

Resident 1

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 9 Dec 2020 at 17:12

Subject: 254295/AM2

To: <premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

I wish to object to the extension of hours for the sale of alcohol by Shell Garage, Wilmslow Road, Didsbury.

In extending the hours outside of other off sales (Cooperative Store) by 2 hours and beyond that of nearby pubs and restaurants it would attract people who wish to drink more but not within a premise. This would lead to street drinking or gathering in the adjacent park. As an essentially residential area this could provide a nuisance.

Yours

[REDACTED]

Resident 2

From: [REDACTED] > Date: Sat, 12 Dec 2020 at 11:24 Subject: Shell Garage, 761 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury To: <premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk>
Cc: <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]> k>

Dear Sirs I wish to register my objection to the application to extend the hours that the above Garage can sell alcohol until midnight. I believe that if approved, this application will create additional public nuisance in the immediate neighbourhood and will lead to an increase in the anti social behaviour and vandalism in the adjacent Didsbury Park. [REDACTED] and on my daily visits there I frequently see evidence of late night drinking there and often collect the food and drink debris left behind and I also find the damage and graffiti which accompanied it. Didsbury already has a more than an adequate number of outlets providing for the sale of alcohol. Extending the late night hours will increase the amount of public nuisance and anti social behaviour.

Resident 3

From: [REDACTED] Date: Wed, 16 Dec 2020 at 13:57
Subject: Re: Shell Garage licensing application - protest To: premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk <premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am following up on my earlier message protesting at planned proposals to extend the licensing hours at the Shell Garage 761-763 Wilmslow Road Didsbury after a further letter I have received from local councillors making clear a further license is being sought also to remove the bank holiday restrictions on the sale of alcohol.

I refer to my previous email (below) setting out my objections but after the disturbing incidents of last Saturday (12 December) evening at about 9 pm in and around the garage forecourt I think everyone in this area is disgusted at this proposal. Mobs of 15-20 drunken and unruly teenagers ran amok both through the garage causing disturbances (aiming and directing stolen fire extinguishers at passing vehicles!) both there and at several places in and around Didsbury. Police arrived in force but too late to make arrests but issued a 48-hour dispersal order. We DO NOT NEED another poorly managed and understaffed alcohol retail outlet in this residential area! On several occasions [REDACTED] with the person on duty at the Shell Garage shop checkout for appearing to issue alcohol to underage drinkers - though sometimes an older looking youth makes the purchases and shares it with younger elements in the group. There is simply not enough control or compliance with the law being made. If anything, a license for the sale of alcohol at this garage should be removed altogether! I do not understand why a garage catering for motorists is selling alcohol anyway. There is also the question of lower-level social nuisance, loitering, littering, and a generally unsafe and menacing atmosphere often being created after mid or late evening in the vicinity. Local residents have been threatened. Tyres have been slashed. Litter is strewn around. Drugs may also be involved.

I do hope that these concerns can be forcefully raised and this, like an earlier proposal, rejected.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] > Date: Sat, 12 Dec 2020 at 19:59 Subject: Shell Garage licensing application - protest

To: premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk <premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am writing as an owner [REDACTED] to protest plans to extend licensing hours at the Wilmslow Road Shell Garage to midnight. A similar proposal was put forward and rejected a year or so ago and my reasons are the same as then. Experience tells us from other late opening venues that they quickly become a focus of public nuisance, noise, litter and rowdiness, with a greatly enhanced risk of crime and disorder. I am not sure that a garage should be selling alcohol at all but certainly the current 11 pm is the very latest that residents (and I speak for many) are prepared to put up with. As it is, we notice that gangs of sometimes under age youths are buying alcohol and hanging around the precincts and sides of the garage and creating noise and disturbance and an air of menace. Many residents of [REDACTED] have felt unsafe as a result and extending the hours would be a disaster and have a serious negative impact on local residents.

At this time of Covid restrictions, it seems particularly unsuitable for an application of this nature to be put forward.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Resident 4

From: [REDACTED] Date: Sun, 13 Dec 2020 at 10:36
Subject: Licensing Application: Shell Garage To: Premises Licensing
<premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Cc: Councillor Andrew Simcock
<[REDACTED]>

Application Type: Licensing application Application Number: 254295/AM2 Premises: Shell
Didsbury 761-763 Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M20 8RH

Applicant: Motor Fuel Limited

Dear Sir / Madam

As an interested party and on behalf of the Friends of Didsbury Park I wish to make a representation regarding this application.

