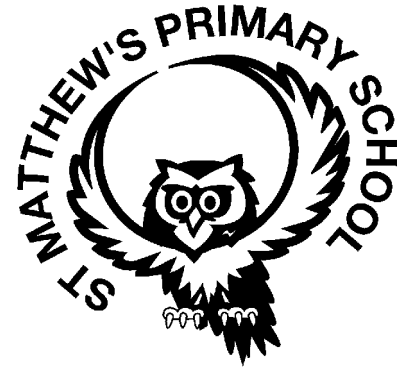


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To whom it may concern,

St Matthew's are writing to object to the application for the Variation of Premises Licence for High Town Food and Beverages, 1 High Town Road, Luton.

St Matthew's schools over 800 students. Many of these students and their families walk to school through High Town Road, directly past the premises in question. From 8.30 am to 9.15 am and from 3pm to 3.45 pm the road has hundreds of parents with young families walking up and down it, to and from the school.

With this in mind, we believe that allowing this licence would not be in the interest of the following licensing objectives:

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder: In High Town, there are a small number of individuals and groups who exhibit anti-social behavior. Allowing alcohol to be purchased for longer hours will exacerbate and give more opportunity for anti-social and criminal behavior that the school and the community works hard to minimise.
2. Public Safety: Allowing alcohol to be purchased during the hours requested is likely to bring rise to further drunken and disorderly behavior. This in turn puts the safety of those who attend our school at risk.
3. Prevention of Public Nuisance: Allowing alcohol to be purchased during the hours requested is likely to bring rise to further drunken and disorderly behavior. This in turn creates a nuisance for the community and our families who walk past the premises every school day.
4. Protection of Children from Harm. Allowing alcohol to be purchased during the hours requested is likely to bring rise to further drunken and disorderly behavior. As a result, children who attend St Matthew's will be at increased risk of being harmed by someone under the influence of alcohol. Given the close proximity of the school in relation to the premises which has requested the licence and the number of families who walk past it every day, to allow such a license could directly result in the harm of our students.

In summary of the four objections raised, granting such a licence would put children and their families who walk to St Matthew's Primary School; at



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greater risk of the disruption, inconveniences and trauma caused from crime and disorder; at greater risk of nuisance and at greater risk of harm. Therefore, granting this license would be irresponsible and detrimental to the community.

Regards



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St Matthew's Primary School

Mrs Jane Malcolm,  
Chair of Governors  
St Matthew's Primary School