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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

23rd July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

STATUTORY LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee will be held in Virtually Via Microsoft Teams (if you would like to attend this meeting live via Microsoft Teams please contact committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) on Wednesday, 28th July, 2021 at 2.30 pm.

Yours faithfully

Michelle Morris
Managing Director

AGENDA

Pages

1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

We welcome correspondence in the medium of Welsh or English. / Croesawn ohebiaith trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg.

2. **APOLOGIES**

To receive.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND
DISPENSATION**

To receive.

4. **LICENSING ACT 2003 – NEW PREMISES LICENCE –** 3 - 24
58 GLYN TERRACE, TREDEGAR, GWENT.

To consider the report of the Licensing Officer.

To: Councillor W. Hodgins
Councillor L. Winnett
Councillor C. Meredith

All other Members (for information)
Manager Director
Chief Officers

Agenda Item 4

Executive Committee and Council only

Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer:

Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer:

Committee: Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Date of meeting: **28th July 2021**

Report Subject: **Licensing Act 2003 – New Premises Licence – 58 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar, Gwent. NP22 4JA**

Report Submitted by: **Miss Helen Jones**

Report Written by: **Mrs Michele Bennett**

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To inform the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee of a new premises licence application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 attached as Appendix 1

2. Scope and Background

2.1 The purpose of this report is to determine a new premises licence application submitted by Mr Jegathees Thevarasa in respect of 58 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar, Gwent, in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003. A location plan of the premises is attached as Appendix 2

2.2 There is currently no licence in force in respect of the premises.

2.3 An application has been made by Mr Jegathees Thevarasa for the following activities and times –

Supply of alcohol –
Monday to Sunday 7.00 am to 11.00 pm

Opening hours 6.00 am to 11.00 pm

2.4 In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, the applicant has served copies of the application on the following Responsible Authorities:-

Gwent Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Trading Standards, Licensing Enforcement, Planning, Environmental Health, Social Services departments, Home Office Immigration Enforcement and the Aneurin Bevan Health Board

A notice of the application was displayed at the premises for 28 days to enable 'other persons', i.e. local residents and businesses, to make representations.

A notice of the application was placed in the local newspaper the Gwent Gazette dated 24th June 2021.

A notice of the application was advertised on the Blaenau Gwent website for a period of 28 days.

2.5 No representations were received from Environmental Health, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Blaenau Gwent Trading Standards, Licensing, Planning, and Social Services departments, Home Office Immigration Enforcement or the Aneurin Bevan Health Board.

2.6 The following representations were received from Gwent Police and the applicant agreed to amend the application to include the following conditions –

1. CCTV is installed and working to the satisfaction of the Police and Licensing Authority. Recordings will be maintained for a minimum of 28 days. Recordings shall be immediately available on request of any authorised officer named under the Licensing Act 2003. If the CCTV equipment fails, the Police and Licensing Authority will be informed as soon as possible and immediate steps will be taken to put the equipment back into good working order.

The DPS shall train an appropriate number of staff in the use of the CCTV system to facilitate the efficient operation of it with a view to providing evidence when requested by an authorised officer named under the Licensing Act 2003.

The correct time and date will be generated onto both the recording and the real time image screen.

CCTV to cover all of the licensed area of the premises, it will be of evidential quality.

There shall be clear signage indicating that CCTV equipment is in use and recording at the premises.

2. An approved proof of age scheme shall be adopted, implemented and advertised within the premise such as 'Challenge 25' whereby an accepted form of photographic identification shall be requested before any alcohol is sold to any person who appears to be under 25 years of age. Acceptable proof of age shall include identification bearing the customers photograph, date of birth and integral holographic mark or security measure. Suitable means of identification would include PASS approved proof of age card, photo-card driving licence and passport
3. All refusals will be kept in a refusals book detailing the time, date, the goods, the staff member and the name of the persons who tried to purchase. If no name is given, then a good description will be recorded. This documentation should be available for inspection on request by an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or a Constable and retained for a 12 month period.
4. All staff are to be trained with respect to underage sales, such training to be updated as necessary when legislation changes and should include training in how to refuse sales to difficult customers. Safeguarding training should also be undertaken with all staff. Training should be clearly documented, signed and dated by both the trainer and member of staff receiving it. This documentation should be available for inspection on request by an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or a Constable.
5. An incident report logbook shall be held at the premises at all times and shall be produced to an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or a constable immediately upon request. It shall contain the details of persons involved, incident description, time and date, actions taken and final outcome of the situation. The logbook will be retained for a 12 month period.

