

Good evening,

Please find attached an objection to the application for a new premises licence at the following address:

ALL DAY STORE, 35A Knighton Lane, Leicester, LE2 8BG

Kind regards,

Adam Rowlinson

Response to application for a new premises licence in respect of:

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## Prevention of Crime and Disorder

There have been long-standing issues with crime in the area, including anti-social behaviour, criminal damage/arson and violent/sexual offences, which are exacerbated by drugs and alcohol use. The last three months of publicly available police data show the number of crimes recorded 'on or near Knighton Lane':

Anti-social behaviour - 6

Criminal damage and arson - 2

Violence and sexual offences – 6

Other theft - 1

Total – 15 crimes recorded on one street in 3 months

It is worth noting that these are only the numbers for the street where the shop in question is located; when factoring in the surrounding streets, where customers for the shop are also likely to live, these figures will be much higher.

There are already plenty of shops selling alcohol available within walking distance, and we fear that having another shop right in the heart of the street selling alcohol for such lengthy hours will serve only to increase criminality in the neighbourhood, fuelling an increase in anti-social behaviour and violence.

Moreover, there have been a significant number of road traffic accidents on Knighton Lane in recent years, with vehicles flipped on their roofs, and crashed into parked vehicles. On more than one occasion, this has been the result of a drunk driver; again, increasing the accessibility of alcohol, particularly late into the night, will serve only to increase the risk of future accidents.

## **Public Safety**

As above, there is likely to be an increased risk to members of the public from increased levels of anti-social behaviour, violent crime and road traffic accidents, fuelled by alcohol being sold late into the night.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

As above, there have been issues with speeding, drink driving and road traffic accidents on Knighton Lane in recent years, and we fear that this will increased with alcohol being sold late into the night.

There are also significant issues with parking on Knighton Lane; it is a narrow street which was not designed for the number of residential and business properties now located on it. Previous Leicester City Council consultations in the area support this; a consultation in Autumn 2021 in response to the council themselves identifying traffic issues such as "nuisance and dangerous parking, difficulty finding parking spaces (especially during events at the football and cricket grounds), rat running and speeding" found that the majority of local residents supported measures to reduce the pressure on local streets. This was followed by a further consultation in Spring 2023 in which residents supported the management of obstructive pavement parking. This shows that the council have been aware of the traffic issues on Knighton Lane for at least 4 years.

Adding a shop to a street with these pre-existing issues, particularly one with such lengthy opening hours, is likely to put further strain onto parking with staff and customers arriving. This will inevitably lead to an increase in double-parking, parking on pavements, and other dangerous manoeuvres which will put the residents of the street at risk, including elderly residents as well as children who use the street on their walk to access nearby schools on Aylestone Road and Knighton Lane East.

In conclusion, we believe that granting an alcohol licence for the property in question, especially with such lengthy hours of operation, will serve only to increase crime, public nuisance and the risk to public safety in the area, and we would urge you to give serious consideration to rejecting the application in the terms sought.