# West Northamptonshire Council Alcohol & Gambling Licensing Sub-Committee 19 April 2023

Variation of Premises Licence Application Cyver Stores, 7 Booth Lane North, Northampton, NN3 6JE

# Report of the Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

# 1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider an application for a variation to a premises licence PL0344 for Cyver Stores at 7 Booth Lane North, Northampton submitted in accordance with section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") and made on behalf of Kandiah Rajaratnam and his wife Vasuki Rajaratnam ("Applicant" & Licence Holder) by licensing consultant Patrick Burke of PMB Licensing.

# 2.0 Summary

2.1 An application for the variation was submitted on behalf of Kandiah Rajaratnam by PMB Licensing and was received by West Northamptonshire Council on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Clarification was sought by the licensing enforcement officer on the fact that the application was made on behalf of Kandiah Rajaratnam, but the licence is currently in the name of Vasuki Rajaratnam. It was confirmed that Kandiah Rajaratnam is Vasuki's Rajaratnam's husband and business partner, and that this application is being done in full agreement with Vasuki Rajaratnam and also on her behalf.

#### 3.0 Application Details

- 3.1 The application was submitted with the intention to vary the premises licence by extending the current hours permitted for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises.
- 3.2 The current licensable indoor activities and times permitted for PL0344 are as follows:

Sale of alcohol by retail (on & off premises)
Monday – Sunday 06.00 – 00.00hrs (6am – Midnight)

3.3 The variation proposal is to the licence as follows:

# Sale of Alcohol by retail (off the premises)

Monday - Sunday 05.00 - 03.00hrs (5am - 3am)

# 4.0 Consultations/Representations

- 4.1 When a request for the full variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate is received, the applicant must display a notice at or near the premises and serve a copy of the application onto the responsible authorities. For electronic applications it is a requirement of the local authority to serve a copy of the application onto the responsible authorities. This gives responsible authorities and interested parties the opportunity to make representations in relation to the application for a period of 28 calendar days. The last date for making representations was 27th March 2023.
- 4.2 The obligatory notice was displayed on the premises as verified by licensing officers on the premises and in a local newspaper.
- 4.3 The Licensing Department has received relevant representations from several members of the public all on the grounds of The Prevention of Public Nuisance. These objections can be seen at Appendix D in a single document that has been redacted of some personal information for the purposes of data protection regulations.
- 4.4 Northamptonshire Police have considered the application but have made no representation.
- 4.5 No representation has been made by any other responsible authority.

#### 5.0 Attendance

5.1 The local authority is required to send a notice of hearing to all interested parties and request confirmation of attendance. A notice of hearing was sent to the following persons on 5th April 2023:

**Applicant** – Mr Patrick Burke on behalf of Kandiah and Vasuki Rajaratnam **Public objectors** – Please see full list of objectors at Appendix D

# 6.0 Plan of Premises Layout & Location

There are no changes to the licensing plan applied for in this application.

#### 7.0 Financial & Resource Implications

7.1. A decision made by the licensing sub-committee in respect of this application may be appealed to the Magistrates Court by the applicant or other interested party which could lead to West Northamptonshire Council being liable to legal costs.

Comments checked by Dawn Leader, Finance Business Partner.

# 8.0 **Legal Implications**

- 8.1 Having regard to the public representations received in relation to this application and taking them into account, the Sub-Committee must make a decision to take such reasonable and proportionate steps as it considers appropriate, if any, for the promotion of the four licensing objectives. The steps available are either to modify the conditions of the premises licence or reject all or part of the application.
- 8.2 The Sub-Committee must take account of the Government guidance issued in relation to the Licensing Act when making their decision. Paragraphs relevant to this particular application are;
  - Para 9.43 decisions "should be evidence based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve."
  - Para 9.44 a licensing authority "should aim to consider the potential burden that any condition would impose of the premises licence holder (such as the financial burden due to restrictions on licensable activities)" as well as "However, it is imperative that the (licensing) authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the objectives and nothing outside those parameters." Licensing authorities are also expected to make decisions based on assessments of both the risks and benefits either for or against making that decision.
  - Para 10.13 Councils "... must always consider each application and must not impose predetermined licensed opening hours, without giving individual consideration to the merits of each application". Paragraph 10.15 states that "Shops, stores and supermarkets should normally be free to provide sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises at any times when the retail outlet is open unless there are good reasons, based on the licensing objectives, for restricting those hours."
  - Para 14.9 Issue of "need" "Need ...is a matter for the planning authority and for the market. This is not a matter for a licensing authority in discharging its licensing functions ..."
- 8.3 A decision must be made by the Sub-Committee within five working days of the hearing and a written notice containing the full reasons for that decision

must be supplied "forthwith" to the Applicant and any person that submitted a relevant representation.

8.4 If the Applicant or any person that submitted a relevant representation are aggrieved by the Sub-Committee's decision, they may appeal to a Magistrates' Court within 21 days of receipt of a copy of the written decision notice.

Comments added by James Chadwick, Principal Lawyer.

# 9.0 Options

- 9.1 If representations are received, then at the end of the consultation period the licensing authority must hold a hearing to consider them. It must take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, which are:
  - o the prevention of crime and disorder;
  - o public safety;
  - o the prevention of public nuisance; and,
  - o the protection of children from harm.
- 9.2 The steps the Sub-Committee can take are to:
  - grant the application in full;
  - o reject the whole of the application;
  - o reject part of the application; or,
  - to modify the conditions of the licence (excluding the mandatory conditions) by altering them, omitting them, or adding new conditions.

# 10.0 Policy Considerations

- 10.1 Statement of Licensing Policy
- 10.2 Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Section 9 gives guidance for determination of this application.

Paragraphs 8.50, 8.74 to 8.77 and Part 10 highlight the elements of the Guidance that are most relevant with respect to this application. This is not exhaustive, and the guidance should be considered fully prior to making decisions with respect to applications.

#### 11.0 Committee

Each application must be considered on its own merits and any conditions attached to licences and certificates must be tailored to the individual style and characteristics of the premises and events concerned. This is essential to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and overly burdensome conditions on premises where there is no need for such conditions. Standardised conditions

should be avoided and indeed, may be unlawful where they cannot be shown to be necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives in any individual case.