6. Rowdy and/or disorderly customers will be asked to leave the premises.
7. Throughout the hours that the licence operates the premises will operate regular patrols in the vicinity of the premises to collect and tidy any litter or refuse in that area.
8. Should customers be outside the premises causing congestion on the pavement, loitering and/or causing Anti-Social Behaviour they will be told move away from the vicinity of the store.
9. There shall be no consumption of alcohol beverages purchased from the premises in open containers outside at the front of the premises.

The aforementioned are proposed to assist in promoting the key licensing objectives.

- 2.7 As a result of the applicant's agreement to these amendments, Gwent Police withdrew their representations
- 2.8 Representations were received from 11 'Other Persons' attached as Appendix 3

The 'Other Persons' were informed of the amendments to the application put forward by Gwent Police, however, they still wished to object to the application

A petition was also received with over 209 signatures objecting to the application under the licensing objectives –

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance

- 2.9 In considering this application, the Licensing sub-committee must take account of the provisions in the Licensing Act 2003 in particular, the licensing objectives which are:-

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm.

2.10 The guidance issued by the Home Office under section 182 of the Act and the Council's licensing policy must be taken into account when considering this application.

3 Options for Recommendation

3.1 The options available to the Licensing sub-committee are:

1. To grant the licence
2. To grant the licence with modifications to the conditions
3. To exclude any licensable activity to which the application relates
4. To refuse to specify a Designated Premises Supervisor
5. To reject the licence application

3.2 Background Documents /Electronic Links

- Appendix 1 – Application form
- Appendix 2 – Location plan of where the premises is situated
- Appendix 3 – Other persons representations

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APPENDIX 1



LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

Before completing this application form, please read the following instructions and the guidance notes at the end of the form.

If you are completing this form by hand, please use black ink and write legibly in block capitals. In all cases, ensure that your answers are kept inside the boxes. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy for your records.

I/we TRIMATHESB WADAN THEVARPDA apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference description 58 GILYN TERRACE TREDEGAR NP22 4JA	
Post town TREDEGAR	Post code NP22 4JA
Telephone number of premises if any [REDACTED]	Non domestic rateable value of premises £ 0

Part 2 – Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a licence as

Please tick

- (a) an individual/individuals* please complete section A
- (b) a person other than an individual*
 - i. as a limited company/limited liability partnership please complete section B
 - ii. as a partnership (other than limited liability) please complete section B
 - iii. as an unincorporated association or please complete section B
 - iv. other (eg. statutory corporation) please complete section B
- (c) a recognised club please complete section B
- (d) a charity please complete section B
- (e) the proprietor of an educational establishment please complete section B
- (f) a health service body please complete section B

- (g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales please complete section B
- (g)(a) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England please complete section B
- (h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales please complete section B

*If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm by ticking yes to one box below

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities or
- I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function or
- A function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

Section A – Individual Applicants

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other Title (please specify) _____

Surname THEVARASA		First Names JECIATHEESWARAN	
Date of Birth [REDACTED]		I am over 18 years old <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Nationality [REDACTED]			
Postal address if different from premises address [REDACTED]			
Post town [REDACTED]		Post code [REDACTED]	
Daytime telephone number [REDACTED]			
E-mail address (optional) [REDACTED]			
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 9 digit 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 15 for information)			

Second Individual Applicant (if applicable)

What date do you want the licence to start? 01/07/2021

If you wish the licence to be valid for a limited period, what date do you want it to end? _____

If 5000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state number expected 1 or 2.

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)

IT IS A SMALL RETAIL SHOP, SOLD CHOCOLATS
TOBACCOS, ALCOHOLS, CHILLED FOOD, SOFT DRINKS
AND PAYPOINT, LOTTERY, HOUSEHOLD.
OPEN 6.00 AM CLOSE 23.00 PM.

