

**REF:** 104730

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the application from **WARRAICH LIMITED** for a Premises Licence for **Go Local Express** and the sale and supply of alcohol from 07:00 and 00:00.

My objection is based on my concern that this new licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many dwellings nearby, including my own. Given that there is already an off licence located less than 100 yards on the opposite end of the street, I also bring into question the need for such a premises. In addition to the fact that there is another shop located on London Road, also selling tobacco and alcohol. The opening of another shop selling the same items brings no value to the area nor does there appear to be any requirement for another shop.

Parking on the residential street is already at maximum capacity with residents having to park on neighbouring streets due to the yellow line present on Vulcan Street, this can be intimidating for residents in the evenings with the anti-social behaviour already present in the area. This is one factor that will definitely bring further disruption to the homeowners nearby not just by the footfall of potential customers, but by any staff working at the store.

There is also a concern regarding the opening hours, with Derker currently undergoing intense scrutiny over the crime rate linked to drugs and violence (Operation Vulcan), putting it in the same light as areas such as Strangeways and Piccadilly Gardens, creating a new late night hot spot supplying alcohol and tobacco, amongst other items, will draw unwanted attention as seen in other areas of the community when late night opening is available (See anti-social activity in areas such as Sholver, Greenacres etc).

The opening hours are also of particular concern, the houses on Vulcan street are old and when shutters are rolled, doors banged it is often felt through the adjoining homes. With the local shop already on Vulcan Street this is not a major issue as the store closes at 9pm which is seen as a reasonable time and is tolerated by the residents. Having the resounding sound of shutters trembling through your house at 07:00 and 23:00, I can presume would be pretty unbearable and likely to have a detrimental impact on anyone living in the properties affected and likely the value of the property.

Whilst we welcome a new business in the property, as the bakery was a much-loved addition to the street, yet another off licence isn't what the area needs. With 2 shops already on the area and Tesco, Asda and other shops close by, it will simply create another avenue for people to obtain alcohol in the late hours which studies have shown in deprived areas, does link further to criminal activity.

<https://alcoholchange.org.uk/policy/policy-insights/alcohol-and-inequalities>

Researchers at Edinburgh University have looked in detail at the way alcohol is sold in different areas. They found that there is often a far higher concentration of shops selling alcohol in the poorest neighbourhoods. Wider research has tended to find that higher levels of 'outlet density' is linked to both higher levels of consumption and health harms. The implication of these findings, then, is that the 'harm paradox' is partly linked to a greater saturation of outlets – especially smaller shops selling very cheap alcohol – which, in turn facilitates higher levels of consumption.

I feel that another off licence on the street would also de value the houses on the street given the impact the shop would have on the street.

I would be grateful if the Licensing team would consider my objection.

Kind regards

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