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I am the owner of and resident at [redacted] I would like to make a representation against the application by Lia Rutter to open a bargain booze shop at 7 Thornton Square. The shop is directly below my flat and I have serious concerns for the opening of this kind of shop. I am particularly concerned about the proposed opening times, 7am til 11pm. All the other shops on the row close around 5pm or earlier except for the coop which closes at 10pm. I own my flat and have concerns that this kind of license will affect my property value due to lenders being put off by a late opening business below. I also have personal concerns about a shop opening so late in the area because i am usually in bed by around 10pm and the area is generally quiet at this time. Even with the pub opposite, i don't hear noise because they close early on weeknights and manage the behaviour of their customers very well. With the shop opening so late, it will bring extra activity into the main car park and back car park with staff smoking out the back and closing up/ using the bin area at the back well outside of social hours. I also feel there is a need for people in this area to be able to purchase alcohol until 11pm when the coop already serves alcohol until 10pm. In the past when there was an off licence on Thornton Square, there were all sorts of anti social problems and youths would gather around the shops regularly. It's taken years to improve this area and opening a cheap booze shop seems like a backwards step in keeping this area family friendly, not too mention how close it would be to a primary school. Cheap booze culture has been statically proven to increase crime in neighbourhoods and I strongly object to this licensing application. Please can you reply with further information about how I challenge this license request

Regards

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Hi Jenny, I think you have this file now ?

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To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Representation against Bargain Booze, 7 Thornton Square, Macclesfield, SK11 7XZ

To whom it may concern,

I hereby inform you that I am making a formal representation against the premises licence application made by Lia Rutter for Bargain Booze, 7 Thornton Square, Macclesfield, SK11 7XZ.

First of all, I believe this application to be invalid as the notice was not displayed as per the licencing act 2003. I have attached for your perusal a picture of the application displayed on the window of the premises. As you can see it is not printed on pale blue colour paper and I believe the font used to be smaller than 16. The premises also cover an area higher than 50 meter squared (77 meter squared) and no repeat of the notice along the perimeters abutting the highway has been posted.

Now, on the actual merits of this application should you still wish to consider it I would like to make the following points:

- The prevention of crime and disorde:
 - Over 1500 antisocial behaviours and over 300 public orders were reported to the police in the last year (Macclesfield area of the Cheshire constabulary - https://www.police.uk/cheshire/LP0014/crime/anti-social-behaviour/stats/#crime_trend); I firmly believe that opening yet another licenced premise operating 7 days a week with extended hours (7:00-23:00) will only make this statistic worse.
- Public safety:
 - Bargain Booze is a franchise known to sell alcohol at very low prices (the clue is in the name!) when current trends are to try and cut alcohol consumptions for public health reasons (<http://www.nhs.uk/news/2016/01January/Pages/New-alcohol-advice-issued.aspx>).
- The prevention of public nuisance:

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- A number of flats, including mine, are in very close proximity to the proposed premises. None of the businesses in the area operate such extended hours, the noise generated by the late or early customers would not be welcome by the residents.
 - The protection of children from harm:
 - The proposed premises are less than 100m from Ivy Bank primary school, the idea of having premises that could facilitate the provision of alcohols to children feels me with dread.
 - The inability of the licence applicant to follow simple instructions on how to display the notice of application makes me question their ability to ensure that no alcohol is sold to the underage.

Kind regards,

Cheshire East Council
The Licensing Section
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

23rd March 2017

Dear Sirs,

Re: Application for a Premises License: Licensing Act 2003
Bargain Booze, 7 Thornton Square, Macclesfield, SK11 7XZ

We are writing to make a representation in respect of the application of Bargain Booze for a premises license at 7 Thornton Square, Macclesfield, SK11 7XZ.

As the landlords of a residential property which is situated directly above the premises, we have several concerns regarding this application in relation to the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of nuisance.

Thornton Square already features a licensed supermarket and a public house; a further licensed premises could lead to an increase in nuisance and antisocial behaviour from intoxicated individuals or loud groups attracted to the area by Bargain Booze.

We object to the proposed opening hours of Monday to Sunday 07:00 – 23:00 because of the noise caused by store trade, customer traffic and the noise generated by the aforementioned antisocial groups. During early morning and late evening, our tenant is entitled to quiet time and we feel these are unsociable hours for a residential area.

