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I have received notice of a planning [sic] application by 28 Denman Avenue to sell and supply alcohol to members of the public between the hours of 10am-8pm, and wanted to know more about what the plans were. Are they considering turning their home into a pub, or is it some kind of tasting/wholesale business? It would be good to understand more about what this entails, as different approaches would cause differing objections.

If it was a 'pub' arrangement, my objections would be as follows:

This is a residential estate with people living either side of the property, who purchased their property on the basis that they would be living next door to a home, not a public establishment that could carry light and noise pollution, litter and mess, and a security risk to their homes.

Parking - we already have significant issues with users of the Prince of Wales Stadium parking on the grass and the road preventing access for residents and making it particularly difficult for wheelchair users and pushchairs to navigate the estate safely. There is no parking available for a public establishment and this would cause a lot of problems for residents.

There are many children who live and play safely in this development. Introducing an alcohol license and lots of strangers would carry the risk of anti-social behaviour, additional noise and danger to the children. I think of the current situation where we are in school holidays and children are playing outside all day, every day. To have people drinking alcohol from 10am would cause significant impact to the safety and wellbeing of everyone on the estate, not just the children.

Noise

I believe that we have enough trouble with alcohol in this town. I work in the town centre and every day there are drunk people in Sandford Park, openly drinking on the streets with no consequence. Sometimes they are abusive, and it does make people feel very intimidated walking through the park. That is not to mention what goes on in the town centre at night, which is considerably worse. One of the reasons for choosing to live in a purely residential estate with a close-knit community is that I want to be able to feel safe at home, and I want it to be peaceful.

What happens if this business does not succeed, and they sell it and the property (like so many pubs) remains empty and unsightly for years to come? Is there actually a demand for this service? Have you looked at the business plan to assess whether or not it will actually succeed?

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The application for the above property to sell alcohol should not be approved because of issues of public safety. Although there are parking bays on Denman Avenue these are over subscribed. Drivers already leave their vehicles on the highway or park on the verges and if the application is approved the business will generate even more cars throughout the day, seven days a week. This is a housing estate with children, dog walkers etc and not a trading estate.

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I wish it to be placed on record that I strongly object to this application. It is highly inappropriate in this quiet residential area. The extended hours from 10 am every day are totally irresponsible in the light of public nuisance, safety and the protection of our children.

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We are residents at Denman avenue, and would like to object to licence application and feel it should not be granted on all four criteria points.