Reference: LIC168826 Licensing Act 2003 - Representation in respect of Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate Details of person or body making representation Your Name:\* Your Address:\* Your Email (optional) Details of premises representation is about Name of Premises:\* Bali's News & Booze Address of Premises:\* 4a Princess Road West Application No. (If known) 087247 Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to: Prevention of Crime and Disorder Public Safety Prevention of Public Nuisance Protection of Children From Harm Please summarise your concerns about this application: The four Licencing Objectives in the Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 seem to apply more to clubs and public houses but the wording of the four headings cover public concern

resulting in convenience stores selling alcohol as it is well known that such stores are the main suppliers of alcohol to street drinkers and we see the impact of what is happening on our streets today.

The area of King Street, Princess Road West, Princess Road West Backways, New Walk and Museum Square is suffering serious anti-social behaviour caused through Rough Sleeping, Begging, Alcohol Dependency, Drug Dealing and the resultant taking of New Psychoactive Substances. Given the seriousness, the City Council Head of Community Safety has set up regular meetings with Councillors, Police, CCTV and Residents to deal with the situation and some progress has already been made. Another convenience store selling alcohol on the doorstep of this area, possibly the street drinkers' preferred 9% ABV at £1 a 500ml can, will only fuel the problem and thereby create conflict with current initiatives.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives:

> The immediate area will soon enjoy IBM fully staffing their refurbished office and Mattioli Woods is to take the whole office complex at the New Walk Centre multi-use development at the bottom of New Walk. New Walk is a unique promenade and a jewel in Leicester's crown drawing visitors, families and many young children to New Walk and, particularly, to the New Walk Museum.

> King Street, Princess Road West, New Walk and Museum Square are surprisingly well populated by residents who have been encouraged to become 'city-dwellers'. This will increase significantly when the New Walk Centre multi-use development has been completed. Many professional businesses are in the location with clients visiting daily, some vulnerable and impressionable young people are being managed by Soft-Touch Arts opposite

Museum Square. There is a nursery in King Street, one at the bottom of New Walk and another on Upper New Walk and you see the little children being walked up and down New Walk for a daily exercise and fresh air. New Walk is also a main thoroughfare for many who work in the City as well as young university students.

Sadly the whole neighbourhood is suffering serious antisocial behaviour as mentioned in the previous section and another establishment selling alcohol, especially the high ABV cans, will undoubtedly contribute to anti-social behaviour when the City Council and Police are trying to minimise these issues and residents wish to enjoy a more peaceful existence.

Anti-social behaviour can be seen every day from early morning to late evening with individuals shouting, screaming, swearing, fighting and collapsing through alcohol and drugs.

We should prefer the Licensing Committee to refuse a license as licensing the premises will add to existing cumulative problems in the area. However, if the Committee is minded to grant the applicant a licence to sell alcohol, we ask that they be kind enough to consider restricting the licence to alcohol not exceeding 5.5 ABV and, importantly, restricting the hours that it may be sold to between 9.00am – 08.00pm which is the same as Riddhi Convenience Store on King Street / New Walk.

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Please summarise your concerns about this applica *	We continue to have significant concerns as to the safety around the rear of our premises with drug users and groups drinking alcohol and sleeping rough and indeed using the rear of the premises for sex! To most of these 'activities' evidenced by used needles and condoms (or as in a case just this morning) an actual body asleep on the floor of the entrance to a building opposite our rear entrance, there is evidence of alcohol consumption in the form of bottles and empty cans. We have even had drunks wandering into the building recently! to allow alcohol to be sold as an off sale in a 'remote' location when it is already freely available at other locations not so far away will only compound this problem and put the area into a greater risk of groups gathering for various nefarious activities. You have only to look at the police record of the number of incidents that we have reported to see that adding yet another option to purchase alcohol will almost guarantee further such incidents.		
Please give further details of <u>WHY</u> you believe this a objectives:	Alcohol consumption is already banned on New walk yet you only have to look at Museum Square (just two minutes walk from the proposed premises) to see that this ban is ineffective. Alcohol is already available all day from the Kings Head public house (two minutes walk away) or Tesco (five minutes walk away). Another outlet which would not be monitored in the same way is bound to compound the challenge to consumption on the street. I urge those making these decision to come and walk around the area of Princess Road or King street or Princess road backways or the Museum Square on any dry day and count the number of drinkers. You will be surprised. Come and have a look at our car park on most mornings and count the condoms and cans of alcohol and needles.		

