

19 January 2012

Harrow Council Community Safety Services Civic Centre PO Box 18 Station Road Harrow Middlesex HA1 2UT

For the attention of Mr Ash Waghela

Dear Sirs.

LICENSING ACT 2003 - NEW PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION FOR HILL FOODS, 43 HIGH STREET, HARROW ON THE HILL, MIDDLESEX HA1 3HT - OBJECTION

Thank you for your letter dated 30 December 2011 notifying us of an application for the sale of alcohol for the above premises.

Harrow School object to the granting of this licence on the following grounds:

The Protection of Children from Harm

This shop, formally known as Oakwoods, is visited on a daily basis by numerous children from local schools including Harrow School. Whilst we acknowledge that the applicant has stated that "All staff will be trained in an Age Verification policy to prevent underage sales of alcohol" in reality this can be extremely difficult to monitor and enforce.

In addition to the close proximity of other Schools and Sixth Form Colleges, these premises are located at the heart of Harrow School with 820 pupils who also live at the School seven days per week throughout term time. It is for this reason that such a high proportion of children visit these premises and a licence to sell alcohol would put them at risk.

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The Prevention of Public Nuisance, Crime and Disorder

Having regard to the extended hours proposed and the small green immediately opposite, it is felt that the sale of alcohol could easily result in the creation of a public nuisance and the possibility of crime and disorder, particularly during the extended daylight hours of spring and summer months.

This is a predominantly residential area and alcohol abuse could put local residents including pupils at Harrow School at risk in each of those respects.

Previous applications for a licence to sell alcohol from these premises have been refused and it is hoped that this application will also be refused.

Yours faithfully,



TREVOR GRAY