

High Street, Colchester

I note the Conditions the Licencing authority intend to impose on the granting of a licence however I would still object on the following grounds.

Firstly, although the concept of a High Street is usually one of retail outlets, entertainment etc, to a late hour, this is not so for Wivenhoe. It has, over the years become a quiet and mainly a residential area. I am aware that there is a Public House opposite the site, however, this is a very long-established business and as far as I know, does not sell alcohol for consumption off of the premises.

Although 'asking' customers to leave the premises quietly at up to 2300 at night (including Sundays) may work for the majority who are reasonable, the minority, will always ignore such suggestions. The flats above and adjacent to the premises are home to vulnerable people who will be disturbed by unreasonable people, as will the other local residents. How would 'disrespectful customers' be dealt with and by whom?

Secondly, the car park and King George's playing fields are ideally located adjacent to the application site for drinking off sales alcohol which may be encouraged by it's availability until late at night. We already have problems with alleged drug dealers at this end of Wivenhoe and this could add to the problems.

I look forward to receiving an acknowledgement to my objection.

High Street

There is already a problem with antisocial behaviour related to alcohol in lower Wivenhoe. Another business selling alcohol late into the evening is definitely not wanted. It would also be in direct competition with three small independent businesses in the immediate vicinity, and the Co-op which is very close by. Off- sales are more than adequately served by the existing businesses.

High Street

There is no need for another business on the high street to obtain a premises licence.

The licence to sell alcohol between the hours of 6am - 11pm is going to cause even more anti social behaviour in the immediate area. There is already a massive problem with underage drinking in the fields next to the high street without another place to serve underage children alcohol. For the safety of the public and local residents another premises licence will not bring any positives to the local community just more crime and disorder.

There are many other reasons including the fact there is double yellows on the high street and people will be abusing that and just pulling up on the street as they already do causing delays to buses and other traffic on the high street.

This licence has more negatives than positives and I'm sure that will be reflected in the number of objections you will receive I just hope you make the right decision to upset one shop owner than a whole community.

High Street

This is a threat to our existing businesses. We do not need another alcohol selling source in this small area. We already have several within a short distance plus pub and wine bar. It is also a threat to our village post office. The proposed opening hours are excessive. The village is already suffering enough from vandalism, much caused by excessive consumption of alcohol in public spaces, bottles and broken glass left causing a danger to us and animals. Please do not approve this application.

Thank you for your email. I am very disappointed by your request for evidence. As someone who observes this appalling behaviour late at night when taking my dog for a final walk around the block, I'm not inclined to take photos and put myself at risk. I will however try to take some of the debris left behind early in the morning, before our wonderful council team have had the chance to clean up. You will no doubt also be aware of the burnt table tennis table in the King George Fields, damaged by youngsters out of control. They were on CCTV but Below a photo from one of the kind dog walkers who clean up regularly after parties on the fields around Wivenhoe. As you can see alcohol is definitely involved and not consumed on licensed premises or with due care and attention.

For further evidence I would also suggest that the Licensing Team look at the Wivenhoe Forum and Wivenhoe Wombles website where plenty of evidence is posted.

I am copying in local councillors who are well aware of the difficulties we face and hope that they will support and provide further evidence. If I can take more photos I will certainly send them. In the meantime please do not reject my objection or those from others simply because we are not in a position to provide it. (This should have been clearly stated on the submission form.)

(photo 1)



Some more images prior to your deadline of Monday.

The burnt table tennis, done by out of had teenagers I understand
(photo 2)



Broken branches on seating area as someone disturbed youngsters collecting wood for a fire?

(photo 3)



I wish I could provide more. But it's not that simple

Some more data from this afternoon

Broken glass beer bottle and fire in a very dry area and under a tree, fortunately I walked on the glass before my barefoot dog
(photo 4)



Two empty wine boxes and wrappers strewn on the grass close to a bench, near the area now marked as police surveillance . (I don't think so!)

(photo 5)



Queens Road

It is with dismay that I read of this application for a licensed premises for the following reasons:

1. This new business would jeopardise all the existing shops in the vicinity as it proposes to sell the same range of products, that is: the Greyhound Pub, 6 Beer Bottles, the Post Office, Battles Newsagents, the Delicatessen.
2. The location would encourage more parking on double yellow lines and so be a traffic hazard.

3. The opening hours till 23.00 at night would encourage after hours drinking and rowdyism.

I see no need for such a business in this position in Wivenhoe, especially since it will put other existing businesses at risk of closing. Therefore, there would be more empty shops in this area.