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	I have seen a lot of anti social behaviour including people sleeping rough, drunk people and people dealing drugs in the area. I understand the City Council is already aware of this and are taking steps to improve things. I think increasing the availability in the area will only make things worse.
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objectives:	New Walk is a great asset to Leicester, it's a great place for families to walk safely and use facilities such as Victoria Park and New Walk Museum.
	The area is also populated by a range of local businesses bringing clients into the area - nurseries/restaurants/offices etc.
	What should be a great area is already being spoilt by anti social behaviour on a daily basis, throughout the day, littering, shouting, fighting and bad language are all commonplace.
	Making alcohol more freely available can surely only make things worse, therefore I'd prefer the license to be refused.

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Please summarise your concerns about this ap	The New Walk area is currently blighted by drinkers sitting in Museum Square, walking up and down, shouting at each other and generally causing a disturbance outside our home - which is opposite the Museum. This occurs during the day as they gather there: they take over the benches and at time seem to be trading drugs and falling asleep in the square. It is intimidating for other users of this green space and generally off-putting in what should be a quiet spot to enjoy the conservation area and garden areas.
Please give further details of <u>WHY</u> you believe objectives: *	Another convenience store selling alcohol on the doorstep of this area,possibly the street drinkers' preferred 9% ABV at £1 a 500ml can, will only fuel the local problem and thereby create conflict with current initiatives which are to calm public concerns.

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and this drinking is most of cheap alcohol purchased locally. These drinkers shout, fight, argue, collapse unconscious or semi-conscious and are generally frightening to local residents and people in general as well as tourists using new walk and the museum square and surrounding area.

The police have been trying to help us the local residents and businesses by trying to control the behaviour and by trying to cut down on the number of shops selling alcohol. The licencing of yet another shop selling alcohol will make the situation worse still.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives:

> The crime figures in the new walk area are growing. Local businesses are suffering from intruders looking for items to sell, money, etc. and the obvious reason for these tresspassings must be looking for money to buy yet more drugs and drink.

By allowing another shop to have a licence to sell alcohol gives encouragment to people to buy drink and therefore drink nearby and then get drunk in the vicinity of museum square and the surrounding area. There is a mixed message being given here by the City Council - don't drink and get drunk in the city centre but do by all means buy as much drink as you want.

There is a clear link between crime and drink and drugs so please City Council assist our police and us the local residents to keep Leicester City a pleasant place to visit and a neighbourhood to be proud of living in and a neighbourhood to feel safe in.

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#### Please summarise your concerns about this application:

We have a huge concern about the possibility of Bali's News and Booze selling off-license alcohol. Our main concern is the disturbing amount of alcohol and drugs related anti-social behaviour and crime we have experienced since moving to Princess Road West in July 2016. The local authority is well aware of the dangers and risks associated with such stores supplying alcohol to street drinkers and we experience the impact of this everyday on our street and the immediate area. The area (King Street, Princess Road West, Princess Road West Backways, New Walk and Museum Square) is suffering well-documented and reported serious antisocial behaviour caused by rough sleeping, begging, alcohol dependency, drug dealing and the taking of psychoactive substances.

Given the seriousness, the City Council Head of Community Safety has set up regular meetings with Councillors, Police, CCTV and residents with the aim of dealing with the situation. We are unsure of what progress has been made, given we experience such problems on a weekly basis.

We reported an anti-social behaviour incident ourselves on: 4pm 01/09/16 incident number 496, concerning a group of drunk men and women fighting and arguing immediately outside our house. In the three months since residing in the area we have personally witnessed drug taking and dealing, drunkenness, aggressive street behaviour, been subject to verbal abuse, and our property has been damaged with graffiti, and beer cans, bottles and drug paraphernalia is regularly thrown into our front garden. Our own CCTV has recorded some of this behaviour on Princess Road West and Princess Road Backways.

Another convenience store selling alcohol in this area, will only fuel the problem and thereby create conflict with current initiatives.

