

Hello Samantha

I wish to voice my concerns over the granting of a licence to the above premises for the following reasons:

Car parking will be an issue because there is very little car parking space directly associated with the premises. There is limited parking on the road outside the premises but this is in constant short term use by customers to the shops alongside and opposite the premises. The car parking at these premises is likely to be of longer term and since the Co-op shop, opposite, does not allow extended parking in its car park (it is supposed to be for customers only anyway) cars will be parked in the Granville Park area. Car parking has been, and still is, an issue in Granville Park because people already take very little notice of the double yellow lines or the limited parking single yellow lines.

Traffic flow is also likely to be an issue because there can already be congestion problems with traffic coming from Granville Park, over the bridge at Town Green station, Winnifred Lane and Bold Lane all meeting at these shops.

I am also concerned about the potential for nuisance since the opening hours in conjunction with the sale of alcohol, for use both on and off the premises is likely to encourage groups, some of which could be under age, to gather outside the premises.

I would also question the need for such a venue since Town Green is a relatively quiet village area and it would seem there are already a number of similar places close by in Ormskirk.

Thank you.

Granville Park resident.
Granville Park
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Clerk to the Council

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Aughton, Nr Ormskirk

Lancashire, L395AJ

23 October 2019

Premises Licensing
West Lancashire Borough Council
Robert Hodge Centre
Stanley Way
SKELMERSDALE
West Lancashire WN8 8EE

Dear Sirs

NAME OF APPLICANT: JSCS Group Ltd
ADDRESS OF PREMISES: Ground Floor, 69 Town Green Lane, Aughton, Lancashire L39 6SE

Aughton Parish Council, although not statutory consultees, would raise the following concerns/objections in respect of the resubmitted application at the above premises to sell alcohol and operate as an off-licence, with provision for alcohol to be consumed on the premises and food to be served to customers at the premises:

- Any Licensing approval would need to impose stringent public safety conditions to ensure and promote the crime and disorder objective.
- On Public Nuisance: the revised hours of use and proposed hours premises – the selling of alcohol on and off the premises would give rise to ‘noise nuisance’ thus detrimentally affecting the residential amenity of the adjacent and surrounding residential properties in the Parish. The hours of use should therefore be revised further and conditions imposed to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave the premises. There is no parking provision on site, particularly for the proposed staff numbers, or in the immediate vicinity so late night taxis would be the only safe method for customers leaving. The Parish Council Car Park, off Winifred Lane has been provided for the hirers of Aughton Village Hall plus its Annexe, the users of the Sports Pavilion and its facilities, the use for local residents wishing to use the playarea, dog walk and other family activities. This car park would not, therefore, be available to staff and customers of the proposed licensed premises.
- The Parish Council would strongly object to the use of outside areas for ‘smoking and drinking alcohol’ given the nearness of the residential properties eg. potential noise and/or disturbance associated with customers.
- With the reduction in police officers across the county, easy access via two Rail Stations, our geographical nearness to Merseyside and Ormskirk, and the lack of a regular visible police presence in the Parish, Aughton has seen a large increase in ‘Nuisance and Anti-social Behaviour’ over the last 12 months. As Lancashire Constabulary are aware of and are currently trying to deal with these problems, Chief Inspector Ian Jones should be consulted on this new Premises Licence Application in our rural Parish.

We do hope you will take our concerns/objections into consideration.

Yours faithfully
Clerk to the Council

Granville Park

Aughton

Ormskirk

L39 5DU

18 October 2019

Dear Sirs

New Premises Licence – 69 Town Green Lane Aughton L39 6SE

As this application affects a mainly residential area I object on the following grounds

Noise from inside and outside the premises during opening hours. As this is in a village it would be particularly noticeable during evening/night time when the level of background noise is low or non-existent. It is difficult to see how rules stating doors and windows are to be kept closed in a bar where there will be constant coming and goings and where customers are required legally to stand outside to smoke would provide any improvement.

The proposed opening hours will cause disturbance late in the evening as people leave, drive away get in taxis etc . Requested closing times mean this is unlikely to be before 11pm at best when most families are asleep, but with requested extensions at weekends public holidays and notably during BST (one hour extensions) this will create disturbance to residents well beyond midnight over a considerable number of days and weeks of the year. In a town centre with more late night activity and background noise this may be acceptable but surely not in a quiet village setting.

To question the appropriateness of the location I would mention that until two or three years ago directly across the road from this proposed bar , a pub ,The Cockbeck Tavern (now the COOP store) operated a similar business under a number of different owners/managers and was the cause of frequent disturbance including noise and anti-social behaviour resulting in complaints to the local council and the Police.

Levels of nuisance and antisocial behaviour have seen an increase in Aughton over recent months and with resources to deal with this seemingly already stretched it raises the question whether a further potential source is in the interests of local residents .

Since the COOP opened in Town Green Lane there has been an increase in footfall and traffic through the day. The parking and unloading area to the rear of the proposed premises is restricted which would lead to an increase in on road parking and unloading raising safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians . Parking restrictions do exist but are largely ignored , rarely if ever enforced and further vehicle parking would increase difficult and unsafe vehicle access and blocked footpaths along Town Green Lane and surrounding roads.

It is also worth noting that any increase in on road parking as a result of this proposal would cause disturbance particularly at night over a wider area as customers walk to, start and drive away their cars parked in nearby roads.

To whom it may concern,

I wish to register my objection to the opening of a bar on Town Green Lane, Aughton.

This area already has bars and does not need any more.

In addition as this is right next to the train station there are already several gangs that gather in this area and it will only get worse. There is hardly any police presence as it is. Cannabis has started to be an issue nearby and I am concerned the bar will make the area undesirable.

There is no thought for families and what might suit them. A quiet coffee shop or similar would be ideal. There are older people and young families who have no amenities.

Please keep me updated

Bold Lane
Aughton
West Lancs
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Sent from my iPhone

Can I please raise an objection to the proposed development at the above address? My family and I live nearby and I am worried that this proposal is at odds with the immediate environment. This is a quiet residential neighbourhood and the idea of a bar with loud music until late at night fills me and my neighbours with dread. There is absolutely no demand or requirement for this speculative development. I recommend that to save the entrepreneurs involved wasted time and money that this proposal is voted down.

Regards

Bold Lane
L39 6SG

Sent from my iPad