High Street

I am objecting to the granting of this alcohol sales licence as I feel it is totally unnecessary as

currently The Post Office opposite sells alcohol as obviously does The Greyhound public house also opposite and, The Beer Shop, almost next door. Also selling take away alcohol up to 11.pm could well encourage more night time drinking in the Summer months in King Georges Park and on The Quay and the anti social behaviour,. that can go with it.

Secondly the shop is advertising its self as a convenience store open 17 hours a day and will obviously be in direct competition to the Post Office which relies on its general sales to support the running of the Post Office. If this is allowed to go ahead we could easily lose our Post Office.

High Street

I object very strongly to the proposed new convenience store on 2 points

1.Our Post Office opposite this proposed new store survives due to the fact that it is also a general convenience store offering us all we need plus most importantly all the necessary services we enjoy as a Post Office .IF you allow this new store to open it would take away customers from The Post Office -its life blood- and could not afford to continue functioning.

2 The proposed new Convenience store plans to sell alcohol from 10am -11pm !!!It will encourage many to drink more.It will take away trade from The Post Office and The Greyhound.Youth will be able to party more in the park ,church yard ,river front,woods etc,possibly and probably causing anti social behaviour .

To conclude:We do NOT want We do NOT need another convenience store

We DO NEED and WANT our Post Office

Manor Road

There are already several stores close by selling the same items and open until late, so there is no need for another.

There have been several instances of vandalism in that area including setting a table tennis table alight.

The adjoining King George Fifth playing field is often left littered with the detritus of evening drinking sessions which has included broken glass and drug paraphernalia.

There have been accidents in the immediate area where the traffic becomes concentrated by the Queens Road junction, people stopping for the Post Office and entering or leaving the car park. An additional convenience store will exacerbate the situation, especially if there happens to be a bus trying to make its way along the high st.

There is no demonstrable need for any such facility in the town.

Manor Road

There has been an some antisocial behaviour recently with fires and vandalism in this area of the town. Having a new shop selling alcohol in this location and for the long hours stated does not feel as if it adds any benefit and It is a concern that the situation will worsen rather than improve

Palmer Gardens

There seems no point in another shop selling alcohol when the co-op and existing shops also sell alcohol. A shop selling beer, wine and spirits so close to the riverside late into the night is surely inviting problems for residents long after pubs have closed. There is also the issue of double yellow lines and parking...

Clifton Terrace

I am writing to object very strongly to this application for a convenience store at the end of our road, Clifton Terrace. The goods they are planning to sell are very much the same as the Post Office just across the road. The Post Office has to make sales to keep open since the Government stopped paying Post Office staff. If they lose sales they will almost certainly have to close which would be a huge loss to everyone living at the lower end of Wivenhoe.

There are also other shops such as the new coffee shop and the Deli and the Bookshop which sell some of the same things as this convenience store is planning to stock and all struggle to make a living. We do not need another similar shop but rather one selling different goods.

My final objection is to the very long hours this shop is planning to be open: 6am till 11pm which will cause noise nuisance and traffic nuisance in our relatively quiet lane.

I hope the Borough will refuse this application.

The Wivenhoe Society objects to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol at this location. The application appears to be associated with the potential opening of a convenience store. This would be almost directly opposite the Post Office which already serves as a convenience store and sells alcoholic drinks. The residents of lower Wivenhoe greatly value having a Post Office. It relies on revenue from its retail activities for its financial viability. There are two other retail outlets for alcoholic drinks in the immediate neighbourhood so an additional outlet would be overprovision.

The opening hours seem to be until 23.00 hours. The site is very near the King George V playing fields and there could be a danger of antisocial behaviour from groups of young drinkers if off licence purchases are easily obtainable in the area. The other nearby outlets do not stay open so late.

With regard to antisocial behaviour there have been several incidents of vandalism on the King George V fields though there is no direct evidence (apart from empty cans/bottles) that this was alcohol related. 59-61 The High Street is very close to the King George V, see attached map. The Wivenhoe Society's worry is that easy access to off licence alcohol in the evening could exacerbate the problem.

(Wivenhoe Society map)



The Vines

We object to the application for licensing this premise in the heart of Wivenhoe - 6 am - 11 pm for alcohol and food sales.

It is completely unsuitable and should be rejected out of the question, surrounded by residential housing, childrens playground and prominent corner.

It is unsuitable for this village and will undoubtedly cause disturbance and likely mess around and noise late at night.

The Post Office will suffer, they rely on their small grocery store, the Greyhound Pub is opposite and will be affected.

Please reject.