This application for proposed variation in the hours of sale of alcohol is objected to on the grounds of

The prevention of public nuisance

The prevention of crime and disorder

The protection of children from harm

Didsbury Park is a community park located close to the Shell Garage premises. Didsbury Park is often used as a short cut by people walking from Didsbury Village (where the Shell Garage is located) to the many houses on the estates heading towards East Didsbury.

My objection relates to the fact that the extended hours of sale of alcohol is likely to result in bottles of alcohol being carried through and consumed in the neighbouring park. There is already an issue, as the Friends of Didsbury Park have to clear up bottles and glasses scattered in the park by intoxicated members of the public passing through the park after leaving the public houses in Didsbury Village. Extending the hours of alcohol sale to a vicinity even closer to Didsbury Park will just compound this existing anti social behaviour.

I can see no reason why the proposed variation in the hours of the sale of alcohol should be approved.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Resident 5

From: [REDACTED] Date: Sat, 12 Dec 2020 at 18:43 Subject: Licensing Application 2642: Shell Garage, Didsbury To: Premises Licensing <premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk>, Andrew Simcock [REDACTED]

Please accept this email as an objection in the strongest terms to the alcohol extension licence request by Shell Garage, Didsbury.

The objection is made on the following grounds: The Shell Petrol Station is located in a densely populated residential area in close proximity on all sides by houses and flats. The local residents comprise many young families and elderly people, all of whom would be disturbed by the noise disturbance and likely anti social behaviour that extended hours would facilitate. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I respectfully suggest that noise disturbance and the potential for alcohol supported criminal and disorderly behaviour will cause these children and other residents harm from which they need to be protected. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to the Petrol Station. The whole community benefits from this carefully tended area, it is looked after and used by residents and also enjoyed by workers and visitors during the day. By night it can be a location to gather to drink alcohol once the local bars and restaurants have closed during normal times, and during Covid times, offers a place for late night outdoor socialisation. These late night possibilities are enablers of public nuisance activities and also pose a public safety issue, including the detritus such activities would create, made worse by easy access to alcohol. In fact it could be said that such ease of access to alcohol would make the communal garden a destination place.

We experienced anti-social behaviour on the forecourt of the Garage [REDACTED] (theft of fire extinguishers by a group of people, [REDACTED] and returned them to the grateful manager). Clearly this was not the businesses fault, but we feel strongly that the availability of alcohol into the early hours would only exacerbate an already socially fragile situation.

For the reasons outlined above I believe that the granting of the extension request would contravene the 4 licensing objections of:

- the prevention of crime and disorder - the prevention of public nuisance - public safety - protection of children from harm Kind regards [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Resident 6

From: [REDACTED] > Date: Tue, 15 Dec 2020 at 19:43 Subject: Shell Petrol Station ref 254295/AM2 To: premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk <premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Cc: Councillor Richard Kilpatrick <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sirs It has been brought to my attention that the above premises & application has been resubmitted for extended hours of business with alcohol & late night sales. As before, I fully disagree with the same due to its proximity to residents of all ages, professions, nursing home & logistics to anti social behaviour and crime conducive to such which has been apparent through recent times with other businesses close by. It is clearly unfair to any council tax payer or elderly to encounter noise, disturbances, vandalism, loutish behaviour from all ages, music and indeed youngsters gathering in that area to Cafe Nero & garage. I have personally experienced vandalism to my vehicle at a cost to me. I reiterate that should this application be approved and any encounters to my property, vehicle etc will be then charged to yourselves and other for allowing such. We are entitled to live in Didsbury Village or close by with respect & harmony. This would not bring such an sure residents would count this business void! Police have been called to the local Crown pub which has experienced the likes as described as did Chalk establishment. All calling on police resources again a wasted expense. This will also be attached to the newly opened restaurant takeaway opposite. We also oppose this. Didsbury needs to be respectful to its residents and businesses will not flourish if we are disturbed by noise, litter etc for people who go home to peace. This garage does not warrant alcohol that doesn't go with driving and food who would buy expensive garage food when the village is more than adequate at decent hours. This premises would attract crime gatherings when clearly is not the type of premises that won't be monitored for the good of the reputation of Didsbury. Didsbury recently made the news because of a gang making problems drunk and causing riots making locals calling on a police chase around and an order made.