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on at the premises?
(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedule 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Please tick

Provision of regulated entertainment

- (a) plays (if yes, fill in box A)
- (b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- (c) indoor sporting events (if yes, fill in box C)
- (d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if yes, fill in box D)
- (e) live music (if yes, fill in box E)
- (f) recorded music (if yes, fill in box F)
- (g) performances of dance (if yes, fill in box G)
- (h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) and (g) (if yes, fill in box H)

Provision of late night refreshment (if yes, fill in box I)

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the late night refreshment be indoors or outdoors or both? (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tues					
Wed			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 5)		
Thurs					
Fri			Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at a different time to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

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Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption on the premises, off the premises or both? (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	
				Off the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 5)		
Mon	7.00	23.00			
Tues	7.00	23.00			
Wed	7.00	23.00			
Thurs	7.00	23.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at a different time to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Fri	7.00	23.00			
Sat	7.00	23.00			
Sun	7.00	23.00			

State the name and details of the person whom you wish to specify as premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form)

Name..... JECATHER B NARAN THEVARASA

Date of Birth..... [REDACTED]

Address..... [REDACTED]

..... [REDACTED]

Postcode..... [REDACTED]

Personal licence no. if known..... [REDACTED]

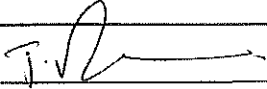
Personal licence issuing authority if known..... [REDACTED]

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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please see guidance note 9)

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Hours the premises will be open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 5)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	6.00	23.00	Non-standard timings. Where you intend to open the premises to the public at a different time to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)
Tues	6.00	23.00	
Wed	6.00	23.00	
Thurs	6.00	23.00	
Fri	6.00	23.00	
Sat	6.00	23.00	
Sun	6.00	23.00	

Signature	
Date	02/06/2021
Capacity	

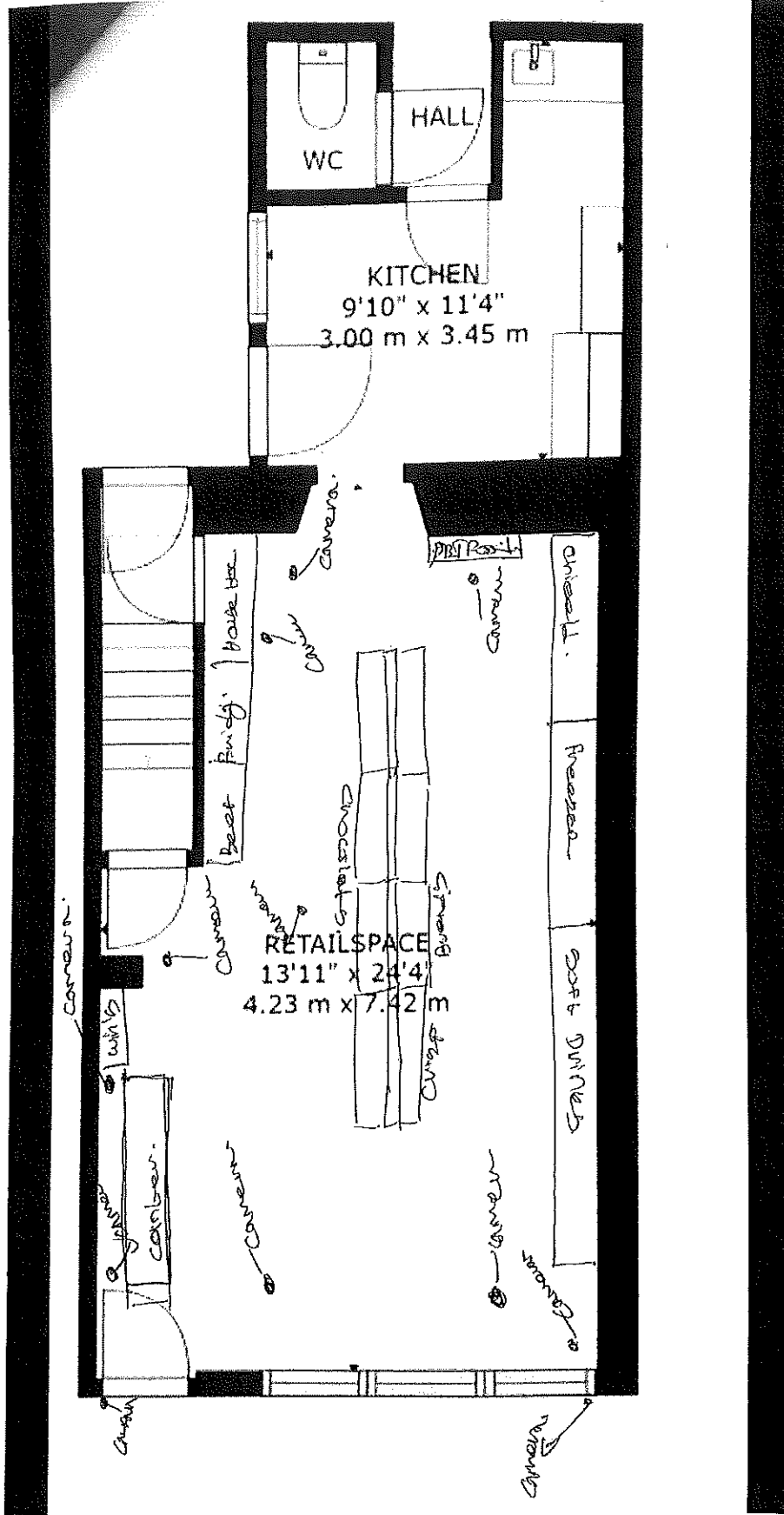
For Joint applications, signature of second applicant or second applicant's solicitor or other duly appointed agent (please read guidance note 13) If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity

Signature.....

Date.....

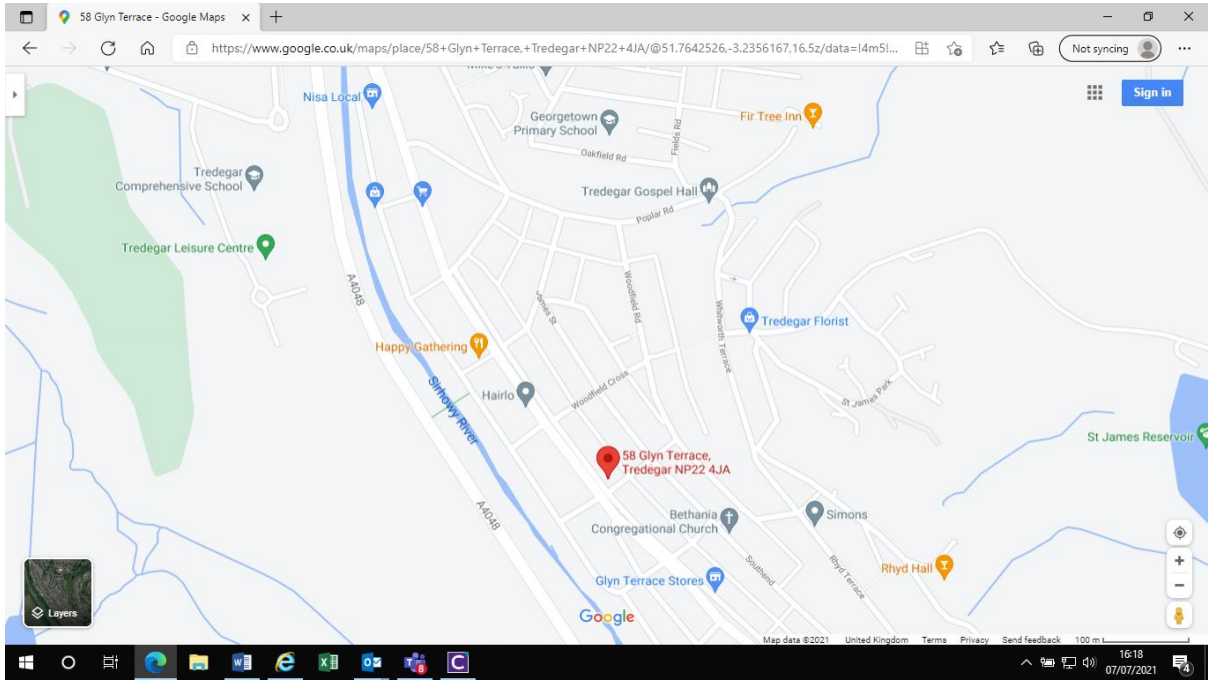
Capacity.....