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Report	Martin O'Connell
Author	Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

# Appendix A – Current Premises Licence

# Licensing Act 2003 **Premises Licence**

PL0344

#### LOCAL AUTHORITY



Licensing Section The Guildhall St Giles Square NORTHAMPTON NN11DE

Part 1 - Premises Details

#### POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION

### Cyver Stores

7 Booth Lane North, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6JE.

Telephone 01604 494046

#### WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not applicable

#### LICEN \$ABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

- the sale by retail of alcohol

THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES					
Activity(and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To		
M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only					
	Monday-Sunday	6:30am	Midnight		

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES			
	Description	Time From	Time To
	Monday-Sunday	6:30am	Midnight
	NA		

#### WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES

- M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only

Part 2

#### NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL (WHERE RELEVANT) OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE

Vasuki Rajaratnam raja-09@hotmail.co.uk

40 Barry Road, Northampton, NN1 5JS. Telephone 01604 671280 or 01604 635510

REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)

NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Kandiah RAJARATNAM

40 Barry Road, Northampton, NN1 5JS. Telephone 01604 671280 or 01604 635510



# Premises Licence

# PL0344

PER SONAL LICENCE NUMBER AND ISSUING AUTHORITY OF PER SONAL LICENCE HELD BY DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Licence No. PA0302 Issued by Northampton

#### ANNEXES

#### ANNEX 1 - MANDATORY CONDITIONS

#### 19 Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol

- (1) No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence -
  - (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
- (2) Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

#### Conditions of Licensing Sub Committee 15th August 2006

Warning Poster's must be clearly displayed posters in prominent positions throughout the shop warning that you must be 18 or over to purchase alcohol.

#### Conditions of Consent Order 2010

The premises to adopt a 'Challenge 25" policy in relation to the sale of alcohol.

CCTV to be recording at all times the business is open for the sale of alcohol, to cover the area of the till, the recordings to be kept for 30 days.

Litter collecting outside the store frontage to be swept up twice a day.

Appropriate staff training to be satisfactorily completed and recorded, the records to be made available for inspection by appropriate officers of the responsible authorities upon reasonable request.

A refusals book to be maintained and made available for inspection by appropriate officers of the responsible authorities upon request.

#### ANNEX 2 - ADDITIONAL MANDATORY CONDITIONS

The following mandatory conditions are to be applied to the licence stated above in accordance with The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2010 as attended by The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) Order 2014.

#### The following conditions shall come into force on 1st October 2014

(1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale of alcohol or supply of alcohol.



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- (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried out in accordance wit the age verification policy.
- (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either -
  - (a) A holographic mark, or
  - (b) An ultraviolet feature.

The following mandatory conditions are to be applied to the licence stated above in accordance with The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2014.

#### The following conditions shall come into force on 28th May 2014

- 1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
- 2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1-
  - (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979
  - (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula-

$$P = D + (DxV)$$

#### Where -

- (i) P is the permitted price,
- (ii) D is the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
- (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence -
  - (i) the holder of the premises licence,
  - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
  - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a

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supply of alcohol under such a licence;

- (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (e) "valued added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- 3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- 4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted prie on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
- (2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Louise Faulkner
Licensing Team Leader

# Application for a full variation to a premises licence

Reference	VPL491194856
Date	2023-02-27 03:00:10

#### Introduction

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes.

You will also need to upload a site plan of the area to be licensed, for information on what this should contain please visit the gov.uk legislation site.

#### **Data protection**

In this form, we will ask for some personal information (such as name, address, postcode) in order to fulfil your request for information or services.

This information will be held securely and will be used to provide you with the service you have requested.

Any processing will be performed in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation.

West Northamptonshire is registered as a Data Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office under the reference number ZA896620.

Further details about how we process personal data can be found in our privacy notice.

Do you agree with the above?	I agree	
Which area does the premises to be licensed fall in?	Northampton	
Premises details		
Premises trading name	Cyver Store	
Does the premises have a postcode?	Yes	
Address	7 Booth Lane North ,Northampton ,,NN3 6JE	
Premises telephone number		
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	5200	
Property band	Band B (£4301.00 to £33,000.00)	

Applicant details	
Name	Kandiah Rajaratnam
Is your current residential address different to premises address?	Yes
Address	40, Barry Road, Northampton, Northamptonshire ,NN1 5JS
Telephone number	07779351620
Email address	pmblicensing@yahoo.com
Are there other applicants?	No
Variation	
Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?	Yes
Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the latenight levy?	No
Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation	To Extend the opening hours and the hours for licensable activities Remove and replace conditions Amend the layout of the premises
Would you like to vary the operating schedule conditions?	Yes
Are you wishing to vary the capacity?	No
Are you looking to vary the premises plan?	Yes
Please upload the premises plan	Document uploaded successfully.
Operating schedule conditions	<u> </u>
Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence variation you are seeking.	Remove and replace all non mediatory conditions
	No alcohol or tobacco will ever be purchased from sellers calling at the premise. Exceptions to the condition would be purchases made from authorised representatives who have made prior appointments to visit the store.  • All alcohol and tobacco products sold at the premises shall have the relevant UK duty paid.  • Foreign tobacco, which does not comply with

relevant UK legislation, shall not be stored and/or sold at the premise.

- Invoices, or copies of invoices, for all alcohol and tobacco purchases for the sale at the premises, will be retained and kept at the premises, and made available to officers from ALL RA UPON REQUEST
- If any tobacco products purchased for or on behalf of the business does not have UK Duty Paid fiscal mark or are otherwise suspicious, the licensee and/or designated premises supervisor shall notify the supplier to Council Trading Standards and HMRC as soon as possible.

Prior to undertaking any work at the Premises, paid or unpaid, the Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that any prospective employee is trained in the following:

- The Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Objectives
- . The Conditions of this Premises Licence
- Underage sales of alcohol and tobacco and the Premises' Challenge 25 policy
- Proxy sales and sales of alcohol to persons who are drunk
- · Identifying non-duty paid products

Employee training shall be repeated every six (6) months and must take place at least twice in every calendar year.

The Premises Licence Holder shall record all employee training in the Premises' Employee Training Register a copy of which shall be kept at the Premises and made available for inspection by a Responsible Authority officer on request.

There shall be no self-service of spirits on the Premises

No alcohol or tobacco will ever be purchased from sellers calling at the premises except for authorised representatives who have made

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prior appointments to visit the store.

All alcohol and tobacco products sold at the store will have the relevant UK Duty paid.

Any tobacco, which does not comply with UK Duty will not be stored at the premises Invoices or copies of invoices for all alcohol and tobacco punched for the business will be available for inspection by any Responsible Authority representative upon request

The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of a Responsible Authority officer throughout the entire 31 day period.

A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premises is open. This staff member must be able to provide a Responsible Authority officer copies of recent CCTV images or data 24hrs when requested, in line with current Data Protection legislation.

A facility will be available for the Police to remove from the CCTV system a copy of any material relevant to any ongoing Police

All CCTV images will be retained for a period of not less than 31 day

investigation.