I fully oppose any application from this business or other. Please keep me updated. Thank you! Regards [REDACTED]

Resident 7

From: [REDACTED] Date: Wed, 16 Dec 2020 at 00:39
Subject: Shell Garage, 761-763 Wilmslow Road. Didsbury Village. Manchester M20 8RH.
Application reference 254295/AM2 To: Premises Licensing
<premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

Good evening

Reference Shell Garage, 761-763 Wilmslow Road. Didsbury Village. Manchester M20 8RH.
Application reference 254295/AM2.

My name is [REDACTED]

I would like to submit my objection to the licence extension to this establishment, below is the reasons for my objection.

1. Crime and disorder,

[REDACTED] if this extension is granted, this will attract additional people to congregate around this garage, which will cause more antisocial behaviour in the area. we already have issues with drug taking and using our Lane as a toilet.

There is a small landscaped public garden with seating to the immediate side of this garage and on evenings there have been instances where we have groups of people drinking alcohol causing antisocial issues in the immediate area by drinking and shouting and screaming as well as intimidating.

2. Noise.

Residents on [REDACTED] consist of elderly, vulnerable adults, children as well as disabled persons, we also have sheltered accommodation on our [REDACTED] all who will be disturbed on evenings from additional noise keeping us awake.

3, Public safety.

More people will congregate in the immediate area around this establishment, there will a risk of personal crime.

I strongly urge you to reject this licence application.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Resident 8

From: [REDACTED] To: Premises Licensing
<premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, 16 December 2020, 13:23:31 GMT

Subject: License extension Shell Didsbury, 761-763 Wilmslow Road - Ref : 254295/AM2.

I have recently become aware that the above named business has submitted a License Application and wish to be permitted to submit my views regarding this application.

Firstly, this would simply appear to an attempt to utilise a bigger organisation with perhaps more negotiating power in order to obtain this license where a similar attempt failed just over 12 months ago. For reference, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from the Shell fuel station. I believe that I and my fellow residents would be impacted and negatively affected in the event that this application were to be granted.

Whilst the demographic is made up of predominantly young professionals and elderly people, there has been a considerable increase in the number of what might be described as either anti-social or unsavoury incidents in the area. These have been predominantly attributable to groups of young people of an age group that I would estimate to be 16-25 years of age. These incidents are undoubtedly on the increase, police have been called to

attend on occasions but there have been many incidents which have gone unreported in the interests of maintaining one's own personal safety.

These incidents have varied from streetfights in Grove Lane and York Street (which is the road next to Grove Lane), willful damage to vehicles parked, loud and drunken behaviour, gangs of youths shouting, playing music at extremely excessive volume until as late as 1am and suspected drug dealing. Many of these incidents centre around the car park behind the Sangam restaurant on Wilmslow Road which is often a hive of drunken activity - the police have been made aware of this by way of several reports being filed but there seems to be little police presence at any time in Didsbury. One of my neighbours and myself are frequently picking up and disposing of empty bottles, cans and, more recently, "happy gas" canisters, which have simply been dropped on the road/pavement in York Street. Didsbury has always had a good reputation as a nice village but this image is being rapidly changed by the late-night conduct of some of the people visiting the area. I have attached 2 images taken from the Manchester Evening News website on Sunday 13th December 2020 which detail a report regarding a large disturbance created by a gang of youths ranging from 13 years of age upwards which the police attended and I would request that this be considered. This was not an isolated incident and is actually a fairly frequent occurrence.

It is of great concern that this is yet another establishment (following on from the recent licence application for the Dhoom Dhaam restaurant) which obviously seems to think that there are insufficient retail outlets selling alcohol in the Village. Within a distance perhaps 200-300 metres, there are many outlets from which alcohol can be purchased including 3 pubs and several bars/restaurants, most of whom are already trading until late at night. To grant this licence would only likely to add to and create

further, considerable discomfort and gross inconvenience for the residents of [REDACTED] and other residents of Didsbury. How many alcohol outlets can Didsbury sustain and how many does it need? I am aware that many fuel stations have also become convenience stores but do not consider that an "open all hours" approach for them to sell alcohol is necessary or justified. Selling alcohol to young people late at night or very early in the day, who then noisily congregate at unsociable hours, is hardly likely to prevent criminal activity nor promote anyone's safety or well-being in the Village.

