

Appendix 3

Objection for alcohol licence for Premier Convenience Store, Jobling House, John Street, Sunderland, SR1 1DP

We would like to object to The Premier Store of the above address obtaining an alcohol licence due to the following reasons:

The Town Centre, especially around this vicinity has seen an increase in anti-social behaviour. Only recently there was a serious incident where a member of the public ran into the barbers shop just around the corner to this new store with a knife. The official figure may not suggest this, however as business owners we are faced with these problems on a daily basis. Many times incidents have been reported to the Police, The Bid and the Community Officers but unfortunately nothing is done so we feel it is a waste of time reporting these issues as I do not have the time or energy to go through the process and being told the case is closed, or hanging on the phone trying to get through to 111 for over 30 minutes.

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People have witnessed attacks both provoked and unprovoked due to people being intoxicated. After 4pm there are a number of youths in the area again intoxicated and very vulnerable. Walking through the town centre after 5pm is very intimidating where people have witnessed many drunken people walking the streets, fighting, urinating, being sick and littering the streets. Tax payer should not have to pay for the streets to be cleaned due to drunken behaviour.

Many young vulnerable females walk through the town after work and they have to walk past these drunken people not feeling safe.

Anti-social behaviour is on the increase in the town centre due to the lack of police presence, due to cuts in central government funding cuts. Drunken behaviour and assaults are being witnessed by business owners, residents and shoppers and this is discouraging people visiting the city centre. This also leads to drug taking, increased litter, shop lifting, muggings and further pressure on the police and ambulance services.

We have outlined above the principle reasons for our objections to the granting of an alcohol licence and in support of these objections I have included the names and addresses of like-minded residents and shopper in the attached petition.

I strongly recommend to take these views and objections into consideration before you reach your decision and listen to the concerned people of Sunderland.

Please help us to help Sunderland town centre be a safe place for shoppers, residents and business owners.

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Yours sincerely

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