An incident register of all occurrences and ejections from the premises will be maintained at the premises and all details of public order offences will be recorded and MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL REPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES ON REQUEST

At any time when there is no Personal License holder on the premises there must be at least one member of staff on duty inside the premise who has been authorised by the DPS. Any such person should have seen, read and be fully aware of the conditions of the premise

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licence and take all steps to ensure that such conditions are adhered to whilst they have responsibility for the premise. A record should be kept detailing, the name and address relative to the person left in charge of the premise and the times and dates when the authority to cover exists, in writing. These should be individual entries covering short periods of time only and should not exceed more than a three week period. The authorised person should also sign on each occasion that he/she has physically seen inspected and is fully aware of all the conditions attached to the premise licence. The DPS should sign to acknowledge that they agree to the authorised person being in charge of the premise for any times specified. The records of these matters should be kept fully updated at all times. PROMINENT SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED REQUESTING CUSTOMERS TO HAVE REGARD FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS WHEN The prevention of public nuisance LEAVING THE PREMISES ADEQUATE BINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMERS TO DISPOSE OF LITTER All persons involved in the sale of alcohol .who are not presonal licence holders, will receive initial and subsequent 6 monthly refresher training by the Designated Premises Supervisor or an appropriately accredited training provider with regards to the law in relation to the sale of alcohol. This will be recorded in a staff training register and will include, signature of the member of staff, the DPS or an appropriately accredited training provider together with the date. TRAINING RECORDS WILL BE MAINTAINED AT THE PREMISES AND MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES ON REQUEST A Challenge 25 policy will be adopted in order to reduce the potential for underage sales of age restricted products including alcohol. If a customer appears to be under 25 years of age and

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cannot prove that they are eligible to purchase the age restricted item with a valid UK or Ireland Photocard Driving Licence, a valid Passport or PASS accredited proof of age scheme card, they will be refused service.

- Challenge 25 posters will be displayed at the premises to reinforce this policy. Posters will be placed at; each till, each area alcohol is stocked and at the point of entry into the store. The posters will be displayed prominently and in sight of customers and staff.
- A Refusals Register is to be used to record all incidents when a sale is refused. The register is to be kept in the store at all times unless it is requested by authorised officers of responsible authorities. The Refusal/Challenge Register is to be checked and signed off by the Designated Premises Supervisor every two weeks.

An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to a Responsible Authority officer. It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and will record the following: all crimes reported to the venue; any ejections of patrons; any complaints received concerning crime and disorder; any incidents of disorder; any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment; any refusal of the sale of alcohol; and any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

Prior to undertaking any work at the Premises, paid or unpaid, the Premises Licence Holder shall undertake a right to work check on any prospective employee to make sure that he or she has the right to work in the UK. The Premises Licence Holder will record this check in the Premises' Right to Work register a copy of which shall be kept at the Premises and made available for inspection by a Responsible Authority officer on request. It shall record the following: The name of the employee The date of birth of the employee A copy of the

	employee's photographic ID document proving his or her right to work in the UK The date upon which the employee's status is to be reviewed and his or her right to work in the UK re-confirmed.
Operating schedule	
Please complete those parts of the operating schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful	Supply of Alcohol
Are there any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children?	No
Supply of alcohol	
Will the activity take place indoors or outdoors or both?	Off the premises
Please give any additional information	This is an established General Store and Off Licence we have undergone a refurbishment and wish to extend the operating hours and opening hours
What days will your activity take place?	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Monday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00
Tuesday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00
Wednesday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00
Thursday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00
Friday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00
Saturday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00
Sunday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00
State any seasonal variations for supply of alcohol	NONE
Please state any non-standard timing where you intend to use the premises for supply of alcohol at different times to those listed	NONE

Opening times			
What days will your premises be open to the public?	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday		
Monday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00		
Tuesday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00		
Wednesday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00		
Thursday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00		
Friday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00		
Saturday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00		
Sunday - Start and end times	05:00 - 03:00		
Supporting documentation			
Please select what you have enclosed	I am unable to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of it		
Reasons why you have not enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it	License is lost		

Declaration	Dec	arat	ion
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### Upon submitting this form I:

- · will have made payment of the fee.
- have enclosed the plan of the premises where relevant.
- understand this application and supporting documents will be sent to the responsible authorities.
- have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.
- · understand that I must now advertise my application.
- understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.
- have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom or
  my share code issued by the Home Office online right to work checking service (please
  read note 15) (Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which
  is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships)

#### Declaration

It is an offence, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application. Those who make a false statement may be liable on summary conviction to a fine of any amount.

Name	Patrick Burke
Date	27/02/2023
Capacity	Agent for the Applicant
Correspondence details	
First name	Patrick
Last name	Burke
Correspondence postal address	40, Barry Road, Northampton, Northamptonshire ,NN1 5JS
Email address	pmblicensing@yahoo.com
Telephone number	07779351620
Payment	
Total amount to pay today	190.00
Prepayment Timestamp	27/02/2023 02:56:09
Transaction status	successful
Transaction reference	0000541028
Postpayment Timestamp	27/02/2023 02:59:57

# Appendix C - Blue Notice





#### Appendix D – Public Representations

# Jayne & John Redding

----Original Message-----

From: Jayne Redding

Sent: 21 March 2023 21:54

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: Extension of trading hours

Cyber Stores

7 Booth Lane North

Northampton NN3 6JE

Licence number PL0344

Variation Application Number 083637

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing regarding the above application to extend opening hours of a local shop. Such opening hours are totally unacceptable in this quiet residential area: the increase in noise, disturbance, litter and anti-social behaviour the proposed hours would encourage, would be an absolute nuisance to all local residents. The local community would not benefit in any way from such extended hours: there is no logical reason for the shop to be open for 22 hours every day of the week in this quiet area.

We urge you to reject this application in the interests of our local community.

Yours faithfully

Jayne and John Redding of Rowan Avenue.

Sent from my iPad

#### Sue Croft

From: Sue Croft

Sent: 21 March 2023 21:15

To: NBC Licensing < <a href="mailto:Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk">Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk</a>>

**Subject:** Licence no. PL0344 - Variation Application Number 083637

Dear Sirs,

I understand that Cyver Stores, 7 Booth Lane North, NN3 6JE have applied for a variation to their premises licence which will extend their opening hours until 3am.

I am very concerned about this and find the variation to be completely unnecessary.

The shop already has issues with anti-social behaviour and litter, and this will be even worse with the extended opening hours. The bins that they have outside the shop are not adequate and litter overspills and travels within this residential area.

There is no benefit to the local residential community in having extended opening areas and it will encourage an increased volume of traffic at late hours. Customers will be seeking late night purchases of alcohol and may well be intoxicated already.

I live in Rowan Avenue and I am concerned that there will be an increased amount of antisocial behaviour en route to this store, both from pedestrians and vehicles.

The variation of this licence will have a negative impact on the amenity of this quiet residential area, through noise, pollution and anti social late night activities.

I urge you to reject this application.

Yours,

Sue Croft.

