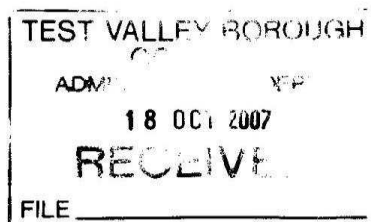


17th October 2007



12 Amber Gardens
Weyhill Park,
ANDOVER
Hampshire, SP10 3EB

Dear Mr. White,

Tesco Liquor Licence Application

We are writing to you concerning the application made by Tesco for a liquor licence for their new store at the junction of The Drove and Weyhill Road.

We strenuously object to this application for the following reasons;

1. Firstly, is there a need for such a licence at all, between the hours of 6.00.a.m and 11.00.p.m., when this residential area is already adequately served by both the nearby Co-op and Off-Licence which are open between 8.00.a.m and 10.00.p.m. and 11.00a.m and 9.00p.m. respectively? We are not aware of any hardship being caused to the local community by alcohol deprivation with these existing arrangements.
2. Having said that, although we accept that a degree of competition is usually beneficial to the consumer, we consider the span of hours applied for, to be excessive, particularly in a residential area. It is already an accepted fact that the growing national trend of binge drinking, particularly amongst the young, has been encouraged by the relaxation in licensing hours. This will lead to an increase in suburban anti-social disturbance and noise, together with an increase in street litter from discarded bottles and cans. Andover does not need this.
3. Let us consider who needs to purchase take-home liquor at 11.00p.m at night. Will it be local residents who have just run out of their favourite six pack? We do not think so. It is more likely to be late night drinkers attracted by the bright lights of the store, who cannot resist one more for the road.
4. Apart from the licensing issue, there is the wider issue of quality of life in this Andover suburb, and late opening stores do not contribute to this. Following the recent opening of the Tesco Express in nearby Charlton, together with the current developments in the Town centre and proposed developments at Andover airfield, should we not be considering changing the name of Andover to something like Tescoville?

Brian S> Render & Irene Render

Mr. M. White. Licensing Manager
Test Valley Borough Council