

Licensing Department  
Luton Borough Council  
Town Hall  
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Dear Licensing Department

**Re: JJ Foodstore, 1 High Town Road, Luton**

Proposal: Variation of Premises licence to extend the sale of alcohol hours to Monday to Sunday 06:00 to 02:00 (the following day) Remove any conditions embedded on the licence carried forward by the grandfather rights and to Amend the current premises plan showing the new shop front relocation.

This is an objection in reference to the application by High Town Newsagents for 8 High Town Road to supply alcohol 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I would like to raise the following concerns by way of formal objection:

1. Crime and Disorder.

A alcohol supply licence from 6am to 2am the following day will draw unwelcome attention and increased footfall at unsociable hours to a residential and conservation area.

Noise, public nuisance, anti-social behaviour, low-level nuisance (non reportable crime inc. shouting, swearing, urination in public, littering) will be increased.

The site is located on High Town road, historically the street sex trade has been located in this area and has caused disturbance to residents. Police attention to this issue has largely curbed this, however, the site is acknowledged by the Police to be of concern and crime, antisocial behaviour, prostitution, begging and street drinking continue to be of great concern to residents when reporting at community events.

2. Public Nuisance.

20 hour supply of alcohol in an area where residential properties are located will unnecessarily draw people from a wider area at unsociable hours.

Noise, light pollution, traffic and traffic noise will all have a negative impact.

As far as I am aware there is no parking at this site and any additional traffic will therefore have implications for the road network and local residents.

3. Public Safety.

A 20 hour alcohol supply licence will likely draw in unwelcome attention as described above and will therefore impact upon public safety in the locality and upon perceptions of safety which are just as important when considering the quality of living in an area.

4. The Protection of Children From Harm.

The licence conflicts with the amenities available to children in the area, putting them at risk from anti-social behaviour, increased littering, rodent and fox infestations, exposure to the marketing and sale of alcohol and cigarettes, increased potential for road traffic incidents.

Thank you for taking the time to seriously consider these objections.

Yours Sincerely,

Councillor Andrew Malcolm  
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