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RE: Jackman's Licence review.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I writing to make a representation in Jackman's licence review. I am a minicab driver and I regularly pick up and drop off customers in Neasden lane. I spend considerable amount of time in this area. I have been a regular customer of Jackman's for many years.

The issues highlighted on the notice posted has been present in this area for long time. I totally disagree with blaming this shop for the street drinking and antisocial behaviours in the area. I firmly believe that Jackman's have taken necessary actions to curb crimes and anti-social behaviour by dispersing groups who gather near the shop and refusing sale to the drunken. I have witness this few times while I am in the shop in the late evening.

In this case I believe Jackman's have been targeted unfairly. I recently observed an incident where a police officer took a can of beer a man and emptied it and went into Jackman's assuming he bought it from them but if fact they have not been selling alcohol for the last couple of weeks. This shows the prejudice towards Jackman's. Furthermore, I also strongly degree with you in associating Jackman's with public urination problem. It's not in Jackman's power as a small business to deal with as they can't confront these people and I strongly recommend the council to dismiss this as a baseless allegation.

Additionally, in many occasions I have noticed people purchasing alcohol from self-checkout counters and drinking it outside Tesco's on the street and in this case who is being held accountable for upholding the licence objectives. I see this as another example of prejudice towards a small business where the council is reluctant to enforce the law of a big cooperation.

Finally, this area has been a hotspot for crime and antisocial behaviour for last few years and in this time a 24 hour casino has opened on the lane addition to few other establishments. I would like to know why the council would give licence to a gambling establishment in an area with high crime rate. I believe this organisation is responsible to the fights and agitations that takes place in this area.

I have attached Pictures I took of men outside drinking in groups on the street and casino staff drinking with these street drinkers.

I hope you take this into consideration in the licence review.

Yours sincerely,