I do not consider that granting the license request would be detrimental to the safety of children.

Thank you for considering my objections and I sincerely hope that the health, peace of mind and well-being of the people of Didsbury Village will be considered to be of greater importance rather than further promoting the sales of alcohol in the area.

[REDACTED]

Resident 9

From: [REDACTED] Date: Wed, 16 Dec 2020 at 15:54 Subject: 254295/AM2 To: premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk <premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

I am writing with concern about the application by Motor Fuel Group who operate the Shell garage on Wilmslow Rd Didsbury to sell alcohol over a 24 hour period. There are already so

many pubs and restaurants that sell alcohol we definitely don't need a single one more. Last week the police were out in Didsbury chasing a gang of youths who were causing mayhem around the shops and even went into the garage and took their fire extinguisher and then on into the park causing more wreckage. They had all been drinking and to them it was just good fun..... This garage is in the middle of residential housing so can you imagine the upset of people being awoken at any time of the night by weekend visitors partying through the warm summer nights. Why oh why would they request a license for TWENTY FOUR hours 😞 Are they allowed to be open for that long? Oh dearie me..... please no,no,no. If you feel you have to say yes..... can it just be in line with all the other restaurant and pub times..... please? [REDACTED]

Resident 10

From: [REDACTED] Sent: 20 December 2020 14:17 To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED] Subject: Objection to License extension, Shell Didsbury REF 254295/AM2

Dear Licensor

I wish to object to the new licensing application for Shell Didsbury at 761-763 Wilmslow Road ref 254295/AM2.

I am a resident of [REDACTED] The residents of [REDACTED] are all families, half of which have children under the age of 18. The other streets immediately surrounding the Shell are also residential and mainly families with children. Other close residents include Grove Lane, the sheltered accommodation housing scheme for over 55s. The scheme is situated directly opposite the Shell. The petrol station is also situated on the main walking route to the junior site of Beaver Road Primary School.

The sale of alcohol at a later time than anywhere else in the village in a densely populated area of young families and over 55s is totally inappropriate and will cause issues relating to prevention of crime and disorder; the prevention of public nuisance; public safety; and the protection of children from harm.

1. The prevention of crime and disorder.

- Shell Petrol Station is situated within very close proximity to a large number of households, mainly older people and families with children. Enabling the premises to sell alcohol until midnight every night of the week would clearly provide a source of crime and disorder in a heavily populated residential area of families and older people.

- The area already suffers from problems of antisocial behaviour related to alcohol consumption, just one example being the 48 hour dispersal order issued only last week at the petrol station itself following antisocial behaviour by a group of 20 youths.

2. Prevention of public nuisance

- The provision of alcohol as above would exacerbate existing problems with antisocial behaviour late at night while residents are sleeping.
- It would exacerbate existing problems with rubbish left in the street such as glasses and bottles.
- The noise of late night customers would cause noise issues to residents trying to sleep.

3. Public safety

There are already problems with littering in the area immediately surrounding Dhoom Dhaam and the granting of this licence would cause additional littering of the type associated with late night alcohol provision - eg glass bottles and glasses left in the street, creating a risk to public safety.

4. The protection of children from harm

- The noise created late night from people drinking would pose a totally inappropriate disturbance to children sleeping in the immediate area.
- The Petrol Station is situated on the same road as the new Junior site for Beaver Road Primary School and is the main route for children walking to and from school. The littering of glass bottles etc would lead the area to be even more unsafe for the children walking the route to the junior site of Beaver Road Primary School.

I would strongly urge the licensing authority to refuse this inappropriate application.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Resident 11

From: [REDACTED] Sent: 23 December 2020 13:33 To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Subject: Objection to licensing request

Application Number: 254295/AM2

Premises: Shell Didsbury 761-763 Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M20 8RH

Applicant: Motor Fuel Limited

Dear Sir / Madam

As an interested party and a [REDACTED], I wish to make a representation regarding this application.

