

Up Hatherley Parish Council

Having consulted with all my colleagues, I am writing on behalf of Up Hatherley Parish Council to express our concerns about the current licensing application for the vacant premises at Caernarvon Court which sits at the centre of our Parish.

The Caernarvon Court complex has a Spar mini-market, an Oriental takeaway, estate agent and hairdresser. The Spar is open early morning until 10pm and sells alcohol throughout this time. The surrounding area is wholly residential and includes many retired people and small children.

Some years ago the shopping precinct and surrounds was the subject of a Police dispersal order, part of the problem being alcohol related anti-social behaviour. Occasional problems of the same nature have occurred since and we are concerned that any extension to the hours of availability of alcohol on this site could result in a return to the serious problems experienced in the past. We would therefore oppose granting a licence to any new premises that made alcohol available beyond the current time of 10pm on the grounds of a) risk of crime and disorder, and b) risk of public nuisance, particularly noise.

Thank you for your consideration

Resident

I understand an application has been made to sell alcohol between the hours of 6am and midnight at the former Fourboys Newsagent in Caernarvon Court, Up Hatherley, Cheltenham.

I live in Carmarthen Road and strongly object to this application.

We already have a Spar selling alcohol in the same complex which is open until 10pm and this is quite sufficient. It is a very residential area and activity in Caernarvon Court at that time of night will be disruptive to the neighbouring homes and especially to the flats above the shops.

The later opening hours will attract people who do not live in the neighbourhood and encourage anti social behaviour which is something we are trying to address in the area.

Alcohol misuse is a real problem in our society today and the availability of alcohol is a contributing factor. I certainly do not think a quiet residential neighbourhood is the right place for this type of trading.