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**Cc:** ; Andy Fry; ; Cllr Hill, Pattie  
**Subject:** Objection to Alcohol License Application - 17 Flyford Close

Dear Sir or Madam

I wish to object to the granting of the above license for the sale of alcohol at the shop based at 17 Flyford Close, Lodge Park.

The shop has been closed for some time and the general environment in the estate has improved. My objections are as follows:

#### Crime and Disorder

When alcohol was sold at the shop before there were numerous reports of crimes and anti social behaviour linked to the shop. There were various reports of violent incidents and robberies within the shop itself. It acted as a Magnet for disaffected unemployed people who used to sit at the site all day drinking and smoking drugs and generally intimidating both customers and neighbours of the shop.

#### Public Nuisance

As previously stated the shop acted as a magnet for disaffected young people who hung around the shop and generally made a nuisance of themselves by intimidating shop customers and other people who lived on the estate. There was also a huge problem with litter which often reached epidemic levels with bottles and cans strewn, not only at the site of the shop, but within quite a distance. I would hope that a responsibility for litter caused would lie with the appellant. I would also like to see some identification mark put on the liquor that is sold in the shop, so that the source of any litter could be clearly attributed.

#### Public Safety

The shop is situated on a main arterial walkway through the estate and I fear that, if the shop becomes a popular meeting place for the disaffected, that there will be a perception that the area is not safe to walk through. If intimidation and begging starts again people who live on the estate may be dissuaded from walking in this direction and will lose some of the amenities of the landscaped areas that surround the site.

#### Protection of Children from Harm

If the license is granted and the shop once again becomes a magnet for disaffected people on the estate children will be subjected to intimidation a poor environment. Strict controls must be put in to stop others buying alcohol for minors with frequent checks and harsh penalties given should any transgression be discovered.

All in all, the area previously resembled a bomb site and rubbish tip and, although I have no objection to the siting of a shop in this area, the sale of alcohol will, in my opinion cause a return of the problems that haunted the shop in its previous incarnation.

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