

OBJECTION RECEIVED BY EMAIL RELATING TO NEW PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION
- ENDERBY MINI MARKET, JOHN STREET

Licensing Department
Blaby District Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application for a premises licence for a new off-licence with proposed opening hours of up to 17 hours per day on what is a narrow residential terraced street.

This street is entirely residential and consists of terraced properties with no driveways or off-street parking. Parking is already extremely limited and is used almost entirely by residents. Vehicles regularly park along both sides of the road, often partly on the kerb simply to allow traffic to pass. As a result, pavement space is frequently restricted.

The introduction of a retail premises at this location would inevitably attract additional vehicles from customers, delivery drivers, and collection services. There is simply no parking capacity available for these vehicles. Short-stay stopping, double parking, or vehicles mounting the pavement would worsen an already difficult situation and would likely obstruct the road. I often get home and there is no parking available.

This raises serious public safety concerns. The street already experiences restricted access due to parked vehicles, and additional traffic would further increase the risk that emergency services such as ambulances or fire appliances could be delayed or prevented from accessing the street when needed.

The current parking situation already creates difficulties for pedestrians. Pushchairs and prams frequently have to navigate around vehicles parked partly on the pavement. There are a number of young families living on the street, and further obstruction would make the road even less safe and accessible for residents. I often get home and there is no legal parking on John Street at all!

I am also concerned about the likely impact of vape and related product sales. Shops selling vapes frequently attract young people who gather outside the premises. This can lead to groups congregating nearby, increased noise, litter, and anti-social behaviour. On a quiet residential street where houses are located immediately next to and opposite the proposed premises, this would have a direct impact on residents' quality of life and sense of safety.

The proximity of the premises to residential homes is another significant concern. Houses are located directly adjacent to and opposite the proposed site, meaning any increase in footfall, noise, deliveries, and late-day activity would occur immediately outside residents' front doors. Extended opening hours of up to 17 hours a day would significantly increase the period of disruption for those living nearby.

There is also no clear need for another alcohol retailer in the village. A 24-hour supermarket is located less than 200 metres away and already provides alcohol sales around the clock. In addition, the village has approximately seven pubs or clubs and at least two other licensed convenience stores. The area is therefore already well served for alcohol sales and licensed premises as well as convenience items .

Given these circumstances, granting an additional off-licence in such a residential location risks undermining several of the core licensing objectives, including:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance
- Public safety
- The protection of children from harm

In particular, the potential for increased street congregation, noise, anti-social behaviour, and traffic congestion would have a clear and negative impact on residents and families living on this street.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Council carefully consider the cumulative impact this premises would have on the immediate residential area and refuse the application.

Thank you for considering the concerns of local residents.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan P. Martin