Please give further details of  $\underline{WHY}$  you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives:

This application is contrary to all four licensing objectives, instead it can be viewed as a facilitator of:

crime and disorder; a reduction in public safety; public nuisance; and a risk to the protection of children from harm.

Sgt Andy Cooper was quoted in the Leicester Mercury (August 2016) reporting an increased number of alcohol related disturbances in New Walk and Museum Square, following offenders' relocation to the area after three shops in Charles Street and Humberstone Gate had their licenses revoked or restricted:

http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/police-take-action-against-rowdy-new-walk-street-drinkers/story-29640717-detail/story.html

The Leicester Mercury (February 2016) reported Leicester's most crime ridden streets include Princess Road Backways (9 offences including 4 theft from person in the street):

http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/leicester-city-centre-s-crime-ridden-streets/story-28680439-detail/story.html This area is where offenders retreat out of sight of the main street to take drugs, deal drugs, sleep rough and engage in other behaviours.

New Walk is a unique promenade drawing visitors, families and many young children to New Walk and the New Walk Museum. New walk is home to two children's day nurseries and a young people's project. The streets around the area are not just office accommodation, they are home to a growing number of home-owners and residents. This will increase significantly when the New Walk Centre multi-use development has been completed.

Anti-social behaviour can be seen every day from early morning to late evening with individuals shouting, screaming, swearing, fighting and collapsing through alcohol and drugs. All this despite a street-drinking order covering the area. We feel the very name of the premises 'Bali's News and Booze' gives the licensing authority a clear idea of their attitude to alcohol sales and consumption, using the slang term booze really sets the tone of their approach in our view.

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#### Please summarise your concerns about this application:

I am extremely worried and concerned regarding this application and the fact Bali's News & Booze is applying to sell alcohol. This is because of the already high level of anti social behaviour related to alcohol and drugs in the surrounding area. I believe the local authority is already well aware of the dangers and risks associated with similar stores supplying alcohol to the street drinkers we have to endure outside our homes and in the surrounding area and I am appalled to think there could be another premises to fuel a situation that is already completely out of control in my opinion.

Protection of Children From Harm

Princess Road West, Princess Road West Backways, King Street, New Walk and Museum Square is suffering from well documented incidents and reports of serious anti social behaviour caused by alcohol and drug dependency, including the taking of psychoactive substances.

Given the seriousness of the situation, the City Council Head of Community Safety has set up regular meetings with Councillors, Police, CCTV and residents. I have only been a resident on New Walk for 4 weeks and I am already involved with this network, given that I can count on one hand the number of times I have actually had a decent night's sleep because of the disturbances outside my home. I am unsure of the progress being made because of the frequency of issues and I will be attending the next group facilitated meeting towards the end of November.

Another convenience store selling cheap alcohol with a high strength will only heighten the existing problem and cause further conflict with current initiatives.

I am a working professional woman and I am also a single parent with two children living at home. I was excited about moving to New Walk with all of the history and culture surrounding the area. I was looking forward to making a positive contribution to the local community and I still am. However, I didn't think for one minute my energies would need to be devoted to this subject and

so soon after moving. I feel I must object strongly for my own sanity, the safety of my children and for the local culture and environment.

Please give further details of  $\underline{WHY}$  you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives:

I strongly believe this application is contrary to all four licensing objectives. Instead, it can be viewed as a facilitator of crime and disorder, a reduction in public safety, public nuisance and a risk to the protection of children from harm.

I understand there has already been an increase in alcohol related instances this year, in New Walk and Museum Square, following offenders moving to this area after three shops in Charles Street and Humberstone Gate had their licences revoked / restricted. Princess Road Backways has been reported as one of the most crime ridden streets in Leicester, including drug taking, dealing and sleeping rough.

I walk my dog alone in the evening around these areas and I do not feel safe. This is where I live and I should not be made to feel like this when I get home from a day's work.

New Walk is a unique, historic and beautiful environment that draws in many visitors and families. Two day nurseries for young children are located there, as well as a young person's project. New Walk is a mixture of local businesses, office accommodation, homeowners and private residents.

Anti social behaviour is experienced every single day in some form or another, from early morning to late at night. Indeed I am amazed that unsavoury events can even happen in the middle of the day when New Walk is heavily populated. I witnessed an alcohol and drug fuelled argument between two people right outside my front gate just over two weeks ago. This was reported to the police by a member of the public and dealt with at the time.