#### John Chambers

From: John Chambers Sent: 22 March 2023 07:08

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: Cyver Stores, 7 Booth Lane North Northampton NN3 6JE Licence number - PLO344

Variation Application Number - 083637

#### Morning

We live around the corner about 4 doors away from the shops and at the moment we are always picking up litter, beer cans etc from our footpath outside our house from the shop customers sitting on our wall drinking beer. We fear if there is an extension of opening hours it will only get worse. We are against the application for an extension

regards	
	John Chambers   Construction Services Director

#### **David & Susan Richens**

From: David Richens

Sent: 22 March 2023 09:00

To: NBC Licensing < <a href="mailto:Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk">Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk</a>>

Subject: Cyver stores NN36JE - application 083637 - variation of hours

Dear Sirs,

We are residents of Rowan Avenue living close to this store. We understand that an application has been made to extend its opening hours to be open from 5am to 3am.

We strongly object to this proposal.

This store is useful to the local community as a source of provisions, newspapers, etc. but its present hours until midnight are already unnecessarily long for this purpose, and have been seen and heard to encourage extra traffic, noise, rubbish and anti-social behaviour late at night. Any extension would increase the problem for the local community without offering any benefit.

Yours sincerely,

David and Susan Richens

#### Claire Hodson

From: Claire Hodson

Sent: 22 March 2023 09:57

**To:** NBC Licensing < <u>Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk</u>>

Subject: Variation Objection Number 083637

REF: Cyver Stores, 7 Booth Lane North, Northampton NN3 6JE

Licence number PL0344

Variation Number 083637

Dear Sirs,

Strongly object to the store extending these anti-social hours. There is no a need in the area to have this open at such time. This is a peaceful road and doubt any of my neighbours would use the store at these hours however what is noted as that this does attract anti-social behaviour with discarded drug syringes being found and drug baggies.

This will attract noise from cars pulling up and car doors banging along with music being played.

The bin outside is already always overflowing and not kept this will only worsen the condition.

Again I object to these anti social hours we all need sleep.

Regards

Claire Hodson

# Ray Eldred

From: Ray Eldred

**Sent:** 22 March 2023 11:48

**To:** NBC Licensing < <u>Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk</u>> **Subject:** FW: Application Number 083637 ( Cyver Stores )

Ref: Cyver Stores, 7 Booth Lane, Northampton NN36JE (Licence Number PL0344)

I have just become aware that of this local Premier Food Store has applied for an extension to its trading hours, to 5am through to 3am from Monday to Sunday - which means they will only be closed for 2 hours a day.

As a local resident in close proximity to the store, I strongly to object to this as we have a constant problem from them with litter, their overflowing bin which is seldom empty, noise from customers slamming car doors and playing loud music, congestion of traffic due to the inadequate parking for such a store and above all the anti-social behaviour outside the shop which seems to be drug related.

My assumption that it is drug related is based on discarded syringes, drug bags and other paraphernalia left scattered around.

The shop attracts groups of lads who have no respect for the environment, throw cigarette butts all over the place and who throw beer cans and bottles all over the green and even deposit them in my front garden.

The extension will in no way benefit the local community in the area as most late night visitors to the store arrive by car. Its bad enough for me but I certainly would not like to live next door to that shop.

Please reject this application as its completely against what the local community wants.

Kind regards,

Ray Eldred

# **Keith Mason-Dickinson**

From: Keith Mason-Dickinson Sent: 22 March 2023 11:00

To: NBC Licensing < Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk >

Subject: Cyber Stores, 7 Booth Lane North, Northampton , NN3 6JE

I must object to the request for extended hours for the above. We already have a problem with it opening until 1200 as it is visited by drug addicts at this late time, we have anti social behaviour and excessive noise at that time. There is also an issue with overflowing bin and an investation with rats. I do not expect the council to listen as they have not in the past when we objected to the 1200 opening hours. We already pay too much tax to a council that does not care about the people that live close to this shop.

# Dan & Vicky Hill

From: Dan Hill

**Sent:** 22 March 2023 13:31

**To:** NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk> **Subject:** REF Premier Food Stores 7 Booth Lane North

Dear Sir/Madam

We write with our concerns and therefore objection to the proposed extended opening hours at the above business.

We have recently moved to this new community and are regular uses of this convenience store. However, we so no reason why these hours should be extended, and as we have a young family, we do not want to be exposed to the noise and unsociable behaviour these hours will bring.

Please feel free to contact me for any further feedback.

Your sincerely

Dan & Vicky Hill

#### Gillian Dickinson

From: Gillian Dickinson Sent: 22 March 2023 14:40

**To:** NBC Licensing < <u>Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk</u>> **Subject:** Objection to license at CyverStores license no.PLO344

To whom it may concern.

We have become aware that Premier Food Stores at 7 Booth Lane North NN3 have applied for an extension to their licence from 5am to 3am meaning they will only close for 2hours in a 24 hour day.

This is quite unacceptable, in fact they shouldn't even be open more than 15 hours.

This is a residential area not a shopping precinct.

The majority of residents are elderly or have young children and we are constantly having disturbed nights because of the noise when customers are leaving. Cars roaring Booth Lane, cars with their windows down blaring out music, customers making a noise when leaving the shop. Every morning the street is littered with paper and food boxes which blows into gardens. Everyday we have to pick up litter from our garden.

Then there are the rats who come looking for food from the overflowing bins and food cartons.

We have had to get a cat in hopes it will keep them out of our garden.

We as neighbours take a pride in the area. Everything is kept neat and tidy.

The local residents aren't using the shop late at night so it isn't for our convenience. Its people out of the area who come to drink and do drugs.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Dickinson

#### Matt & Ruth Paintin

From: Matt & Ruth Paintin Sent: 22 March 2023 17:14

**To:** NBC Licensing < <u>Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk</u>> **Cc:** Cllr Jamie Lane < <u>Jamie.Lane@westnorthants.gov.uk</u>>

Subject: Objection to application for extended opening hours - License number PL0344. Variation

Application Number - 083637.

Dear Martin,

Re - Objection to the application to extend the opening hours of Cyver Stores, 7 Booth Lane North, Northampton NN3 6JE. License number - <u>PL0344</u>. Variation Application Number - 083637. The proposed new hours of opening being Monday to Sunday from 5am to 3am.

As explained in our previous emails, we live next door to this store at 9 Booth Lane North, and we object to the proposal to extend the stores opening hours, as we are very concerned about what this would mean for us and the local community as a whole. Given the problems that we currently encounter in relation to this store at present.