We would encourage you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

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The Licensing Section
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23rd March 2017

Dear Sirs,

Re: Application for a Premises License: Licensing Act 2003
Bargain Booze, 7 Thornton Square, Macclesfield, SK11 7XZ

I am writing to make a representation in respect of the application of Bargain Booze for a premises license at 7 Thornton Square, Macclesfield, SK11 7XZ.

I am a tenant of Thornton Square and am situated directly above the premises in question. I am very concerned regarding the proposed opening hours of 07:00 – 23:00, seven days per week and the resultant noise nuisance.

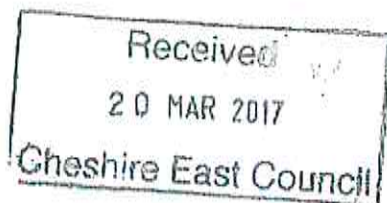
I recognise that I live above a shopping parade, however this is also a residential area and I feel I have a reasonable objection to the noise levels that will be created out of hours; I am entitled to peace and quiet.

There will be several sources of noise including early opening and late closing of the shop, customers and activity inside the store and increased car and foot traffic. I am also concerned that the noise problem will be exacerbated by intoxicated customers and groups of anti-social people loitering outside the store.

I have lived in this neighbourhood all of my life and recall that the area had a significant problem with antisocial behaviour in the past. I understand that local businesses and the Council have together regenerated the area and I do not wish to see it decline again.

I strongly encourage you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,



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**Appeal Against the Granting of License to Sell Alcohol
7, Thornton Square, Macclesfield SK11 7XZ**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to register my objections to the application for licenced premises at 7, Thornton Square SK11 7XZ. The granting of such a licence in this area would not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and the protection of young children.

As a long-term resident of the area, and a retired assistant head teacher of Ivy Bank, the school directly opposite Thornton Square, I believe I can speak from considerable experience of past problems related to such a development.

An off licence, "Threshers," was previously situated on Thornton Square and so I base my concerns and objections on this past experience. The off licence became a magnet for young people who hung around the shop, gave verbal abuse to passers-by and in some cases tried to get older looking teenagers to purchase alcohol for them, there were also cases of shop lifting from the off licence. The resulting behaviour led to the consumption of alcohol by underage youngsters who drank behind the shops (at the end of Larch Avenue) and left the resulting litter and broken glass in an area where local residents young and old had to walk to reach the shops. Sometimes this behaviour spread further up Larch Avenue and into surrounding closes as the young underage drinkers were obviously aware that this was a quiet area where they would not be easily seen by parents or police. Naturally the noise and nuisance caused by these underage drinkers in this quiet residential area was an unpleasant situation.

Unfortunately, the shopping parade also became a no-go area for many people who felt intimidated by loutish behaviour and general public nuisance, one couldn't even comfortably go to the local Co-op for a pint of milk in the early evening.

On at least one occasion in around 2002, disorderly youths on Thornton Square assaulted a police officer after being involved in shop lifting from the off licence and disorderly behaviour. The crime and disorder associated with the off licence was becoming even more of an issue for public safety.

Thornton Square is already well served by a thriving public house which has become more successful due to its new management. The local Co-op store offers a wide range of alcohol, and responsible adult drinkers can venture further afield to off licences if they require greater choice. I believe there are around 3 dedicated off licences under a mile distant from Thornton Square. Since the closure of the off licence there has been far less antisocial behaviour experienced in the area. This has been a great relief to local residents.

In view of my concerns for the future and my knowledge of the past, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

20-3-17



Dear Sir,

As a resident of this area for 14 years I am writing to object to the proposed off-licence "Bargain Booze" at Thornton Square. We frequent the Square every-day and enjoy the area.

We do not need another off licence at the Square, the shops on-site already are CO-OP SUPERMARKET selling Wines, Spirits, Beer, Lager etc, as well as Groceries & Ligs,

Also a PUB - THE WEAVER -

which has recently been done up to include a Restaurant.

The other shops are also neat & tidy and always busy.

The whole area was improved by having the car park resurfaced and new lighting and pavement.