Arguments, shouting, screaming, swearing, fighting and collapsing because of alcohol and drugs is a constant in public areas around New Walk. All of this despite a street drinking order being in place.

The thought of another premises increasing the accessibility to cheap and strong alcohol is abhorrent. Its name "Bali's News & Booze" gives a clear indication, I believe, to the attitude towards alcohol sales and consumption and one which gives me very grave concerns.

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### Please summarise your concerns about this application:

Our concerns stem from escalating crime and anti social behaviour in the area around these premises and the likelihood that an additional outlet for the sale of alcohol at the times and on the days stipulated will only worsen this situation. Making the sale of alcohol available to street drinkers throughout the day and into the evening in an area that is already suffering from high levels of alcohol and drug-related crime and anti-social behaviour would, in our view, be extremely unwise.

Please give further details of <u>WHY</u> you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives:

The licensing of these premises will have an adverse effect on ALL the licensing objectives for several reasons.

First, the premises are adjacent to the entrance to Princess Road Backways which is known to the police as well as residents and business-owners as a site for illegal activity and anti-social behaviour of various kinds. A new supplier of alcohol nearby will surely only exacerbate these problems. The shop itself is likely to become a target for crime. It is no coincidence that under previous ownership these premises have suffered from cases of shoplifting and frequent night-time burglaries. Second, the wider surrounding neighbourhood (King Street, Princess Road West, Museum Square, New Walk, Park Street, West Street and Wellington Street) experiences a high incidence of street drinking, drug abuse and rough sleeping. This frequently leads to crime and anti social behaviour of numerous kinds (e.g. muggings, violent and aggressive behaviour, arguments, and loud expressions of foul and abusive language) which is intimidating to residents, businesses and their clients, customers and employees, pedestrians passing through the area, and to worshippers attending Holy Cross Church.

Third, the sale of alcohol into the late evening in an area where there are several pubs and bars is also likely to encourage 'preloading', adding to the problems caused by high levels of alcohol consumption among customers of these establishments.

Finally, and of particular concern, is the proximity of these premises to a children's day nursery, one of three in the locality. Groups of toddlers and pre-school children from these nurseries can be seen regularly being walked up New Walk to Museum Square to play only to be exposed to the shouting, swearing and fighting of street drinkers whose supplies come from the three outlets already licensed to sell alcohol in this part of the City (Tesco, Riddhi Convenience Store and Kings News). Adding another licensed premises will only compound, and very likely worsen, what can only be described as an already intolerable situation.

We therefore urge the Committee to reject this application on these grounds. At the very least, if it is minded to award a licence, the Committee should stipulate the following conditions:

1. The hours for the sale of alcohol should be restricted.

2. There should be no sale of single cans or bottles of beers or ciders and no sale of spirits in containers of under 35 cl in capacity.

We firmly believe that these conditions should be stipulated in all new licence applications for premises located in the City centre. We are aware that similar measures have helped to reduce the incidence of street drinking and antisocial behaviour in other cities in the UK.

Reference: LIC173180

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# Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

**Public Safety** 

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Protection of Children From Harm

### Please summarise your concerns about this application:

The immediate area around this address is presently experiencing a great deal of antisocial behaviour, which is to a large extent alcohol induced. The possible addition of yet another convenience store selling alcohol for so many hours of the day and evening can only add to the problems being experienced locally by residents/workers and tourists visiting the area.

### Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives:

The Princess Road West/King Street, New Walk and Museum Square area has many residential properties. Residents have been encouraged by the City Council to come to live in the City, but our lives are now being blighted as we are being plagued by alcohol driven chaos on these very streets. We often find ourselves being woken at the crack of dawn by drinkers in Museum Square who are topping up having been able to buy 9% ABV at a £1.00 a can. They continue drinking, often throughout the day and into the evening, whilst they scream at each other, fight, swear at and intimidate passersby and urinate anywhere they fancy. The Police and Ambulance are regularly called to attend following fights and falls etc.

This area is supposed to be the "jewel in Leicester's crown" but is in fact becoming a no-go area for a lot of people - avoidance measures are being taken. If this situation is going to continue, and the licensing of another establishment is approved, there is potential for a further escalation in this appalling level of anti-social

behaviour.

