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**Sent:** 29 October 2021 22:43  
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**Subject:** Coldhurst Off Licence, 162 Chadderton Way, Premises Licence

Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the application for a premises licence for the properties of 162 Chadderton Way (Coldhurst Off Licence, OL1 2EW) which would enable the premises to sell alcohol.

I would like to lodge my objection to granting of yet more alcohol licence in this neighbourhood. I believe it will significantly increase public nuisance and be a threat to the safety of the general public. This off licence is also very close to two recently opened children play parks (on Martha St. and Ripon St.) where children play.

May I also point out (without making this a race issue), this being a predominantly Asian neighbourhood, there aren't many alcohol-consuming customers except young Asian kids whom the parents are desperately trying to keep away from drugs and alcohol these days. And the last thing they need is a shop on the doorstep selling alcohol.

There are, however, some existing premises in the neighbourhood to cater to anyone wishing to purchase alcohol. There's an off licence at 284 Rochdale Rd. as well as Tesco Chadderton (which is just across the road).

I would like to reassure you that I am not anti-business. We all understand that high unemployment and crimes are directly related. For a town/neighbourhood or city to prosper and become a pleasant place for its residents to live in, it should have good employment opportunities. More people working means they will have more disposable income to spend in local businesses which in turn will create more jobs. Sadly, we already have a high crime rate and high drug-related problem in this neighbourhood.

About 4 weeks ago, in the evening when I went out for a walk, I was abused by a young Asian lad on Ripon St. The lad was drunk, he verbally abused me and came to attack me but I managed to quickly extricate myself before he could attack. I know the lad, I know his entire family and he knows me too. Yet when he was drunk he behaved in ways he would never do normally. Some days later his dad came to apologise.

Sadly, this kind of incidents are on the rise and it is now quite dangerous to be driving around in this area as young kids, mostly drunk and on drugs, drive around menacingly doing 70, 80, 90mph on a 30 limit road!

I welcome the fact that a new business is opening which will serve the community as well as create one or two jobs. I am sure there are hundreds of items it can sell and still be very profitable. But selling alcohol, particularly which are to be taken outside and consumed outside of the property, sadly, will create too many problems for a neighbourhood which is already struggling with nuisance, noise, littering and crime.

I hope the licencing panel will take all these into consideration and make the right decision.

I believe the last day for any objection regarding this licence is 30/10/21. I am sending this on the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 21.

Yours sincerely

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