Above the shops are apartments and people enjoy peaceful days and nights.

Across the Car Park are NEW HOMES which were added as affordable peaceful homes.

A lot of established, good, cared for homes surround the area and its approach.

There is also a PRIMARY SCHOOL close-by which is very busy. Parents park on the Car Park

for concerts and morning visits,

We had an off licence on-site a few years ago and it was closed due to noise, scuffles on ~~the~~ the car park. Police were frequently called by residents and damage to cars, and people in the Apartments.

I STRONGLY OBJECT to THIS OFF-LICENCE AND ITS HOURS OF OPENING for all the above reasons.

We hope you turn it down as it is NOT NEEDED.

Yours sincerely

Cheshire East Council
The Licensing Section
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19th March 2017



For the attention of the Licensing Sub Committee Cheshire East

Regarding the licence application made by Mrs L Rutter for the opening of a Bargain Booze store at 7 Thornton Square, Macclesfield SK11 7XZ

"Putting Residents first"

I am moved to write to you not only because I live less than 70 yards from the proposed Bargain Booze but also because I am only too aware of the historic problems created by the Thresher Off Licence which was located in the same retail area some years ago. I also have grave concerns regarding the negative effect that alcohol can have on society as a whole.

You may be aware that Macclesfield Express has a section entitled "before the bench" and each week a substantial percentage of the crimes committed are alcohol related. It is either stolen or drunk in excess and can, as you know, result in violent or unpredictable behaviour. In other cases individuals drink to excess and then drive their vehicles. This weeks Express has the sad story of a young man killed by a drunk driver.

This is not fantasy and is not just a local issue. Newspapers across the land carry sad stories of a breakdown in society, the roots of which in many cases lie in the ready availability of cheap alcohol.

There are currently seven retail outlets on Thornton Square. Two sell alcohol already, a third will mean that almost 50% of the potential trade outlets will be selling alcohol. This will not result in alcohol becoming more difficult to obtain and can only cause prices to be driven down thus easing availability. It is not an uncommon sight to see an elderly man sat on the pavement around the back of the shops. He has a bottle of whisky in one hand and milk in the other. He is usually incoherent. This is a sad indictment of our country and a very poor example to young people.

You will be aware that the shops are in close proximity to Ivy Bank Primary School and the children cannot help but see this poor chap. This exists without the Bargain Booze, the addition of which I believe will not improve the situation.

I enclose for your edification some typical news stories from the Internet specifically concerned with the Bargain Booze chain. Armed robbery seems to be a problem which the stores attract. My wife volunteers at the East Cheshire Hospice charity shop which will be next door to Bargain Booze, should the application succeed. I do not want to feel she may be in an area where she may be in danger of being involved on the sidelines of violent crime. We are a residential area and have a substantial number of Senior Citizens living among us. They are more easily intimidated by aggressive behaviour and they have a basic human right not to have the threat of lawlessness brought into their neighbourhood and to live in peace without fear.

I would be obliged if you would take the time to study the crime figures for our postcode of SK11 7UL and note that as things stand we do not live in a crime free area. You will observe that a not insignificant number of crimes seem to be because of the attraction of the shopping parade. The addition of a cheap alcohol store will not improve these figures. The internet page where Cheshire Police log crime is as follows.

<https://www.police.uk/cheshire/LP0014/>

I have taken the trouble to check the addresses of the councillors serving on the licencing sub committee and note that with the exception of a few councillors, who live in an urban area, that most of the remainder live on pleasant estates in rural areas and do not seem to be blighted by a Bargain Booze. I wonder if you would feel concern if you were presented with that possibility.

In your elected roles you have a responsibility not only to your immediate residents but to society as a whole. In 2012 David Cameron stated that "Every night in town centres, hospitals and police stations across the country people have to cope with the consequences of alcohol abuse and it is getting worse". He goes on to highlight the wider cost to society which he believes equates to between 17 and 22 billion pounds per annum.

I have printed and enclosed the article for your perusal. He makes the point that the solution in part is taking responsibility and at grass roots level that means you.

So when you read articles in the news about people's lives being shattered by alcohol related crime or of the extra strain placed on the NHS and Police force by the resultant physical and mental health issues please ask yourselves could I in a positive and constructive way have helped to prevent that.