There are many professional businesses in the immediate area, with the imminent arrival of IBM and Mattioli Woods - an increase in anti-social behaviour is hardly going to be acceptable to them and their clients - will they stay? The Museum has frequent school visits, vulnerable young people attend Soft Touch Arts, young and old walk up and down New Walk watching the seasons, the squirrels, looking for conkers, visiting the Museum but these days often scatter as soon as they are aware of the antics of the drinkers.

I should like to ask that the Committee consider the possibility of dismissing the application to grant a licence to sell alcohol but, in the event they are minded to approve, would request that the hours of sale be reduced to between 9.00 am and 8.00 pm in line with other and that alcohol on sale should not exceed 5.5 ABV.

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Susan Hall

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I would like to make an objection to the above application (087247) for a licence to sell alcohol at Bali News and Booze, <u>4a Princess Road West, Leicester, LE1 6TP</u> on the grounds of the prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance and Public Safety.

I live in the flats backing on to Princess Road Backways and the area is full of drunks and people hanging around in the streets and up the Backways. They shout and scream and fight and it is very frightening, I have a little dog and I am scared to take her out for walks up to Museum Square. I have had people trying to get in to my back garden and I have seen people doing drugs next door.

I think that if the shop gets a license to sell alcohol it will just make it all much worse. Alcohol related crime is disturbing our day-to-day life and we are all fed with it and the situation is intolerable.

Also the name Bali's News and Booze doesn't seem a good name for such a lovely area.

The community is suffering from severe anti social behavior from alcohol related incidents which are causing distress to us all and so and I am asking that the Licensing Committee refuse a license as licensing the premises will add to the problems in the area.

Best regards

Reference: LIC169829 Licensing Act 2003 - Representation in respect of Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate Details of person or body making representation Your Name:\* Your Address:\* Your Email (optional) Details of premises representation is about Name of Premises:\* Bali's News & Booze Address of Premises:\* 4a Princess Road West Application No. (If known) Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to: Prevention of Crime and Disorder **Public Safety** Prevention of Public Nuisance Protection of Children From Harm

#### Please summarise your concerns about this application:

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We have numerous problems in this area that we as a business are regularly reporting to the authorities. These have gone on over several years, with many relating to substance and alcohol abuse. Our own business has suffered criminal damage and damage to personal property which is on the same street. One incident last year cost £4,500. Providing a further outlet to sell strong alcohol from as early as 6am will only add to the problem. The whole area is being affected by a small group of hardened drinkers. The problem is such for our business that we already have a direct reporting line to the police for incidents in and around the premises. The planning office need to increase their efforts to assist with this problem and to help the majority here, who simply want to live in, work In or visit this supposedly prestigious area of the City peace and without the constant intimidation of a small group of people who are completely unpredictable due to alcohol or other substance abuse . I would specifically consider also the issue of school parties visiting the museum and playing in and around museum square and the danger these people present. I speak from personal experience that these people are not simply harmless drunks or drug abusers.

Please give further details of  $\underline{WHY}$  you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives:

I do not understand the need for a business to be supplying alcohol at 6am in the morning from this location, unless the proposer of this licence simply wishes to supply a small number of people who start drinking from the early hours. This proposal will only add to the anti-social behaviour which has scarred this area for years. As someone in business myself, I have no wish to comment on or restrict someone else's activities, but these people have already cost my own business several thousand pounds and I cannot see that supplying them with the very thing that fuels them will do anything other than cause further issues relating to security and anti-social behaviour.

Premises Name

Bali's News & Booze

Premises Address

4a Princess Road West

**Application Number** 

087247

12 October 2016

Dear Sirs

We are appalled at the submission of the above application and trust that it will not get approval from Leicester City Council.

We already experience serious problems in the area of our salon caused by drunkards either sitting in a stupor or lying unconscious in our doorway due to over consumption of alcohol, which they purchase at the shop on King Street, the empty bottles and cans nearby. On occasion we have been compelled to call an ambulance when the person cannot be roused.

