



RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY RESPONSE TO LICENSING APPLICATIONS

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY– Licensing

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| Name and Address of Applicant | Mr N Piratheepan |
| Premises | Rhymney Garage, Victoria Road, Rhymney |

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| Your Name | Annette Dicks Date: 19th July 2021 |
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| Which of the four Licensing Objectives does your representation relate to? | ✓ |
| The Prevention of Crime and Disorder | ✓ |
| Public Safety | |
| The Prevention of Public Nuisance | ✓ |
| The Protection of Children from Harm | ✓ |

Please outline the reasons for your Representations

The application seeks to provide the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises as part of a petrol station and convenience store, over a 24 hour period Monday to Sunday. Given the nature of the application, its location and the problems associated with the area outlined by Heddlu Gwent Police in their representations, the Licensing Authority would object to the application and would support their representations. Whilst I have spoken to the applicant's agent who has confirmed that his client operates a similar establishment and has experience as a licence holder, the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that the applicant has not demonstrated this and in his operating schedule has not proposed sufficient safeguards to mitigate the impact of a 24hr alcohol outlet on the neighbourhood and wider community, in accordance with Section 7.4 of the Council's statement of licensing Policy. Indeed the operating schedule is poor for a venue of this nature and does not demonstrate a regard/suitable knowledge of the local area in accordance with paragraphs 5.4 and 26.2 of the Council's statement of licensing policy. It is noted that the applicant has not been in contact with Responsible Authorities to discuss his proposals prior to the application being submitted and from the operating schedule, the Licensing Authority would suggest that the applicant has not considered the Council's Licensing Policy. If the applicant had done so he would be aware of the issues within the local area and, from the licensing policy, the Council advocate a Challenge 25 Policy, and not 21 included in his operating schedule. Throughout the Council's statement of licensing policy reference is made to operating schedules satisfactorily addressing the licensing objectives, taking into account the day to day operation of the business, its location, type of premises, licensable activities to be provided and needs of

the local community. As the applicant had not consulted with Responsible Authorities prior to submitting his application, it is apparent that he has little understanding of the Council's statement of licensing policy and also the area in which he intends to operate, as required by paragraph 10.4 of the licensing policy. Given the above and the potential impact a 24hour outlet could have on the community, which is currently experiencing problems with anti-social behaviour, the Licensing Authority would advocate a lesser period for the supply of alcohol, and would seek conditions be attached, as proposed by Heddlu Gwent Police and Trading Standards.

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| What conditions could be added to the licence to remedy your representation that the Licensing Sub-Committee could take into account | |
| Are you prepared to discuss these representations with the applicant by way of mediation? | Yes |

N.B. If you make a representation you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding.

Please remember if you intend to make representations to copy this file to all other RA's