

Appendix B4

Sent: 19 July 2017 19:47

To: Licensing

Subject: 116 Bruin Steet

I would like to register my strong objection to plans for the shop at the corner of Bruin Street to sell alcohol between the hours of 6am until 11pm. There is already a strong culture of on street drinking in this area and this will only encourage it late into the night. Anyone who lives around here witnesses it as men hang around existing shops during opening hours and seem to favour swigging back their miniature bottles of spirits immediately outside or near to the shops – this is not a small number, nor is it young people – these are grown men who display all the signs of alcoholism and, I assume because of issues of shame prefer to drink on the street with like minded men rather than in their own homes. Some even bring plastic cups along and make a meeting out of it, discarding little and cigarette butts as they go. The community is already dealing with significant change from the housing development on Ross Walk and the usual tensions that come from some disadvantaged groups living in social housing – why on earth would this idea been seen as a positive for the community and young families who will have to bear the brunt of the impact – this idea does not serve them!!!. There are already convenience stores on every corner so there is no shortage of places to meet families basic needs which is what a corner shop should serve to do. This however will only help drag the area into the gutter. As yourself Mr Man from the Council.. does the extra tax in the local authority coffers warrant the misery this will cause those who live nearby. Im surprised you are even considering this – it would not get further than stage one application if this was a middle class area. Please reconsider for those of us who like to maintain some standard of living conditions.