This application for proposed variation in the hours of sale of alcohol is objected to on the grounds of

The prevention of public nuisance

The prevention of crime and disorder

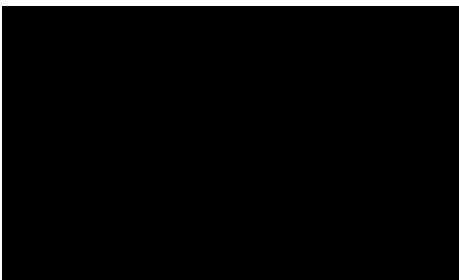
The protection of children from harm

The Shell Garage is located very close to Didsbury Park, a community park, which is used as a route by people, including many children and parents walking to Beaver Road, St Catherine's and Didsbury C of E. schools and others walking from Didsbury Village (where the Shell Garage is located) to the many houses on the estates heading towards East Didsbury.

My objection relates to the fact that the extended hours of sale of alcohol is likely to result in bottles of alcohol being carried through and consumed in the neighbouring park. There is already an issue: as a volunteer [REDACTED], we regularly have to clear up bottles and glasses scattered in the park by intoxicated members of the public passing through the park after leaving the public houses in Didsbury Village. Extending the hours of alcohol sale to a vicinity even closer to Didsbury Park will just compound this existing anti social behaviour. Further, there is an area of sheltered housing behind the Wilmslow Road opposite the Shell Garage and these elderly residents are likely to be kept awake and disturbed by late night purchasers of alcohol and their subsequent anti-social behaviour.

I can see no reason why the proposed variation in the hours of the sale of alcohol should be approved, especially given that Motor Fuel put in the same application a few years ago and permission was refused on the same grounds as above.

Yours faithfully

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Resident 12



30 December 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Licensing Application submitted by Motor Fuel Group – Ref: 254295/AM2

I write to object to the variation of licence of the above premises, to extend the sale of alcohol from 6am to 11pm and bank holiday restrictions being removed from the licence. My objections are on the grounds of the licensing objectives:

- 1) Prevention of crime and disorder.
- 2) The prevention of public nuisance.
- 3) Public safety.
- 4) The protection of children from harm.

The entrance to the Shell garage is situated on a busy road (Wilmslow Road), to enter the garage cars have to cross Grange Road. The exit of the garage is also on Wilmslow Road a few yards from traffic lights where Wilmslow Road and Dene Road cross. The entrance on Grange Road creates numerous problems for the side roads close by as there are no clear markings and many cars do not notice that pedestrians are crossing the road. This Road also provides access for children going to and from school (there are school signs at the top of Grange Road next to the garage). For cars, it is difficult to cross Wilmslow Road from the side roads, in particular Grove Lane and South Road as the traffic is so busy and many cars do not indicate to enter the garage. Added to this, there are bus stops close by to the garage which adds to the congestion and puts pedestrians at risk of harm. Horns sounding and shouting is a daily norm for the residents.

If the licensing times are extended from 6am to 11pm it will surely encourage drink driving in the early hours, it will bring alcoholics into the area and teenagers who already gather in large groups in the seating area next to the garage and outside Lansdowne House. We are already subject to these groups drinking and taking drugs, music blaring out – we have even experienced damage to our properties and more recently residents' cars by groups of drunken young people. At 6am, alcoholics will be hanging around the area and parks (Didsbury Park is only a short walk from the garage) as children are going to school and residents are going out to work. Children will be at risk of harm as they play in the parks, both on their journey to school and back home. Research has also shown that many alcoholics also suffer from mental health issues and could cause further danger to themselves and others drinking from 6am.

The extension of the Shell garage licence will encourage crime and disorder due to alcoholism and gangs of teenagers who have already caused damage to residents' property. It will cause a public nuisance due to congested traffic and will endanger public safety as

there are no clear markings on the entrance or exit of the garage. Children will be at harm by increased traffic and the risk of alcoholics hanging around the places where they go to school and play.

