proposed application gives incentive for public nuisance vice prevention of public nuisance as the hours proposed (specifically the anti-social licensing hours) do not benefit the amenity enjoyed by residents surrounding 164 Watford Road. All prior businesses at 164 Watford Road closed up between 6 and 7 pm and opened between 8 and 10 am. Those business hours had minimal impact on the neighbouring residents.

**Licensing Act 2003 Objective - Prevention of Harm to Children**

If the front gardens of the residences surrounding 164 Watford Road become increasingly littered with broken bottles and sharp cans as a result of the sale of alcohol, especially the late night anti-social hours proposed, it will pose a direct threat to the health and safety of any children living in, or visiting the surrounding homes, and indeed to any residents and pets. This is cause for distress.

The applicant is applying to provide a further source of alcohol availability within an area currently saturated with licensed premises (East Lane, Shell Garage, Sudbury, North Wembley, John Lyon Roundabout) all of which are already convenient to residents in the this area for their use. Further saturation, especially with the proposed excessive opening hours is not in the interests of any of the residents surrounding the premises at 164 Watford Road, and is an unwelcome development. It is also the most aggressive opening plan proposed from all the Co-operative stores in the region.

It is completely unclear why the very late night and very early morning sale of alcohol would be under consideration, when the partial outcome would be negative and detrimental to the immediate residential population. Residents should have a reasonable expectation that they can enjoy a night's sleep in their own homes and enjoy their gardens without litter deposition.

