

*Licensing Manager,
Administration Service,
Test Valley Borough Council,
Beech Hurst,
Weyhill Road,
ANDOVER,
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SP10 3AJ
24th January 2007*

Dear Sir or Madam,

With reference to the licensing application by McColls in Fleming ave North Baddesley.

As I am sure you are aware we have had and are still having more than our fair share of drink induced anti-social behaviour in North Baddesley and in the shopping precinct in particular.

I believe that a large amount of this is caused by alcoholic drinks being obtained from the above shop either buy under age buying, being bought by adults for under age drinkers or through theft, theft I believe is a major factor.

This situation has been going on for a number of years and McColls (formally Fourbouys) in my opinion have done little or nothing to alleviate this problem, a particular weakness I believe are the staff.

I am not making a personal attack on the staff but the type of people McColls tend to employ in this shop could be seen as easily intimidated by either local youngsters or adults, I have overheard conversations saying as much.

Please before reissuing a licence would you consider the effect that the behaviour of these individuals is having on the village from both a social and commercial point of view, I live and work in the village and to be quite honest it is not a nice place at the moment and has not been for many months.

I am not saying McColls are totally to blame as obviously this is not the case but I believe that they have contributed enormously to the present dire situation by putting their head in the sand and letting things happen around them, I believe they put their staff at risk unnecessarily by not providing a suitable mix of staff or not providing adequate security personnel, from an employers point of view I would not let my staff work unprotected selling alcohol in the way that McColls seem happy to in this instance.

Should you see fit to reissue a licence please would you consider a clause so that they have to provide security personnel after say 6pm 7 days a week and possibly all day Saturday and Sunday, a bonus of this is that they would provide an additional presence around the precinct when it is most needed and at no cost to the ratepayer.

Yours sincerley

**John Bunyan.
Managing Director Honest Johns Ltd.**