

Dear Angela,

Re: Fantastic Morley's Chicken, 307 Stanstead Road, SE23 1JB - application for alcohol licence

We strongly object to the licensing application to sell alcohol from this premises Sunday-Thursday 1100-0200 and Friday-Saturday 1100-0300.

Ravensbourne Road is populated by hardworking families with young children and older people with a strong sense of community. It has really struggled with litter and anti-social behaviour issues for years, but we are gradually starting to tackle these issues as a community. The last thing we need now is a late night takeaway selling alcohol on the corner.

Fantastic Morley's already has a reputation as a place where drugs are sold - shop staff have acknowledged as much but say there is nothing they can do. (We believe that is why a surveillance camera was recently installed on a street lamp at this junction).

Granting an alcohol license is highly likely to exacerbate these problems and be a huge detriment to the:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder in the area
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Public Safety

The area around Ravensbourne Road and Blythe Hill Fields is family orientated and in close proximity to primary schools and nurseries. We walk past this shop each day to take my son to school and often have to cross the road to avoid shouting, disgusting smells and litter. It is already not an environment I want to expose my son to.

Residents have been fighting to tackle long standing fly-tipping issues, overflowing bins, anti social behaviour at some properties, and cars using the road a shortcut/rat run. We also face light pollution from a digital billboard (your planning department failed to consult residents before it was put up), poor street lighting and battered paving and road surfaces.

The chicken shop has not helped. As an action group we have complained about the state of its bins (it often leaves red refuse sacks on the street which are ransacked by foxes and rodents). Its enormous vent pumps noxious fried food smells up the street every day, angering those who live nearby. It attracts many young teenage male customers, raising the risk of underage drinking if an alcohol licence is granted.

A late night alcohol license would only further increase nuisance and crime. Our MP Vicky Foxcroft agrees and is supporting us in opposing this application.

I object to a alcohol licence at the chicken shop for these reasons:

- Prevention of public nuisance:

The chicken shop is positioned close to quiet residential roads and on the corner of my own, Ravensbourne Road. Myself and residents on my street do not want a late night takeaway selling alcohol on the corner of our road. You have imposed conditions stating no alcohol purchased alongside a takeaway shall be opened inside the premises but there is a risk this will not be followed or monitored. Also, customers are potentially highly likely to start drinking on the street when they leave the shop, potentially causing a rise in noise and other nuisance behaviour- something I and other residents would not want.

Further to this I fear the sale of alcohol will attract people to linger in the area, and that despite the rules alcohol will be sold past 11 and this takeaway will become a de facto late night off licence .

In addition, many customers throw their takeaway boxes and chicken bones on the street. The street already has a litter problem (see numerous complaints to council ) and I fear it will get worse as alcohol attracts more customers to the premises and bottles and cans are thrown onto the road and into people's front gardens.

Many are likely to be attracted to order late night food from Morley's via a delivery service, now that it can be accompanied by alcohol. Many motorbikes waiting outside with engines running and loud discourse is not something we want in the neighbourhood late into the night. You stipulate engines must be turned off, but in reality who will police this? Even worse than this, you stipulate that motorbikes must not park outside directly outside the premises. In that case they will most likely drive into Ravensbourne Road and park further up in our residential street. This will be of great public nuisance in noise and add to the air and noise pollution to residents.

- Protection of children from harm

Many of the customers who frequent the takeaway are children and teens, including school children. This is a national issue with child obesity on the rise as it is. However I also fear alcohol will be sold to underage customers. Ravensbourne Road is also a family oriented road, near several nurseries and schools. The sale throughout the day of alcohol at the chicken shop could pose risks to local children, both in terms of enticing them to try alcohol alongside their chicken and through a potential increase in anti-social behaviour.

- Prevention of crime and disorder

I believe granting the licence could lead to an increase in crime and disorder due to a likely increase in anti social behaviour and underage drinking

- Prevention of public safety

I believe granting the licence could threaten public safety due to a likely increase in anti social behaviour and underage drinking.

To grant the licence would severely impact my family's quality of life our general well-being and that of my neighbours. It would honestly make us want to leave the area that we care about and are working so hard to improve.

Please don't grant it.