

ANNEX 21

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Dear Sirs,

Reference: Planning Application and Application for Liquor Licence and associated works  
TESCO, Weyhill Road (Previously SCATS store)

Firstly, I wish to object to the application, by TESCO, for a licence to sell alcohol from 06.00am until 11.00pm. This is a residential area and it is unacceptable to have such long opening hours with the associated increase in noise and disruption and possible aggravation/nuisance. The opening hours of the new TESCO store at Charlton, the Co-Op, NISA store and the Off Licence all on the Weyhill Road is 06.00hrs until 10.00hrs. It would also give TESCO an unfair advantage over other retailers in the area.

I also object to the increased light pollution that would result when TESCO open. SCATS signs were not illuminated and I believe the new signage would cause a nuisance. The previous retailer (SCATS) only opened between 08.30hrs and 17.30hrs, and this change of retailer will generate a quicker turnaround of customers than SCATS and with longer opening hours there will be an increase in amount of traffic to the area. Are there adequate parking spaces for the store and how will customers be stopped from parking on the surrounding roads causing a hazard?

The roads surrounding the store are already very busy and the junction of The Drove/Weyhill Road and The Crescent is already very difficult and hazardous during peak times. I believe as previously stated that TESCO will increase the amount of traffic on the roads and new traffic controls should be considered for the safety of pedestrians and road users. Traffic lights installed at the junction of The Crescent/Weyhill Road/The Drove would ease the traffic hold ups and increase safety for all users of the area.

I would like to see a restriction on delivery times. SCATS deliveries were during normal working hours, and I understand TESCO will have deliveries from 05.00hrs until 12.00pm at night. Clearly this is unacceptable (increase in noise and disruption) in a residential area, especially where parking and turning of lorries is tight, and all lorries are fitted with an audible reversing warning.

There is also a tendency to use Amber Gardens as a turning place thus increasing the nuisance factor. It should also be noted that the recent re-surfacing of Amber Gardens was damaged by turning lorries almost as soon as it was laid destroying the well-kept appearance of the road and lifting the surface which means it will deteriorate faster than normal. Perhaps the entrance to Amber Gardens could be narrowed to stop lorries turning. A residential area is not suitable for large lorries, they already drive onto the pavement when turning, and this must stop for the safety of other road users and pedestrians.

The Weyhill Road/The Drove/Ashfield Road are especially busy during 08.15 hrs -09.00hrs and 15.00hrs - 15.45hrs with the School Run and restrictions should be placed on TESCO so that unloading cannot take place during these times. It should also be noted that the covenant on the garages on the Weyhill Road (Ford and Peugeot) should be reinforced so that they do not unload at busy times. Often two transporters at a time hold up traffic at 08.30hrs in the morning resulting in queues on all the roads including onto the main roundabout at the top of Weyhill Road.

Yours sincerely,

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