I am also concerned that if this extension is granted then other premises within Didsbury will also be allowed further extensions on alcohol licensing which will be of great concern for all Didsbury residents.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Resident 13

From: [REDACTED] Sent: 05 January 2021 18:10 To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Subject: Shell Didsbury License Extension REF 254295/AM2

Dear Sir/Madam As residents of [REDACTED] which is [REDACTED] to the Shell Garage on Wilmslow Road, we wish to strongly object to the proposed extension of licensing hours for this business. We have [REDACTED] young children and are very concerned about the negative impact that this extension, if granted, will have on them. We can already hear noise from late night revellers (particularly on a Friday and Saturday night) whilst in our house, on several occasions in the past this has woken my youngest child up. We are concerned that there will be an increase in noise levels as revellers leave pubs and bars and make their way to the garage in order to purchase more alcohol. This would have a detrimental impact on our children's schooling and overall well being. In addition to this, the public seating area on the corner of Grange Lane and Wilmslow Road is already a spot where groups of youths tend to congregate, particularly during the summer months - when evenings are warmer and lighter. It is not uncommon for these youths to become rowdy and in the past this has resulted in antisocial and criminal behaviour. Both ourselves and our immediate neighbours have, on separate occasions, had our front windows broken by stones thrown by passing youths. Furthermore it is not unusual for these youths to use the alleyway [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as a makeshift public toilet. The ready availability of alcohol at a later hour of the night and on Bank Holidays would, we believe, seriously exacerbate these existing problems. Yours Sincerely [REDACTED]

Resident 14

From: [REDACTED] Sent: 05 January 2021 18:40 To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Subject: Licensing Application 2642: Shell Garage, Didsbury

To whom it may concern,

We would like to strongly object to this application to extend the alcohol licence for the Shell Garage, Didsbury. Our objection is based around the 4 licensing objections of

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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. Over this time there has been low level anti social behaviour that is tolerable. However, over the last few weeks there have been more serious anti social behaviour. This has involved damage to cars, the childrens playground in the park and to the Garage itself. There is no doubt that alcohol was involved in these incidents. As a result, if the licence is extended we feel that this will result in an increase in this type of behaviour.

Furthermore, the Garage is directly opposite a small communal garden where people gather at night. This results in some anti social behaviour and littering. We feel that this situation will be made worse with the ready availability later into the night.

We are concerned that allowing an extension to the licence will make this situation worse. We have a strong objection to the proposal.

Resident 15

From: [REDACTED] Sent: 05 January 2021 21:22 To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Subject: Shell Garage 761-763 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, Manchester - Extension of alcohol sale hours I wish to object to any extension of the hours from 6.00am - 11.00pm (17 hours) to midnight for the sale of alcohol at the Shell Garage at 761-763 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury.

[REDACTED] which road leads into Didsbury Park. Over the years we have had issues with drunken youths screaming and shouting at all hours of the night. [REDACTED]. I have also had to call out paramedics to an unconscious youth who smelt like a brewery and who ended up being admitted to hospital.

I have been personally abused when standing outside my own house being told to "f... off you old "f..rt". It is quite disturbing to feel threatened by groups of youths when all you are doing is standing outside your own property.

Prior to Xmas there were two instances, the first being a gang of about 20 to 30 youths running around causing a public nuisance and causing damage. The second time was a group of about 20 youths who went into Didsbury Park. In both cases the police were notified. This situation causes anxiety to many residents with youths causing a public nuisance due to alcohol and drugs besides the waste of police resources having to deal with such matters.

It might even be a good idea to reduce the licensing hours rather than extending them. I am sure a sensible decision will be made regarding this annual application.

[REDACTED]

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News

Police issue dispersal order for Didsbury after youths cause chaos

"This order has been issued to protect the public and prevent crime and disorder in the area"



BY DAMON WILKINSON

13/12/2020

A 48 hour dispersal order has been issued in **Didsbury** after police received 'numerous reports' of teenagers causing trouble.

On Saturday night GMP attended incidents of anti-social behaviour involving a group of up to 20 youths

Police say the teens, who are thought to have been drinking, ran off when challenged by officers and also stole fire extinguishers from the Shell garage.

The order, which runs until 11.19pm on Monday, gives officers and PSCSOs the power to disperse crowds and prevent nuisance.

Officers can ask troublemakers to leave and not return to the area covered by the order.

Anyone doing so would be liable for arrest.

A post on the GMP Chorlton and Didsbury Facebook page said: "Yesterday evening police received numerous reports of young persons aged between 13 - 20 years causing Anti-Social Behaviour around the area of Didsbury.

