From: Councillor Geraldine Stanford < Geraldine.Stanford@merton.gov.uk >

Sent: 10 February 2022 09:12

To: Licensing < Licensing@merton.gov.uk > Subject: RE: Current licensing applications

Dear Licensing,

I wish to lodge an objection to application WK/202201290 – 25 Upper Green East, Mitcham, for the sale of alcohol off premises.

This site, currently a newsagent, is on Mitcham Fair Green which has been a problem area for many years because of street drinkers gathering day and night, with antisocial behaviour, noise, littering, urinating around the Green and in nearby residents gardens etc. Residents feel intimidated and are loathe to go out, especially in the evenings.

There are already a lot of retail outlets selling cheap alcohol in the area, and also a number of betting shops nearby that attract street drinkers. Because of these problems the town centre was designated a Controlled Drinking Zone, meaning there would be a limited number of new drinking outlets allowed – a Cumulative Action Zone.

So I object on the grounds that another alcohol outlet would exacerbate the situation we have on the Fair Green, and ask that you refuse this application.

Regards, Geraldine

Councillor Geraldine Stanford Labour – Figges Marsh Ward

