

Representations - Cllr Dix

From: Cllr. Dix, Nigel

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To: Lloyd, Julie

Subject: Re: Consent lists 24.11.2020

Former Rowlands News agents High Street Blackwood . Opening another shop where alcohol can be sold is very concerning , as we all know the social problems alcohol causes , addiction , violence, anti social behaviour, etc. I am led to believe the application is to open till 1am in the morning, I find this to be ridiculous and dangerous. The pubs (pre pandemic) all close around 12 midnight, allowing the sale of alcohol till 1am in the morning will result in even more drunken and anti social behaviour in the community of Blackwood. No shops in Blackwood open till 1am most close by 5:30 pm And that's how it should remain. The idea of allowing a shop to stay open till 1am to sell alcohol is not acceptable, it will become a magnet for those seeking alcohol late in the evening , which will increase the amount of anti social behaviour for residents , who have/ had put with the fallout from the pubs kicking out time , which can go on for an hour or two after the pubs have closed. I strongly object to this application.

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Hi Kathryn thanks for contacting me regarding change in applicants closing time to 23.00hrs

I do appreciate the applicants offer , however, currently there are no shops that open past 6pm on the high st, that currently sell alcohol. The introduction of shops on the high st staying open past 6pm and selling alcohol will only increase anti Social behaviour in the town by encouraging people who leave the pubs to purchase alcohol after the pubs shut, resulting in people who have already consumed alcohol congregating in the town and neighbouring streets which will be detrimental to community .

I believe that 22hrs closing time will be an acceptable compromise, as this will mean that the shop will not be open when the pubs are closing, and not encourage people to hang around the town consuming more alcohol, causing , anti social behaviour and disturbing residents who live by the Town.

Many thanks

Nigel

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