#### Our main concerns are: -

- An increase in anti-social behaviour, it's not unusual for us to have people urinating down
  our driveway when they visit the store during the evening, and on occasion, we have
  witnessed drug use, with discarded syringes, and small polythene bags (drug baggies), which
  can be indicative of illegal substance use. More recently we have seen a large number of
  discarded nitrous oxide canisters scattered around the shop frontage, and we have
  witnessed drivers inhaling these canisters from balloons prior to driving away from the shop.
- Noise, slamming of car doors, and loud music from parked vehicles, which are often parked across our driveway, as this is used as over spill parking by customers!
- Insufficient parking leads to drivers parking inconsiderately, i.e on grass verges and staggering the footpath at the junction of Booth Lane North and Kettering Road North.
- Customers buy alcohol from the store and stand around drinking in groups, they also congregate around the rear of the shop, which is adjacent to our back garden.
- Litter, the bin outside of the shop is always full, and is not emptied frequently enough, meaning that excess litter ends up in gardens, and is strewn along the road.
- We have a constant and ongoing problem with rats in the area (not helped by the overflowing bins).
- The proposed extended store opening times are not something that the local community will benefit from, as most people using this store late into the night are not local residents.
- The store is in a built-up residential area that will no doubt become a magnet for those seeking to buy alcohol when nightclubs and other drinking venues close in the early hours of the morning.
- In November 2022, the local police called on us in relation to reports of a firearm being discharged outside of the store. We did indeed hear these shots, which was very unsettling. But this is indicative of the problems that we have in the area as a direct result of the shop opening times and the number of people loitering in the street around the neighbourhood, many of which are drawn to the area in order to buy alcohol late into the night.

It is bad enough for us and the local neighbourhood that this store managed to get a previous extension of their opening hours to midnight. This was not something we were aware of until the extension was granted. We believe that on that occasion the store owner did not display a notification of this proposal. Hence, we and our neighbours were unable to comment on this.

This store lowers the tone of the neighbourhood, and the store owner lacks any empathy or understanding in relation to any issues we have previously raised with him.

Rather than extend the opening hours of this store, please consider a reduction in the store hours, as opening until midnight and then reopening for business at 5am in the morning gives us and our neighbours very little respite from the hustle and bustle of people visiting the store during unsocial hours, and often exhibiting antisocial behaviours. The proposed new opening times will mean the shop closes for just two hours a day! We have a fourteen year old daughter who also suffers as a result of night time disturbances we encounter with great frequency.

We have lived in our house for 20 years, and it really is no exaggeration to say that this store, its customers and the shop owner have made our lifes a living hell. We hope that you will do the right thing for us and the local community and reject this proposal.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards

Matthew & Ruth Paintin.

# Officer Response to Mr & Mrs Paintin – sent 23/03/2023 11:25:23

Good Morning Mr & Mrs Paintin,

Thank you for this email and the more detail that it will present to a licensing sub-committee should this matter come to a hearing. The applicant is still considering his position in discussion with his agent who I made aware yesterday of the growing number of representations we have received.

I must just manage your expectations on one point in your email however and that is to say if the applicant does decide to continue with his application the powers that a sub-committee have at this type of hearing will not include reducing any licensable activity and hours that already exist. I have looked at the history of this premises licence and the sale of alcohol permission between 06.30 and 00.00 each day has been in place since at last 2010 so there has been no increase in permitted hours in at least the last 13 years. It may be that not all the permitted hours were used by previous licence holders and I note that this licence has changed hands several time over it's licensing history and this latest licensee has decided to use the permissions to their full extent.

Thanks again for taking part in this process. Further updates to follow.

Kind regards

#### **Martin O'Connell**

# **Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer**

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#### **Peter Matcham**

From: peter matcham
Sent: 22 March 2023 17:17

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject:

Re: Cyber Stores

7, Booth Lane North

Northampton.

NN3 6JE

Licence number PL0344

Variation application 083637

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object to this application on the grounds that this is a residential area I would hate it to become 24 hour shopping area .We have enough noise at 12 o'clock with shouting car horns engines revving and cars speeding off at high speed not to mention anti-social behaviour of other sorts for example urinating on peoples gardens lots of litter and laughing gas canisters strewn about

Peter Matcham

#### John & Diane Dickens

From: John Dickens

**Sent:** 22 March 2023 20:17

To: NBC Licensing < <a href="mailto:Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk">Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk</a>>

Cc: DIANE Hawthor

Subject: PL0344 - Variation 083637 - Cyver Stores Opening Hours

Dear Sir / Madam,

# Licensing Variation 083637: Cyver Stores, 7, Booth Lane North, Northampton NN3 6JE Licence – PL0344

We write to **OBJECT strongly** to the proposed change in opening hours. We already suffer from noise and disturbances late at night in Booth Lane North associated with noisy pedestrians and traffic exiting the area of the Cyver Stores shop, often discarding waste en route. Our garden and the verges fronting Booth Lane North and Rowan Avenue are the dumping ground for waste snack packaging, drink bottles, cans and especially since the expansion of the shop in recent months, numerous 'Vaping' cartridges and the packaging therof.

Discarded syringes and prophylactics are also found in the area and particularly, stuffed into the boundary hedges of my property.

There is already a problem with excess litter frequently overflowing the bins in the area of the shop associated with rodent infestation, this having been reported on numerous occasions to the Council offices.

If an opening time variation is to be considered then it should be a REDUCTION from midnight to 10pm or earlier, rather than the increase of 3 hours proposed beyond midnight into the following morning, which is likely to become 24hrs. in reality.

The shop is situated in the residential **Boothville Garden Village Conservation area**, and approval of this application will serve to degrade the area.

There can be no justification for this application on grounds of service to the community – very, very few residents are ever likely to want to buy goods between 12 and 3 am Monday to Sunday.

with Kind Regards,

#### John and Diane Dickens

#### **Laurence Neale**

From: Laurence Neale Sent: 23 March 2023 07:49

To: NBC Licensing < Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk >

**Subject:** Proposed extend opening hours

Dear sir,

Re: Proposed extended opening hours of the Premier Food Stores at 7 Booth Lane North.

I am fully against this proposal as with everyone else in the area. To allow them to open at these ridicule hours when there is a residential homes next door to the shop and beyond is totally unacceptable.

I have seen people hanging out at the premises drinking and discarding rubbish late at night and a collection of cars being there for no other reason than a gathering. They also discard empty beer cans and other rubbish in our road (Rowan Avenue) which we pick up and put it in our own recycling bins.

The residents in the area are respectable and law abiding. Increase of noise and disturbance during the early hours will create further complaints to the council and police.

I hope you will appreciate our reason not to grant them extended opening hours. I am 100% sure that if you were living in our area you would feel the same.

#### Kind regards

#### Laurence Neale

#### Liz Baird

From: Liz Baird

Date: March 22, 2023 at 8:35:23 AM GMT To: <a href="mailto:licensing.nbc@westnorthsnts.gov.uk">licensing.nbc@westnorthsnts.gov.uk</a> Subject: Cyver stores PLO344/ 083637

**Dear Sirs** 

Cyver Stores 7 Booth Lane North NN3 6JE

Cyver is now a pleasant Premier store with helpful staff and I'm unhappy to feel the need to object to the proposed increase in trading hours. Interestingly Premier's mantra is 'proud to serve the local community'.

I object to the proposal for the following reasons:

- 1. Being open until 0300 hrs would certainly not be serving the local community.
- 2. Vehicle and people noise disturbing nearby residents.
- 3. Likelihood of customers congregating outside the store with increased noise and littering. (Cllr Mike Hallam is well aware of the excess littering this corner and it was hoped to increase collections, however bins frequently overflow and include fog farces outside this food store.) It appears that some congregating already takes place.
- 4. The sale of alcohol into the night is likely to attract customers whose behavior may have been adversely affected by alcohol when they arrive at the store ,with its attendant risks including those to store staff.