Advertisement



"Some reports mentioned groups of youths between 15-20.

"Upon police attendance the youths ran off and evaded police and continued to cause ASB at numerous points during the evening.

"It is suspected the youths were also under the influence of alcohol.

"As a result the Chorlton and Didsbury Neighbourhood Team are tackling this issue and are in the process of contacting local residents in order to identify the youths responsible. This order has been issued to protect the public and prevent crime and disorder in the area.

Councillor 1

From: Richard Kilpatrick <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 17 December 2020 16:35

To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

Cc: John Leech <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Shell Petrol Station 254295/AM2

Dear Premises and Licensing,

I wanted to write and make a representation on behalf of residents in Didsbury West Ward in regards to the application 254295/AM2 Shell Petrol Garage. You may remember that there was an application at the Shell Garage over a year ago for a 24 hour alcohol sales. This was rightly rejected. In this application the applicant wants to extend the sale by a further hour from 11pm to 12am. Although in isolation this may seem a reasonable request when you consider the wider impact on residents in the area. I would like to urge refusal of the application on the following grounds:

Later licensing at this location will result in people coming out of the pubs in Didsbury village and buying alcohol from the garage. At the moment the garage is not able to sell alcohol beyond the closing time of local pubs. If pub goes do this they will consume alcohol in Didsbury village which will cause disturbance to residents and cause further issues with police enforcement.

In Didsbury we have experienced recent use of dispersal orders in response to house parties and public drinking – increasing the access to alcohol will worsen this.

Didsbury is predominantly residential and the increase in late licensing applications is worrying. The area does not have the neighbourhood policing provision to deal with issues created by late night alcohol sales. Further more the general strategy for licensing should be that after a certain time people within to continue to drink should be moved onto areas that do have provision to deal with any anti-social behaviour or nuisance caused by the late night sales of alcohol.

In the previous application at this site we questioned staff enforcement if customers chose to drink the alcohol in the forecourt or in the streets nearby. We were told that staff would not be enforcing this and that this would be a police matter. It is unacceptable to knowingly allow the sale of alcohol at this time without requiring staffing that would prevent the loss of amenity from local residence (their right to quiet enjoyment).

In conclusion I would like to oppose this application and support residents view that this should be rejected.

Many thanks

Richard

Councillor 2

From: Andrew Simcock [REDACTED] Sent: 05 January 2021 15:25 To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subject: Objection to Premises Licence variation 254295/AM2: Shell Didsbury, 761-763 Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M20 8RH, (Didsbury East ward

Reference: 254295/AM2

Premises: Shell Didsbury, 761-763 Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M20 8RH Applicant: Motor Fuel Ltd Description of proposed variation as given by the applicant: 1. Extension of hours for the sale of alcohol from 6am to 12am Monday to Sunday 2. Removal of the time restriction for the sale of alcohol on Bank holidays

I am writing partly in my capacity as a local Councillor and partly as Chair of the Didsbury Village East Residents' Association. In that latter capacity I have seen significant social media traffic and e mails that relate to this application. I would like to object to the change in the proposed timings for the sale of alcohol. This is because of concerns over all four of the criteria by which licensing applications are judged: • The prevention of crime and disorder • The prevention of public nuisance • Public safety • The protection of children from harm In recent weeks there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in Didsbury. This has been caused partly by the tier restrictions. Bars and pubs where there are regulations to curb ASB have been closed and there has been far more street drinking.

There has also been an increase in the amount of anti social behaviour in Didsbury Park involving criminal damage and infringements of the Covid regulations. These appear to have involved young people under the age of eighteen and there is an allegation that they have been buying alcohol from the Shell Garage.

Whilst these are just accusations it is worrying to see that some of the ASB did actually take place on the Shell Garage forecourt.

The question that is being asked is this: are the staff at the garage carrying out the necessary checks on underage purchase of alcohol?

Until questions like this are satisfactorily resolved I believe it to be inappropriate for their licensing hours to be extended.

Please keep me informed on the progress of this application and I would like to speak at the relevant Committee meeting please.