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)	
Post town	Postcode
Telephone number (if any)	
E-mail address (optional)	



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APPENDIX 2



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APPENDIX 3

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the off licence which has been applied for in Glyn Terrace.

I am deeply disappointed that the residents of the surrounding areas are not being taken into consideration at all!! I wish to raise my concerns to your attention as I think its an absolutely inconsiderate decision to be thinking of this shop being made into an off licence

1. The antisocial behaviour that we will no doubt will receive from youths etc. Providing a point in which youths will meet up until an unsociable hour.
2. Vandalism to our homes and vehicles.
3. Insufficient parking in the street which means more cars will be illegally parked causing obstructions and danger to people walking past especially children.

These are very big concerns to me as I personally have been a victim of each 1 of these concerns and have never had any justice to rectify the matter.

Many regards

To whom it may concern.,

We are writing to oppose the granting of a alcohol license for 58, Glyn Terrace, Tredegar....

We already have two shops in close proximity already selling alcohol....in this residential area.. We feel this will draw more undesirable characters , causing damage to property , cars and devaluing our properties in the process..

It will also cause anti social behaviour, which those of us living here have already had past experience of.. !! If this license is granted we feel that once again we have been let down badly by Blaenau Gwent Council who don't appear to listen to the residents...

Dear sir/madam,

I am most concerned to hear of the proposed application for the old newsagents to be turned into a bargain booze type of shop.

This will encourage antisocial behaviour & damage to property from drunken yobs. I hope the council will take this into consideration by listening to law abiding residents & not the monetary values.

A concerned resident

To whom it may concern

We wish to formally object to the application submitted for a license at 58 Glyn Terrace Tredegar . This would be detrimental to the area.

My objections are

Prevention of crime and disorder in our area Prevention of public nuisance and public safety and are of the opinion that granting such a license would be completely inappropriate as we already have three off license store in this area Grays store 90 Glyn terrace Family shopper park place Londis Georgetown All within a short walk distance of each other Which in turn will bring once again an increase in anti social behaviour which we as the local residents do not want again.

With regards

Hello,

I understand that there is an application for another licensed premises in a small area of our area. This should be challenged as it can attract anti social behaviour and can cause crime and disorder. We do not want to risk this in a small compact group of terraced houses where our peace and tranquility needs to be maintained.

Yours sincerely

To whom it may concern

We wish to formally object to the application submitted for a license at 58 glyn terrace. This would be detrimental to the area.

My objection are based on prevention of crime in the area and disorder also public safety, prevention of public nuisance and are in the opinion that granting such a license would be completely in appropicite. We already have 3 licenses in our area to date we dont need another off license to add to anti social behaviour

I am writing to you regarding the shop that will be opening in Glyn Terrace Tredegar until 11pm selling alcohol

As a resident with a small child I do not want this to go ahead as I do not find it will be safe for my family and all the other residents living here and their children. The elderly would not want this either and would not want to feel scared in their own homes due to youngsters hanging around the shop. Im sure you can appreciate this matter.

Cars have been damaged from kids hanging around the shops, smashed glass bottles, rubbish every where, abuse to the people that live here and opening that shop will just be chaos.

Nisa is only down the road and they sell alcohol so another shop is not needed!

There is a shop already open in Glyn Terrace and opening another one will affect her intake to earn a living etc..

I hope other residents have wrote to you regarding this and the shop does not go ahead..

Thank you

To Whom It May Concern

We wish to formally object to the application submitted for a license at 58 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar. Our objections are based on, the prevention of crime and disorder, Public safety and the prevention of public nuisance and are of the opinion that granting such a license would be completely inappropriate.

The property is well served and in close proximity to a convenience store with a licence at 90 Glyn Terrace, the Happy Shopper store at Park Place and another store with a licence at Edwards Terrace in Georgetown which adequately serves the area. Glyn Terrace and the surrounding area is a mature residential area where the residents are a mixture of mainly retired people and some young families none of whom have been asked their views on the siting or need of another licensed retail premises in this area and who are mainly of the opinion that there is no need for an additional licensed premise in the local community.