Premier stores are part of the Tesco empire and I wonder whether there a general push for these stores to increase trading hours.

I would like to know the outcome of this application.

Yours faithfully

E A Baird

#### **Carl Crouch**

----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 23 March 2023 11:37

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: Licence no PL0344, Application no 083637

Dear sir/madam,

With reference to application for extended hours until 3am, I feel nobody local would be using this facility, the only upturn in trade would be alcohol and as witnessed down side ally disguarded syringes and gas cylinders and drugs.

I have lived here since 1985 and fully expect an increase in traffic and footfall because of schools and more houses. Since the shop first increased to midnight opening hours we have cars speeding up and down late into the night with car doors slamming, loud music and shouting it will only be worse. Walking past the shop there is always litter from the main shop bin over the floor due too lack of regular emptying which ends up in nearby gardens and has encouraged rats too the area around the back and onto nearby houses, cars parked any how and lack of respect for the local usually quiet residential area along with people urinating and excreting down the side ally. The shop already opens 365 days a year from 5am to midnight what more do they need only to cause more disruption into the night.

Kind regards

Carl Crouch

Sent from my iPad

# William & G. Wright

----Original Message-----

From: Wright

Sent: 23 March 2023 14:25

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Variation Application Number - 083637

Re: Cyver Stores, 7 Booth Lane North, Northampton. NN3 6JE Licence Number - PL0344

We wish to object to the above application on the following grounds:

#### TRAFFIC NOISE

Additional cars revving engines and speeding up and down Booth Lane North until 3 am every day. It is already impossible to sleep or open bedroom windows before midnight due to the current opening hours.

### MUSIC NOISE

We already experience loud music blurting from open car windows as they travel past until midnight every day. This will only get worse.

ANTI- SOCIAL BEHAVIOURLate night visitors to the shop already cause problems for the local community. Not just those in cars and on motor bikes but those on foot also. Extending hours to 3 am will exacerbate these problems.

#### LITTER

We expect even more litter to be dropped on the streets. Local residents already litter pick regularly to keep our neighbourhood tidy.

#### NO BENEFIT TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

Most local residents, several of which are elderly, have no wish to use this facility. It will merely attract people from the wider area who should be being discouraged from purchasing alcohol, cigarettes, vapes and the like at this unearthly time of night.

#### **OUR PROPERTIES**

We live in a desirable, residential area and take great pride in our surroundings. This could change overnight if this application is approved. Our properties could be devalued and our ability to attract buyers if we wish to sell could be badly affected.

WE ASK YOU TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE ABOVE FACTORS BEFORE ALLOWING THIS APPLICATION TO GO AHEAD.

Thank you.

#### Paul & Wendy Bacon

From: Paul Bacon

Sent: 23 March 2023 16:08

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: 7 Booth Lane North, Northampton NN3 6JE. Licence No. PL0344. Variation Application No.

083637

Dear Sir/Madam.

We wish to object to the above application to extend the opening hours until 3am.

This shop borders a quiet residential order and the fact that it opens until midnight means people

are travelling to the shop from outside the area, meaning noise, litter and general disturbance to the

vicinity.

By extending the hours beyond midnight means the noise factor will be more of a disturbance to the

neighbourhood when most people are trying to sleep. It will also lead to an increase in litter, which

is already an issue, especially the discarded nitrous oxide containers.

The current hours seem a good compromise between the needs of the local community and allowing

the shop to trade enough hours to make it profitable for the owners.

Kind regards

Paul & Wendy Bacon

# **Sheila Berry**

----Original Message-----

From: Sheila Berry

Sent: 23 March 2023 15:58

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: Application from Cyver Stores.licence number: PLO344. Variation

Application number: 083637

re the above application to increase trading hours Monday to Sunday from 5am through to 3am, I would raise the following points:

- 1. this shop is already trading from 5am to midnight. What clientele would be using it during the extra hours?
- 2. the extra nuisance of cars parking, radios playing and revving engines would cause even more disruption than it already does.
- 3. litter, including drug-related items would be increased.
- 4. vermin would be the result of even more litter being discarded in the area.
- 5. anti-social problems would be increased in the areas surrounding the shop.

I, therefore, strongly object to this planning application.

Sheila Berry

# **Rosa Miller**

----Original Message-----

From: Rosa Miller

Sent: 23 March 2023 18:38

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: Application For: Cyver stores 7 Booth lane North NN3 6JE

Licence number - PL0344

Variation application number 083637

I live in Rowan Avenue and would like to lodge my strong concerns and objection to the above application being passed for extended opening hours.

The store opening times are not something that the local community will benefit from, as most people using this store late at night are not local residents.

We already have anti - social behaviour, car noise, loud music from vehicles and lots of litter strewn along the road.

I would like to urge you to decline this application.

Kind regards Rosa Miller

Sent from my iPad

# **Dr Anthony Berry**

From: Tony Berry

Sent: 23 March 2023 17:18

To: NBC Licensing < Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk >

Subject: 7 Booth Lane

Sir

I wish to object to the extension of retailing hours by the Premier Food store at 7 Booth Lane. My central reason is that most honest people whether working day or night shifts manage their shopping during what are regarded as normal hours. Those out in the town between midnight and 3am are invariably involved in some other activity and many of those will be of an anti- social nature. This area is primarily residential and bright lights at that time in the morning can only attract those engaged in dubious activities such as drugs, burglary and theft. Any planning consent can only signal an acceptance of such risks for local residents. I am sure that this is not the Council's intention. Dr Anthony Berry.

#### Jamie Lane (Cllr)

From: Cllr Jamie Lane Sent: 23 March 2023 17:52

To: NBC Licensing < Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk >

Subject: Cyver Stores 7 Booth Lane North

Good Evening

7 Booth Lane North - Northampton NN3 6JE

License Number PL0344

Variation Application Number 083637

I am writing to strongly object to the above licensing application.

I am concerned that having a shop open 22 hours a day selling alcohol would cause a lot of antisocial behaviour in the area especially at the weekends.

I have already had to contact the police about some issues that have been caused around the shop. There has been evidence of alcohol being consumed by youths down the slip road by the shop, behind the community centre. Also there has been canisters found, although I appreciate these aren't sold in the shop they are used in conjunction with alcohol that is sold within the store.

I feel the noise that will be generated by this extended license will cause distress to local residents. The store room for the shop is in another building along the road and the noise of trolleys moving between the 2 to restock will cause a nuisance to local residents if this is done in the extended hours. The noise generated by the extra traffic pulling up all night will also cause disturbed sleep for the local residents, many who are elderly or have young families

There is no appetite for a store of this nature to be open so long in this residential area, which is mainly elderly & young families.

I feel the application to open 22 hours a day is in retaliation to planning permission being granted to open a Lidl store opposite.