Yours sincerely

Andrew

Andrew Simcock

Labour Member representing Didsbury East

Councillor 3

From: Greg Stanton <[REDACTED]> Sent: 05 January 2021 15:41
To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk> Cc: [REDACTED]
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I would like to object to the proposed variation on the basis of all four judgement criteria:

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

As widely noted in both the local media and via the regular GMP updates to Members there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in Didsbury in recent months – including street drinking.

Sadly this has translated into additional anti-social behaviour in Didsbury Park including criminal damage and infringements of the COVID regulations as well as a three day disbursal order for the entire village.

In both instances young people under the age of eighteen have been involved and I have in the past been contacted directly by concerned parents to allege Shell have vended the contributory alcohol.


To echo my colleague Councillor Simcock's point (who has my endorsement when addressing Committee – the venue being in his ward but only some 15 meters from mine):

- Whilst these are just accusations it is worrying that some of the ASB did actually take place on the Shell forecourt
- Until it can be satisfactorily proven that the garage are performing all necessary age verification checks it would be inappropriate to extend their licenced hours

Kind regards

Councillor Greg Stanton

Licensing and out of hours team

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Premise Details	
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Representation
<p>Outline your representation regarding the above application below. This representation should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence/certificate on the licensing objectives and on the vicinity of the premises.</p> <p>The Licensing and Out of Hours team have assessed the likely impact of the grant of this application to vary premises licence 155328 considering a number of factors, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the nature of the area in which the premises is located• the hours applied for, and;• any potential risk that the granting of this license could have on the four licensing objectives. <p>The application for a variation to the licence is for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extension of the hours for the sale of alcohol from 06:00 to 00:00;• Removal of the time restriction for the sale of alcohol on Bank holidays. <p>The premises are operating as a service station and convenience store, designed to serve both the local community along with passing trade. Located on Wilmslow Road (see attached map), which is within the Didsbury East ward, with a mix of licensed, commercial and residential premises.</p>

The premises are authorised to open to the public 24-hours a day however, the Sale of Alcohol is authorised between the hours of 23:00 – 06:00.

We believe that the residents in the area, other local businesses, including licensed premises, and the wider community will be effected by the grant of this licence due to a potential increase in crime and disorder such as street drinking; public nuisance such as noise/litter and the congregation of patrons in the early hours of the morning.

We believe the extension to the hours the premises are authorised to sell alcohol would attract patrons from other licenced premises during their terminal hour with the intention of purchasing more alcohol and/or late night refreshments. Patrons could then congregate in the immediate vicinity of the premises and engage in on-street drinking or whilst waiting for transport; thus causing a public nuisance to local residents in the immediate area.

During the COVID-19 (coronavirus) emergency period, we also believe this will increase the number of patrons looking to purchase alcohol as other premises in the area are closed, this may also lead to patrons congregating in this area, or other nearby areas, to engage in on-street drinking thus causing a public nuisance to local residents in the immediate area.

We are also concerned that the applicant has not provided any further steps to promote the four licensing objectives during the additional hours they have applied for or addressed previous concerns from residents and Responsible Authorities during previous applications.

The grounds for the representation are:

- Crime and disorder;
- Public nuisance.

The relevant policies in Manchester Statement of Licensing Policy:

- 7.12 the authority will give particular consideration to the general character of the surrounding area, including crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB) levels, litter problems, issues regarding underage or proxy sales, and noise complaints.
- 7.25 the licensing authority will ensure that due consideration is given to the proximity of licensed premises not only to local residents and businesses, but also in relation to other licensed premises, to ensure they are located in a position that does not adversely affect their ability to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 7.26 Where premises are in the direct vicinity of local residential properties, and where its discretion is engaged, the authority will

give particular consideration to measures proposed in the application in relation to prevent nuisance.

- 7.28 the licensing authority will give consideration to the appropriateness of hours applied for, having regard to the location of premises and their likely effect on the promotion of the four licensing objectives.
- 7.29 the authority considers that later hours will typically be more sensitive and higher risk in causing problems.
- 7.32 the authority will be mindful of the density of residential use in proximity to the premises and the level of risk of nuisance arising.

In our capacity as the Environmental Health Responsible Authority, we believe the grant of this licence to authorise the Sale of Alcohol beyond current authorised times will lead to an increase in public nuisance and crime related incidents in the area and ask that the variation is refused.



Recommendation: Refuse application