When they do have a moment of lucidity we have to contend with them begging money either from ourselves or our clients. When they are not occupying our salon doorway they are in one either side of our door. Not only are there 'bodies' there is often vomit, urine faeces – sometimes all at once! When they do have a moment of lucidity we have to contend with them begging money either from ourselves or our clients. During the day several people worse for drink congregate in the seated area nearby at the bottom of New Walk where they drink, argue, shout and swear and when that noise is added on occasion by that coming from the Job Centre on New Walk it is pure hell. In addition, we rent car parking spaces in Marquis Street and quite often cannot gain access when there is an unconscious person lying across the electric gates. There is no escape.

It is a truly dreadful experience for us trying to gain access to our salon and worse still for our clients. In fact, we wonder if we have lost customers due to the, at times, threatening environment they are coming into.

Taking into account the new building that is in progress opposite our salon, our salon itself which we have spent thousands on to bring it to the best standard possible for our clients and the other residents and businesses who take tremendous pride in themselves and their environment, we feel that this area is truly up and coming as one of the best in Leicester for quality living space, leisure and businesses.

In fact, while we mention the terrible problems with alcoholism in King Street, New Walk and the local area, there is also the issue surrounding drug taking and prostitution which is the cause of further anti-social behaviour and theft both day and night. The close proximity of drop in centres does not help and on occasion the behaviour of some Job Centre attendees and their barking/aggressive dogs is sometimes cause for concern.

Surely the Council should be looking at the type of premises in the area that can no longer be tolerated as they 'don't work' alongside high class businesses and residences where people invest heavily.

Come on Peter Soulsby. You have made some great decisions for our city including replacing the old Council Offices with what will be a beautiful complex. Let's go one step further and get rid of buildings and services that ultimately will add to the degradation of this once beautiful area of Leicester. Is New Walk still a conservation area?

To conclude, we hope that the application for Bali's New and Booze will be rejected for all our sakes.

Thank you for taking the time to read our objection

Yours faithfully

### Susan Hall

From:

Licensing

Sent:

17 October 2016 09:58

To:

Susan Hall

Subject:

FW: Sale of Alcohol Licence 4a Princess Road West

Attachments:

responsible-authorities-contact-details-2015.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Please find below my objection to the sale of alcohol from the above address.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: <

Date: 16 October 2016 at 12:11:26 BST

To: < licensing@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk>

Subject: Sale of Alcohol Licence 4a Princess Road West

Dear Sirs,

I wish to object most strongly to the application by Mr Bali Singh Thakar, to sell alcohol at 4a Princess Road West LE1 6 TP.

As the owner of business premises at the for the past 16 years, my objection is made through extensive experience of the area.

The area has long suffered a variety of public disorder and criminal activity, usually related to drug and alcohol abuse.

This will be exacerbated by the provision of off sales of alcohol in the immediate vicinity. I believe the headings for objection are as below:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder.

Your own records will show the level of crime and disorder in the area, from drug and alcohol misuse, drug dealing and violent crime.

2. Prevention of public nuisance.

Myself, tenants and customers of my tenants have regularly had to put up with angry shouting, verbal abuse, and occasionally threats from drunken behaviour by people in the area.

Broken bottles, empty cans and occasionally needles, and other drug equipment are often littering the street

3. Public safety.

There have been times when the verbal abuse has become violent, and third parties have been intimidated or even threatened. Tenants have expressed great concern for the safety of their employees

4. Protection of Children.

There are two children's nursery schools in the area. One is just around the corner from 4a Princess Road West. These children are often taken to the nearby museum by the nursery staff.

To allow the sale of alcohol from these premises will put the safety of the children, and their

carers, in greater jeopardy.

The off sale of alcohol from this outlet will greatly increase the incidence of the disorderly behaviour listed above.

I therefore object to the licence for the sale of alcohol.



Reference: LIC169624

Licensing Act 2003 - Representation in respect of Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate

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Bali's News & Booze 4A Princess Road West Leicester LE1 6TP 087247

# Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:

✓ Prevention of Crime and Disorder

✓ Public Safety

✔ Prevention of Public Nuisance

Protection of Children From Harm

#### Please summarise your concerns about this application:

The four Licencing Objectives in the Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 seem to apply more to clubs and public houses but the wording of the four headings cover public concern resulting in convenience stores selling alcohol as it is well known that such stores are the main suppliers of alcohol to street drinkers and we see the impact of what is happening on our streets today.