Under the prevention of public nuisance and prevention of crime and disorder undoubtable this license will lead to increases in noise, litter, and anti-social behaviour and will impact on those living in the vicinity especially adjoining properties. Our evidence for this is that in the not to distant past there was a considerable number of recorded incidents of antisocial behaviour in the Georgetown ward. There were issues with youths damaging cars causing a nuisance in the vicinity meeting and congregating on the streets, in Southend park and eventually moving down to Peacehaven and the river having bought alcoholic drinks locally. We were able to greatly reduce this with the co operation of the present owners of the convenience store at 90 Glyn Terrace who agreed to close at 7.00 pm resulting in Glyn Terrace become generally quieter. However residents knowing what was happening only a few years ago are justifiable fearing the worst believing another licensed shop will increasingly become a focal point for large groups of people to gather, and thereby creating more problems of disorder and nuisance over and above the impact from the premises close by.

On the point of public safety 58 Glyn terrace is a mid terraced property positioned on a busy side Street where due to the existing shortage of resident parking, to use this shop cars will double park and and will often leave their engines running and car unattended (this was a regular practice in the past) this is a dangerous location at the best of times and the added traffic congestion and lack of parking has not been considered

Finally we wish to reiterate our concerns that taking into account the accumulative number of licensed premises already in the vicinity one already within 100 yards of 58 Glyn Terrace another the Happy Shopper in Park Place and a third in Edwards Terrace the area is well served and there is no need for a fourth which will make alcohol much more accessible. We would like it to be noted that we would wish to be present and speak at the Licensing Committee.

Many thanks.

Licensing Application - 58 Glyn Terrace, Georgetown,
Tredegar

To Whom It May Concern

We wish to formally object to the application submitted for a license at 58 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar and believe that to grant this license would prove to be detrimental for the area.. My objections are based on, the prevention of crime and disorder, Public safety and the prevention of public nuisance and are of the opinion that granting such a license would be completely inappropriate.

The area is already well served for shops with licences to sell alcohol and 58 Glyn Terrace is close to a convenience store with a licence at 90 Glyn Terrace, the Happy Shopper in Park Place and another store with a licence at Edwards Terrace in Georgetown. Glyn Terrace and the surrounding area is a fairly quiet area where the residents are a mix of pensioners, retired people and young families.

Under the prevention of public nuisance and prevention of crime and disorder this license will lead to increases in noise, litter, and anti-social behaviour and will impact have an heavy impact on the local community and especially adjoining properties. It will be a return to the bad old days when there was a considerable amount of antisocial behaviour especially in the summer months. We were regularly plagued with gangs of youths amaging cars congregating on the streets, in Southend park and going down to the river having bought alcoholic drinks in the local shops. This became a lot better when the shop changed owners who agreed to close at 7.00 pm. However if this license is granted residents knowing what was happening then are fearing the worst knowing that another licensed shop will lead to

I would like to register a formally object to the application for a license at 58 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar as I believe to grant this license would prove to be detrimental for this area. My objections are based on, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance and feel that granting such a license would be completely inappropriate and not needed.

However the area was not to long ago not quiet or so peaceful. Living close to the shop when I opened I did not apply for a license being aware that the shop when previously open was like a magnet attracting youths who would look to buy alcoholic drinks, hang around and generally making a nuisance of themselves. It once again lead to cars being damaged and house windows being broken experiences which the residents had to endure in the past. When I opened at first gangs of youths visited the shop but together with a decision to close at 7.00pm I was able to break the draw of the shop for these youths.

Then after being approached by a few residents I decided to apply for a license and now keep a small quantity of various alcoholic drinks for local residents. I emphasise small which is all that is needed to meet the local demand. When I first had the licence a number of youths would try to purchase alcohol.

We don't want Glyn to become again a focal point for large numbers of youths to meet creating more problems of disorder and nuisance.

On public safety 58 Glyn Terrace is a mid terraced property where due to lack of resident parking cars will double park when using the shop with drivers leaving engines running and cars unattended blocking congestion and lack of parking has not been considered.

Once again we already have enough licensed shops in the area there us no need for a fourth which will make alcohol more accessible.

Many thanks

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