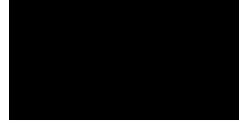


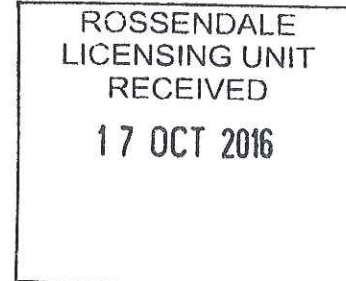


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The Licensing Manager  
Rossendale Borough Council  
The Business Centre  
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Dear Sir,

**Re: Proposal to open a licensed Premier convenience store at 801 Burnley Road**

I write to convey to you a resolution passed by a meeting of the Limey Valley Residents Association on Monday, 10 October 2016. The association speaks up for the interests of the 1,800 or so households in Crawshawbooth, Goodshaw and Loveclough, having been formally constituted in June 2009.

The meeting heard an impassioned plea for support from two residents whose homes are immediately adjacent to the premises. The previous occupants of 801 Burnley Road – Rossendale Kawasaki, a motor cycle retailer - never presented a problem. Hours of opening were limited and the very specialised clientèle behaved responsibly.

What is being proposed will, according to residents, produce a raft of new problems. In essence, it is the type of shop in what is overwhelmingly a residential area which is at issue: hours of opening seven days a week; the sale of alcohol; the likelihood of youngsters congregating and causing hazard on the T-junction between Goodshaw Avenue to the east and Burnley Road running north-south, on which there are double yellow lines and the sightlines of which, exiting from Goodshaw Avenue, are already very problematical... and so forth.

The meeting questioned the need for yet another licensed convenience store given (a) the proximity of the Pleasant View barely 250 metres to the south and the Premier Convenience and newly re-badged Mace store in Crawshawbooth barely 5 minutes' walk away, all of which will find their business affected if the proposal is allowed and (b) the number of retail premises currently vacant in the borough, leading some to question the ability of the community to sustain so many outlets.

The association appreciates the issues raised by residents but understands the need for these to meet particular criteria under one of four relevant headings: public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder, protection of children, and public safety. That being so, the association wishes to raise objections under each of those four headings as follows and, so far as possible, avoiding unhelpful speculation.

**1. Public nuisance**

- a) Local residents will be inconvenienced by deliveries, as is the case for residents living in other, nearby areas; delivery drivers being exempt from the usual rules when dropping their loads, the double yellow lines installed for reasons of public safety (q.v.) will be ignored causing hazard.
- b) Whilst the association understands that the proposed hours of opening, seven days a week are not uncommon nowadays, the fact remains that the premises lie in a residential area.
- c) The ATM which it is proposed will be installed on the northwest corner of the premises will encourage use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with attendant parking and nuisance issues.

- d) The proposal will exacerbate the existing littering problem: residents have previously reported litter being dumped in their gardens by customers of the Pleasant View some 250 metres to the south who, having consumed their purchases, deposit their rubbish in an anti-social manner.
- e) The proposal will exacerbate the existing issue of youths congregating in the ginnel behind premises to consume alcohol, leaving detritus in their wake.

2. **Prevention of crime and disorder**

- a) Extending the previous point, the proposal will exacerbate the existing issue of youths congregating in ginnel behind premises to consume alcohol, many of whom residents judge to be under-age.
- b) The promise to challenge those who appear under-age is unenforceable.

3. **Protection of children**

- a) Experience elsewhere in the borough indicates that the shop will prove a magnet for youngsters to congregate, obstructing pavements.
- b) The interests of toddlers and parents attending the recently opened nursery (see photograph) must be protected, the pavements being narrow on Goodshaw Avenue.



4. **Public safety**

- a) The pavements on Goodshaw Avenue approaching the T junction are very narrow.
- b) The T-junction itself is hazardous which is why, presumably, there are double yellow lines.
- c) Sightlines exiting Goodshaw Avenue are poor.
- d) The 40>30 mph limit is disregarded by some motorists.

The LVRA draws these issues - based on fact and experience rather than pure speculation - to your attention for your consideration and judgment.

At its meeting on 10 October 2016, it was the unanimous view of those attending that the association should make plain to you its objections to the proposal and I was instructed to write accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

*D S Kempshall*

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