I urge you to refuse this application.

Many thanks

Jamie

Cllr Jamie Lane

Boothville & Parklands Ward

#### J & R Miller

----Original Message-----

From: BT Internet Mail

Sent: 24 March 2023 09:50

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to planning application for the store at 7 Booth Lane North, Northampton.

We have become aware that the general store at No 7 Booth Lane North, Northampton. NN3 6JE has made a planning application to extend its opening hours until 3 am. We STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS PROPOSAL on the following grounds.

Noise.

During our time here in Booth Lane North, we have endured very loud cars revving up Booth Lane North till after midnight, the proposal would mean we would then not only suffer the noise of the acceleration of the cars but also the Boom Boom of loud sound systems till after

3am. Not only that but to avoid the fumes it would mean keeping our bedroom window closed till after the cars stop. Not practical or tolerable.

Litter.

The granting of the proposal would subsequently increase the volume of litter. Unfortunately people out and about at this time of night/morning are not very respectful and show little consideration for the proper disposal of rubbish. There are a few dedicated pensioners who clear up most mornings.

Population's needs.

The folk living in this area are mostly pensioners and have no use for the shop at that time of night. The only customers at that time will be drawn from a wider area and will mostly be buying alcohol in one form or another. This can result in yet more undesirable behaviour and noise late at night and in the early morning.

We live here in a reasonably quiet and peaceful place and any slipping of the "status quo" would be regrettable.

PLEASE, PLEASE respect our community, disallow the application.

J and R miller

#### Further Evidence - Matt & Ruth Paintin

From: Matt & Ruth Paintin Sent: 27 March 2023 10:09

**To:** NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk> **Cc:** Cllr Jamie Lane <Jamie.Lane@westnorthants.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Urgent action required - Cyver Stores 7 Booth Lane NN3 6JE variation application No.

083637

Dear Martin & Eleanor,

In reference to the Cyver Store's application to extend their opening hours from 5am - 3am. We would like you to be aware of further very damming evidence of how the Rajaratnam's are running their business. Please see the attached photo's which show a supermarket trolley, to the rear of the store, which is full of alcohol!! This has been evident for several weeks now. We initially believed this to be a pallet of high-energy drinks, i.e Monster Energy.

However, on closer inspection after seeing one of the empty cans next to the bin at the front of the shop, it was found to be a trolley full of strong beer, - 8.5 percent!

This area of the store's land is accessible by the general public, including children which we often witness on this land.

Not only does this provide further evidence that this store should not be granted an extension to its opening hours, but most importantly, this surely constitutes an urgent review of how this store is operating in relation to the Rajaratnam's fitness to run such a business. Particularly, in relation to the responsible storage and disposal of alcohol.

Please can we ask you to take urgent action regarding this large amount of high-strength accessible alcohol? As it should be noted that there are multiple schools in the area and children access the store and the land where this alcohol has been discarded.

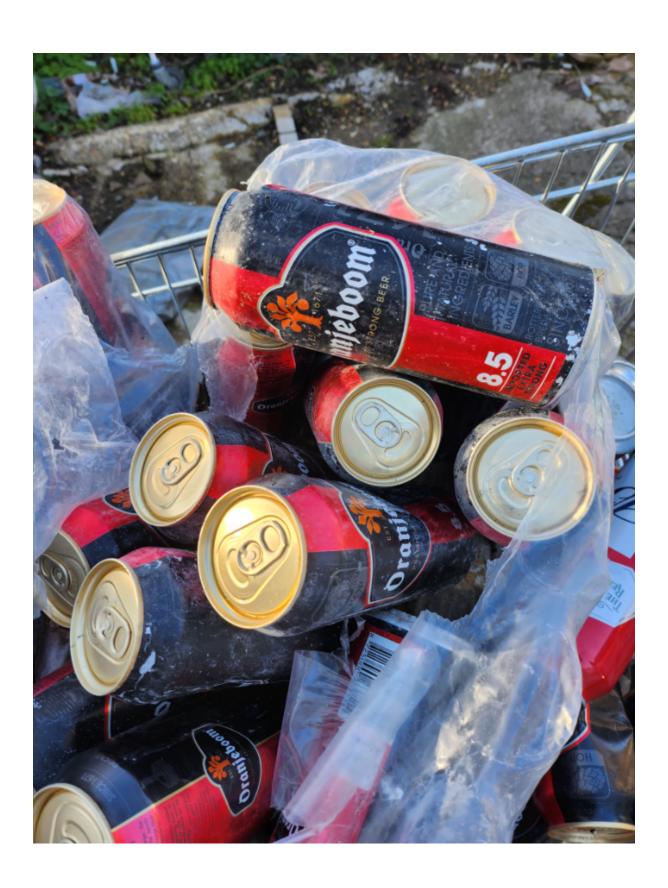
Consumption of this alcohol by a minor is of great concern to us and could prove fatal.

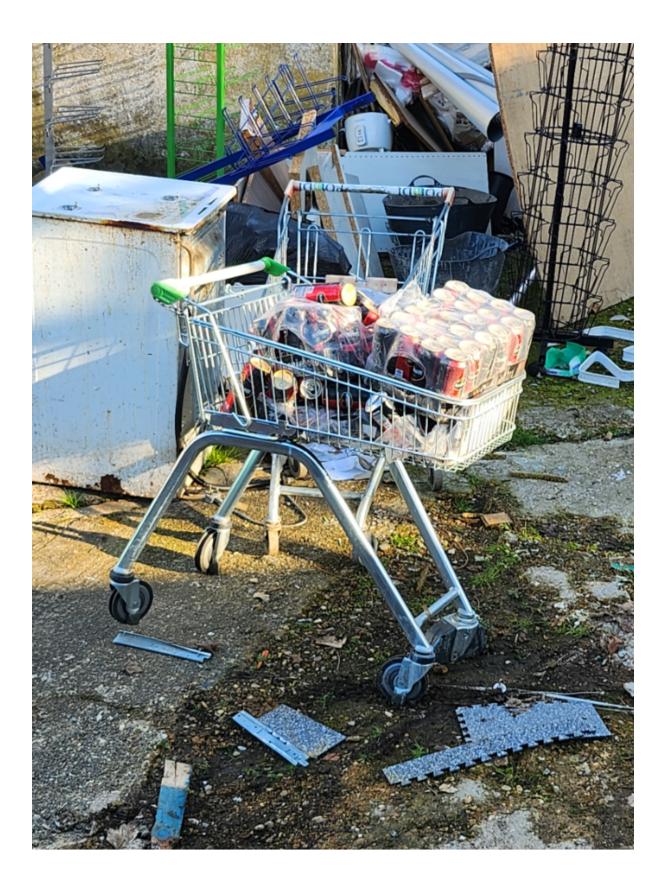
We ask that you give this matter your urgent attention. Many thanks in advance.

