

Appendix 7

Re: Notice of Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate at Bargoed Service Station, Gwerthonor Place, Gilfach, Bargoed I wish to record my strong objection to the above Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence under one or more of the licensing objectives:-

1. The prevention of public nuisance - I understand that objections that relate to the likelihood of increased anti-social behaviour at the premises can be made under this heading. In relation to a potential increase in anti-social activities I would highlight that on many occasions during current day and evening time operating hours of Bargoed Service Station and its adjacent hand car wash operation many vehicles that attend the service station do not switch off their engines, play loud music whilst stationary on the Service Station forecourt and many vehicles exit the Service Station forecourt at excessive speed with over revved engines and screeching wheels. Should the Service Station extend their opening hours as a consequence of this application I have concerns that the likelihood of noise emanating from the premises due to cars playing loud music and leaving the forecourt in a noisy manner during will increase in the night-time when the adverse impact night-time noise will only be exacerbated in the vicinity of the residential area fronting the Bargoed Service Station and along Gwerthonor Place. I also consider that should the Service Station's application be approved that there is a strong likelihood of an increase in potential littering and rowdy behaviour by potential customers during the late night and night-time opening hours that will adversely impact on the residential area fronting the Bargoed Service Station and along Gwerthonor Place. Whilst I note the proposed conditions on the Application in relation to mitigation of Service Station lighting during night-time opening it is inevitable that vehicles using the night-time facilities will be using their headlights whilst accessing and exiting the Service Station with the likelihood that night-time light pollution will increase and adversely impact on the residential area fronting the Bargoed Service Station and along Gwerthonor Place.
2. The protection of children from harm - The Application if approved would increase the ease by which alcohol can be purchased. NHS Wales "Live Well" initiatives to reduce the weekly alcohol intake of the general population makes specific reference to the benefit that you are less likely to upset family and friends by reducing alcohol intake and thereby potentially reduce the likelihood of harm to children within a family setting. Extending the hours and ease by which alcohol may be purchased has the potential to increase the likelihood of other high risk behaviour associated with heavy alcohol consumption in relation to violence and arguments and accidents at home and on the road. Furthermore NHS Wales highlights that the social problems related to heavy alcohol intake include domestic violence and child abuse. (Reference source <https://111.wales.nhs.uk/lifestylewellbeing/alcohol/>) In addition to the above the proposal to allow late night sales and provision of snacks and drinks does not align with NHS Wales "Live Well" initiatives to reduce obesity. I trust the above is sufficient for your needs and clearly sets out my objection to the current application for the Variation of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate at Bargoed Service Station, Gwerthonor Place, Gilfach, Bargoed.