"Putting residents first" is an admirable mission statement and putting common sense high on the list of mission tasks is also admirable. Someone has to make a stand and have the courage to say enough is enough.

I am hoping that your chosen statement is one that you can act upon.

Thank you for your time.



Alcoholic smashed liquor store door

A SELF-confessed alcoholic embroiled in terrorising the Thornton Square neighbourhood has landed himself in even more trouble.



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The defendant is due to appear in a civil court trial at the beginning of September when he faces an Anti-Social Behaviour Order hearing brought by the police in a bid to stem the trouble at Thornton Square.

Oultram, 20, has lived on Earlsway, Macclesfield, for most of his life but is currently staying in Biddulph with his brother in an attempt to tackle his drink problem and keep him out of trouble.

He admitted criminal damage - breaking a £150 door panel at Bargain Booze on Chester Road - and breaching his 12-month community rehabilitation order.

Magistrates added a further six months to the order, fined him £50, and made him pay £150 compensation for the glass panel.

Shirley Kelly, defending, said: "He has got an alcohol problem, but now that he has moved to Biddulph he has radically reduced the amount he drinks.

"He has tried to get himself away from his former associates and overcome his alcohol issues."

She said his record since last year included drink driving and on three occasions stealing alcohol from shops.

Patrick Hutchinson, prosecuting, said Oultram had already been barred from Bargain Booze, and when he appeared an assistant recognised him.

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Video footage showed Oultram breaking the door.

Miss Kelly said Oultram kicked out because he was angry that the shop assistant hurt his leg by shutting the door on it.

Probation confirmed that he had also breached his community order, but said he deserved a second chance.

Miss Kelly was unhappy with probation because since Oultram had a job he had been unable to attend courses aimed at tackling alcohol abuse, even though he had been with them six months.

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Armed robbers steal cash and cigarettes from Trentham's Bargain Booze store

By The Sentinel (<http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/people/The%20Sentinel/profile.html>) | Posted December 29, 2016

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Armed raiders escaped with cash and cigarettes after robbing Trentham's Bargain Booze store

A knife-wielding masked raider has escaped with cash and cigarettes from an off-licence

The robber pulled out the 'large' knife and forced a shop assistant to fill his carrier bag with the cash and tobacco

A second hooded man - whose face was also covered - kept watch at the front of the Bargain Booze store before the two robbers ran off

Read more: Police alert: Have you seen this 'wanted man' in Stoke-on-Trent?

(<http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/police-alert-have-you-seen-wanted-marlon-dickens-in-stoke-on-trent>)

/story-30018014-detail/story.html)

The armed raiders struck in Brough Lane at 8.10pm last night

A Staffordshire Police spokesman said: "Two men - with their hoods up and their faces covered - entered the store. One of the men kept watch at the door while the other went to the till and produced a large knife. He forced the shop assistant to fill his carrier bag with cash and tobacco."

Read more: Newsagent threatened with knife after chasing customer who refused to pay up (<http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/birches-head-newsagent-threatened-with-knife-after-chasing-customer-who-refused-to-pay-up/story-30016677-detail/story.html>)

Police believe the two men ran off towards The Lea.

Anyone who was in the area last night, and who may have seen anything suspicious, should call Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident number 617 of December 26, or Crimestoppers, anonymously on 0800 555111.

Read more: Police name woman, 48, found dead at flats complex (<http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/police-name-leek-woman-48-found-dead-at-flats-complex/story-30018058-detail/story.html>)

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Two arrested after robbery at Bargain Booze

By Louise Elliott (<http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/people/LouiseElliott/profile.html>) | Posted: January 28, 2017

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Two people have been arrested following a robbery at Bargain Booze.

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Two people have been arrested after a late night robbery at a Bargain Booze.

The incident happened at 10.30pm last night on the A527 Tunstall Road in Biddulph in which a staff member suffered minor injuries.

Shortly afterwards police were called to **reports of a man on a roof at midnight**

(<http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/a527-tunstall-road-in-biddulph-closed-as-police-talk-to-man-on-roof/story-30093470-detail/story.html>) and the road was closed for two hours while specialist police negotiators talked to him. He eventually came down from the roof at 2am.

Inspector Mark Thorley, from Staffordshire Police, confirmed that two people - including the man on the roof - were arrested for the robbery.

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He said: "We were called to a robbery at Bargain Booze, on Tunstall Road, in Biddulph, at 10.30pm in which a staff member suffered minor injuries.

"At midnight we were called to a man in his 30s on a roof in the same street. He was there for quite a period of time and police negotiators managed to convince the man to come down about two hours later.

"Two people have been arrested for the robbery, including the man on the roof.

"This was really, really good work by the negotiators."

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CCTV appeal after gun and knife raid at Mersey off-licence

Armed robbery at Bargain Booze in Lydiate

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BY TOM DUFFY
10.34, 25 SEP 2016

Detectives in Sefton are appealing for information following a robbery at an off-licence in Lydiate on Friday, 24th September.

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Two men armed with a handgun and a knife carried out a robbery at a Merseyside off-licence.



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The two men threatened staff at the Bargain Booze on Liverpool Road Lydiate on Friday night.

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The men, armed with a handgun and a knife, escaped with the cash and were seen to get into a red Honda Civic that had been parked on Barnes Drive. The car sped off towards Ormskirk Road.

The man suspected of having the handgun was wearing a sky blue polo shirt a

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IN RELATION TO THE INCIDENT.

Detective Inspector Mike Dalton, said to the ECHO: "This was a very frightening incident for the staff who were working in the store at the time. Thankfully they weren't injured during the incident, but they were extremely distressed.



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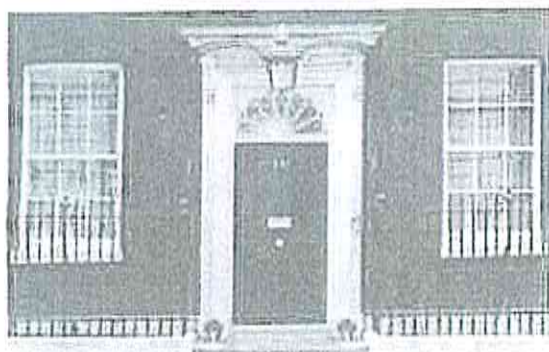
PM highlights impact of alcohol on NHS

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/prime-ministers-office-10-downing-street>)

First published: 15 February 2012

This was published under the 2010 to 2015 Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government

"Every night, in town centres, hospitals and police stations across the country, people have to cope with the consequences of alcohol abuse."



The Prime Minister today met doctors, nurses, paramedics and local police on a visit to a hospital in the North East to highlight the cost of alcohol to the NHS.

Figures today show an ever-growing bill to the NHS which currently stands at £2.7bn a year, including £1bn on accident and emergency services. £2.7bn equates to £90 for every taxpayer. This is part of a wider cost to society from alcohol of between £17 billion and £22 billion per annum.

In 2010/11 alone there were 200,000 hospital admissions with a primary alcohol-related diagnosis, 40 per cent higher than in 2002/03. The number of patients admitted with acute intoxication has more than doubled to 18,500 since 2002/03.

Ahead of the visit the Prime Minister said:

Every night, in town centres, hospitals and police stations across the country, people have to cope with the consequences of alcohol abuse. And the problem is getting worse. Over the last decade we've seen a frightening growth in the number of people - many under-age - who think it's acceptable for people to get drunk in public in ways that wreck lives, spread

'fear and increase crime.

This is one of the scandals of our society and I am determined to deal with it. As figures today show the NHS is having to pick up an ever-growing bill - £2.7bn a year, including £1bn on accident and emergency services alone. That's money we have to spend because of the reckless behaviour of an irresponsible minority.

Across the country local hospitals, ambulance crews and the police are rising to the challenge. We must help them to do so and will be setting out how through the forthcoming Alcohol Strategy. Whether it's the police officers in A&E that have been deployed in some hospitals, the booze buses in Soho and Norwich, or the Drunk Tanks used abroad, we need innovative solutions to confront the rising tide of unacceptable behaviour.

This isn't just about more rules and regulation. It's about responsibility and a sense of respect for others. This is an area where the drinks industry, supermarkets, pubs and clubs need to work with government so that responsible drinking becomes a reality and not just a slogan.

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