Kind Regards

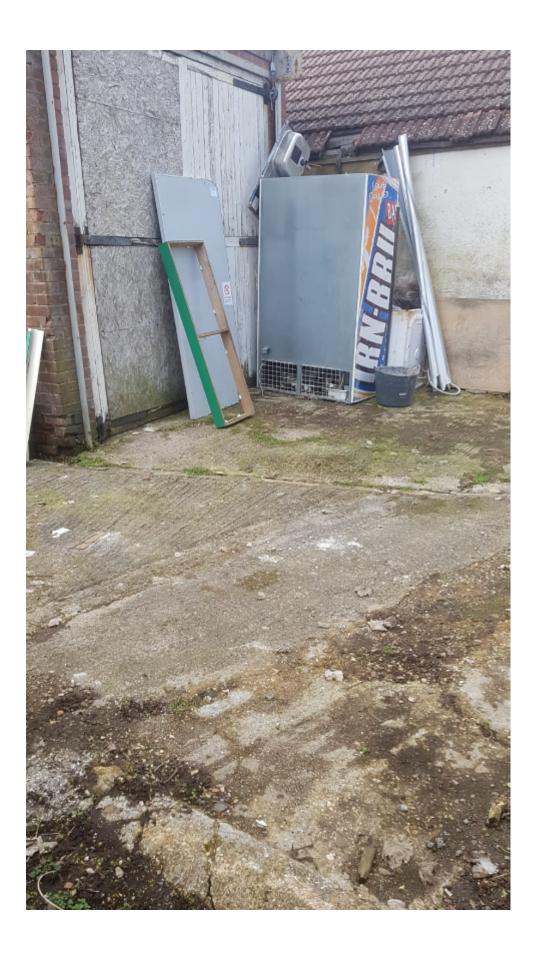
Ruth & Matt Paintin.







**Officer Note:** It would appear that after contact with with the licence holders agent by Eleanor Flannery regarding this exposed alcohol it was removed within a day. See below.



#### Pamela Rolfe

From:

Sent: 26 March 2023 23:35

To: NBC Licensing < Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk >

Subject: Cyver Stores 7 Booth Lane NN3 6JE variation application No. 083637

Dear Sirs,

It is with great concern that I am emailing you regarding the above proposal.

The applicant is suggesting opening his shop to sell alcohol between 5.00 and 3.00. (22 hrs a day!!!)

Boothville is a residential area and as such does not want to encourage the sale of alcohol 22 hours a day! This would cause nuisance through addition traffic coming into a very small area. The noise of the vehicles, their occupants and general movement during the night would be most unwelcome.

I have lived in Boothville 31 years and think it it unnecessary to have a shop open for these hours selling booze. Had it been a pharmacy or something that meets people's urgent needs my opinion would be different but in this case i am totally against a nearly 24 hr alcohol shop.

There is already a problem with men who arrive on foot and on pedal bikes who buy alcohol locally and use the steps to the rear of the Boothville community hall as the place to consume their chosen drinks - and of course they leave the empty cans and bottles behind in the hall's car park. The extension of the opening hours would further exacerbate this problem.

I believe that the opening hours should be restricted to 8am to 9pm.

Mrs Pamela Rolfe

#### Alan McCormick

From: Allan McCormick Sent: 24 March 2023 19:52

To: NBC Licensing < Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk >

Subject: Variation application number 083637

I am writing to object to the application for Cyvver Stores , 7 Booth Lane (licence PL0344) to extend their opening hours.

The store is located in a residential area and would not server the best interests of the residents.

Added to this, there is already an issue with the amount of litter with the 2 bins continually over flowing

Or just discarded on the pavement. There is a high probability of an increase in anti social behaviour, we already see the evidence of substance abuse outside the store.

Regards

Sent from Mail for Windows

#### Simon Desroches

From: Simon Desroches Sent: 24 March 2023 11:27

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Application for Extension of Hours at Cyver Stores 7 Booth Lane North

Further to my previous email: to assist with your enquiry, the additional opening times in my opinion would add further traffic / parking onto an already dangerous double corner close to a pedestrian crossing , bus stop and widely used roadabout. The noise from this endeavour would cause additional sleeping hazards for local neighbours who already have to endure continual noise problems. Furthermore having purchased alcohol from the local pub and it's closing time just enables all to continue their drinking further into the night and early hours using these premises for there entertainment discarding broken bottles and rubbish littering the streets and using the alley next to the shop for there personal use. I could continue ......

#### Mrs Hillery

From: andy hillery

Sent: 27 March 2023 14:32

To: NBC Licensing <Licensing.NBC@westnorthants.gov.uk>

Subject: 7 Booth lane Stores Objection

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Sorry this is late was given wrong email address.

35 Rowan Avenue

Mr & Mrs Hillery

I strongly objection to the extension of opening hours to the above store. Reasons as follows.

Already we have speeding vehicles up and down this road used as a cut through this will increase with extended hours

- There is frequently fresh debrie left in my arden which comes overnight as its cleared daily
- I regulary see groups of people in various states of intoxication that have knocked on my door at unreasonable times, nightime.
- The bin outside the shop is always overflowing
- The shop keeper never comes outside to pick up litter on the floor this could cause vermin
- I have already had to remove a rat that entered from the roadside
- Worried about increase of underage children using the store as a gathering site during late evenings
- I have found all sorts of drug paraphenalia in my garden
- THE SHOP KEEPER SEEMS TO BE NEGLIGENT IN KEEPING OUTSIDE OF SHOP CLEAN

Kind regards Mrs Hillery

#### John N. Dickens

Licensing. NBC Date: 22 March 2023

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Dear Sir / Madam,

POSTROOM/SCALITING

2 V MAR 2023

Planning Application: Cyver Stores, 7, Booth Lane North, Northampton NN3
6JE Licence – PL0344, Variation AN - 083637

I write to **OBJECT strongly** to the proposed change in opening hours. We already suffer from noise and disturbances late at night in Booth Lane North associated with noisy pedestrians and traffic exiting the area of the Cyver Stores shop, often discarding waste en route. Our garden and the verges fronting Booth Lane North and Rowan Avenue are the dumping ground for waste snack packaging, drink bottles, cans and especially since the expansion of the shop in recent months, numerous 'Vaping' cartridges and the packaging from them. Discarded syringes and prophylactics are also found in the area and particularly, stuffed into the boundary hedges of my property.

There is already a problem with excess litter frequently overflowing the bins in the area of the shop, this having been reported on numerous occasions to the Council offices, associated rodent infestation.

If an opening time variation is to be considered then it should be a REDUCTION from midnight to 10pm or earlier, rather than the increase of 3 hours proposed beyond midnight into the following morning. The shop is situated in the residential **Boothville Garden Village Conservation area**, and approval of this application will serve to degrade the area. There can be no justification for this application on service to the community grounds – very, very few residents are ever likely to want to buy goods between 12 and 3 am Monday to Sunday.

VY- NO

John N. Dickens