

Appendix B1



Dear Sirs

Application 070391 - 22 King Street / 1a New Walk

We have seen the application for an alcohol license submitted by Mr Anand Vinod requesting permission to sell alcohol from the above premises from 6am - 11pm weekdays, 7am-11pm Saturdays and 8am-11pm Sundays and wish to record our objection.

The address of the premises is stated as 22 King Street which is a relatively narrow unit with a single window. However, the building also has 1a New Walk as an entrance which is double fronted and, clearly, is the main entrance of the building.

The location for the sale of alcohol, in this particular case, may well present difficulties when it is sitting alongside a public house, Sloanes, and close proximity to Revolution and The Pub where people tend to congregate on New Walk on their way in and on their way out of these establishments. Indeed, some patrons awaiting entry may feel tempted to buy alcohol whilst queueing and pre-load beforehand. All three establishments have outside facilities on New Walk and, due to its location, it is likely that some patrons may try to buy cheaper alcohol from the Convenience Store and take it back to their table.

We have to say that there is evidence of early morning drinking on New Walk [including The Triangle neighbouring Remy's] and Museum Square, especially at weekends, and this does cause a nuisance to residents. You are probably aware that New Walk and Museum Square has a history of alcohol related street drinking incidents.

We should also like to add that the Leicester City Council's web site states that *"Leicester has significant rates of alcohol related harm. On average 30 people a year die due to alcohol and there are around 7,000 hospital admissions related to alcohol. This is much higher than the average in England."*

We therefore ask that you decline this application for the reasons stated.

If, however, you are minded to approve this application we hope you would at least consider it appropriate to place a restriction on the sale of any high strength beers, ales or ciders from these premises.

Generally speaking, convenience stores have their windows 'splattered with advertising bills' and we do not believe this would be appropriate for New Walk, given its conservation status. On checking the Planning Portal it would appear that the present use is Office [Class A2] as it was, indeed, operating as an Employment Agency. There does not appear to be an application to switch this to a Shop [Class A1] which is a little worrying.

If this application is referred to the Licensing Committee for consideration, we should very much like to attend in order to reinforce our objection.

Yours faithfully