The area of King Street, Princess Road West, Princess Road West Backways, New Walk and Museum Square is suffering serious anti-social behaviour caused through Rough Sleeping, Begging, Alcohol Dependency, Drug Dealing and the resultant taking of New Psychoactive Substances. Given the seriousness, the City Council Head of Community Safety has set up regular meetings with Councillors, Police, CCTV and Residents to deal with the situation and some progress has already been made. Another convenience store selling alcohol on the doorstep of this area, possibly the street drinkers' preferred 9% ABV at £1 a 500ml can, will only fuel the problem and thereby create conflict with current initiatives.

Please give further details of <u>WHY</u> you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives:

The immediate area will soon enjoy IBM fully staffing their refurbished office and Mattioli Woods is to take the whole office complex at the New Walk Centre multi-use development at the bottom of New Walk. New Walk is a unique promenade and a jewel in Leicester's crown drawing visitors, families and many young children to New Walk and, particularly, to the New Walk Museum. King Street, Princess Road West, New Walk and Museum Square are surprisingly well populated by residents who have been encouraged to become 'city-dwellers'. This will increase significantly when the New Walk Centre

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Anti-social behaviour can be seen every day from early morning to late evening with individuals shouting, screaming, swearing, fighting and collapsing through alcohol and drugs.

We should prefer the Licensing Committee to refuse a license as licensing the premises will add to existing cumulative problems in the area. However, if it is minded to grant the applicant a licence to sell alcohol, I ask that they be kind enough to consider restricting the licence to alcohol not exceeding 5.5 ABV and, importantly, restricting the hours that it may be sold to between 9.00am – 08.00pm which is the same as Riddhi Convenience Store on King Street / New Walk.

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Licensing Act 2003 - Representation in respect of Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate

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Bali's News and Booze 4a Princess Road West Leicester

087247

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Public Safety

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Protection of Children From Harm

Please summarise your concerns about this application:

The area around Princess Road West and New Walk suffers significantly from anti-social behaviour. The main offenders sleep rough and are regularly seen with highalcohol drink cans in their hands and exhibiting drunken behaviour. We have suffered property damage, abuse, threatening and lewd behaviour from drunks. This area is popular with tourists, and there are several nurseries in the area. The provision of cheap alcohol, especially during day time hours, will only exacerbate this problem.

Please give further details of WHY you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives:

> The provision of alcohol during day time hours will exacerbate the anti-social behaviour already prevalent in the area,

# Anti-social Behaviour

Many thanks for the flyer we received this week concerning ASB.

We arrived in Leicester June 2015 and we will be leaving Princess Road East to return to South Warwickshire on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

We will be greatly relieved to escape from Leicester particularly since we were assaulted in Horsefair Street outside the TSB in broad daylight at 16:40 hours, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. We are both of pensionable age.

We have visited many different countries during the past 40 years and have never been assaulted, how ironic that Leicester has given me and my wife the opportunity to experience what it feels like to be victims of crime. I reported this incident to the police. I followed up the incident on 13<sup>th</sup> October, and reported that the main assailant was in Town Hall Square smoking with other men at 10am that morning. The 101 service took 16 minutes to answer my call and informed me that the police were still looking at the CCTV recording from 3<sup>rd</sup> October. My wife refuses to enter the city centre now.

Since we have lived in Princess Road East we have experienced and witnessed (within a few yards of our front door and mainly during daylight hours):

- · Groups of men smoking cannabis.
- Men in cars preparing and smoking crack cocaine.
- Eight men in 2 cars at 4 a.m. running around wearing masks, holding batons and shouting.
- · A man seriously assaulting a woman.
- Many episodes of urination in public.
- Littering.
- · A drunk, comatose on the pavement outside our front door at 9pm.
- People ringing our buzzer at 3 am.
- Shouting and screaming on the street at all hours of the night.
- People parking on double yellow lines, placing a blue badge on the dashboard and then literally running into New Walk.

# Susan Hall

From:	8		
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To whom it may concern.

My wife and I have owned and run The Dolls House Nursery and Cottages Preschool for fourteen years and have built the business through hard work and dedication to Ofsted Outstanding. We employ twenty three employees and have enjoyed our New Walk and King Street location. Recently there has been so much asb as a result of drunkenness and related problems that we are loosing business and our good customers are going elsewhere. Young parents with babies and young children are constantly being approached by frightening people under the influence of drink and we have recently suffered a burglary where a considerable amount of cash was stolen. The area does not look good and myself, my wife and employees must object most strongly to the granting of new alchohol licenses in the area. With New Walk and King Street going down hill at such a rate, We wonder how long we can remain as employers in the City providing the quality and service to professionals and residents as we do. Please do not enable the continuing down hill slide by granting a license to the news agents at the bottom of Princess Road East.

Yours faithfully,

Sent from my iPhone

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Street and there are numerous shops near by that sell alcohol - adding this one in is not necessary and will make even more alcohol available in an already unstable street. 4) Protection of children from harm. There is a nursery less than 50 steps from this shop, the museum

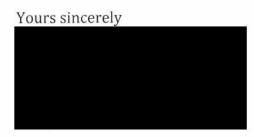
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I would like to make an objection to the above application (087247) for a licence to sell alcohol at Bali News and Booze, 4a Princess Road West, Leicester, LE1 6TP on the grounds of the prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance and Public Safety. As a person who has a long lease on a local commercial property and who is affected directly by your decision I would like to ask you to reject the alcohol license application from Bali's News and Booze.

You will be already aware that there is a major social problem in the area caused by a substantial minority of self destructive anti-social people whose behavior offends all right thinking people and the law.

To further fuel their public nuisance to decent citizens going about their lawful business by providing more access to alcohol is to place more strain on the local police and social services whose resources are obviously already over stretched.

How can you possibly justify causing the increase in undesirable street behavior bringing fear and nuisance to the majority of the local people merely to profit the distant merchants of alcohol and their local agent whose extra profit comes at such high social and emotional cost.





Licensing Leicester City Council 115 Charles Street Leicester LE1 1FZ

19 October 2016

Sent by email only: susan.hall@leicester.gov.uk

Dear Sirs

RE: OBJECTIONS TO THE APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: BALI'S NEWS & BOOZE, 4A PRINCESS ROAD WEST, LEICESTER

**APPLICATION No: 087247** 

I am the owner of which is a commercial property used as offices.

I wish to object to the application for a premises licence which has been submitted in respect of Bali's News & Booze, which is situated at 4a Princess Road West Leicester. I list the reasons for my objection below:

- I believe that the sale of alcohol from the premises is likely to increase the occurrence of petty crime in the area. There are ready regular incidences of petty crime, for example, I have had my car vandalised twice and a neighbouring building to mine (number 61) has been burgled twice in recent years.
- 2. The sale of alcohol from the premises is in my view likely to create a nuisance in the area. Street drinkers already congregate in Museum Square and create a nuisance. I have found human excrement in my garage on West Street and I frequently see people urinating in Museum Square during daylight hours. I would point out that many school trips are made to the New Walk Museum and the visiting children often have their lunches in Museum Square, where they should not be witnessing adult males urinating. The sale of alcohol from premises on Princess Road West is not in my opinion going to help the situation. I would remind the Licensing Committee that there is a prohibition on the consumption of alcohol in place for Museum Square. Presumably that prohibition was put in place in an attempt to curtail the nuisance which drinkers were causing in the area. It would be illogical to grant a licence to sell alcohol to premises within easy walking distance of the Square, as that would only exacerbate the nuisance problem.
- 3. I understand that Renaissance House at 20 Princess Road West, Leicester (just a few buildings away from 4a) houses the Leicester Recovery Partnership, which assists people who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction. The sale of alcohol in such close vicinity to Renaissance House would seem to me to be highly inappropriate and would not assist those who have sought help. There are also other agencies in the area which assist people with alcohol problems (e.g. The Alcohol & Drug Advice Centre at 96 New Walk) and homeless people are

- provided with temporary accommodation in the area. I believe that vulnerable people should be helped and that the sale of alcohol to them should not be encouraged.
- 4. I would ask the Licensing Committee to consider very carefully the customers who would be buying alcohol on Princess Road West between the hours of 6am and 11pm, 7 days a week. It is unlikely to be the office workers in the area nor will it be the student population, who will tend to use the bars in town. The likely customer base will mainly consist of the homeless people and street drinkers who gather in and around the area to whom the sale of alcohol should not be encouraged.

I hope that the Licensing Committee will see fit to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully