

From: [WWW: Licensing](#)
To: [Hopkins, Kathryn](#)
Subject: FW: Chequered Flag Garage Trethomas
Date: 15 May 2024 08:30:47
Attachments: [Chequered Flag petition Trethomas.pdf](#)

From: clarecannon
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 8:17 AM
To: WWW: Licensing <licensing@caerphilly.gov.uk>
Subject: Chequered Flag Garage Trethomas

You don't often get email from [clarecannon](#) [Learn why this is important](#)

Good morning,

I have attached a signed letter regarding the proposal for a 24 hr licensing application.

Myself and my family were horrified at the news of this proposal.

I have lived in Lower Graig Y Rhacca for over 25 yrs - namely Ridgeway - the main road going through the estate.

During my early years here the problems we had when the garage sold alcohol was awful.

Many a morning especially weekends we would end up with empty cans and bottles in your garden, on the cars.

This combined with anti social behaviour was a nightmare and quite frightening at times - people setting fire to paper on top of the cars as they walked through etc.

Coincidentally this ceased when the garage stopped serving alcohol. This combined with the lane being upgraded next to the garage helped, but unfortunately not for the people living next to the lane where fires are still be lit on their fences etc.

I walk my dogs around *****in the woods behind the garage. Only last week the stream near the garage end was littered with empty cans - I can send photos if you want; this will only get worse as before. A few months ago we encountered a drunk in the woods by the stream who swung for my husband for no reason, he did not land a punch as he was so drunk he fell over himself, but again this will be worse with 24 hr opening.

There is a Tesco a couple of hundred yards up the road which is open until 11 - surely this is sufficient. Why would you sell alcohol in a garage - cars and alcohol do not mix and I can assure you on a Friday/Saturday night someone will be having a party in the vicinity and will no doubt get in their car and drive to the garage when they run out of alcohol.

The thought of 24 hr opening is causing me anxiety and my fellow neighbours. I have no problem with alcohol - but let a garage by you sell it when you live by a known drug/alcohol area and see if you would be happy for it to be there. Our estate is flourishing with lots of people with small children moving here. This is my worst nightmare, I could not let my children out years ago with the problems around.

Kind regards

Clare Cannon

Tim Cannon

Megan Cannon

Gethyn Cannon

Machen, Caerphilly, CF83 8RD

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Hopkins, Kathryn](#)
Subject: Re: New Premises Licence application - ASDA Express, Trethomas
Date: 16 May 2024 15:06:01

You don't often get email from valerie.davies10@btinternet.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Kathryn

Many thanks for getting back to me regarding the New Premises Licence Application at the Asda Express, Trethomas.

I was extremely concerned when I learned and read about this application.

I've just searched on line and found the date of 2016 when Euro Garages took over the Chequered Flag, Trethomas. It was at this time the sale of alcohol ceased at this garage. It was a big relief to everyone living on the Lower Graig y Rhacca Estate (and beyond). Life became more civilised and peaceful.

Prior to this there had been a number of night time raids. A now deceased friend of mine worked night shifts there and sustained injuries in one of these incidents. What will be put in place to ensure the safety of employees and possibly customers when such incidents occur? There was a big drop in income when alcohol sales ceased. Should the application be approved no doubt the increased sales and subsequent income could attract anti social behaviour and the like again. How is the applicant going to prevent such incidents occurring and what safeguards will be put in place to ensure the safety of the general public and staff alike?

Redbrook Lane goes from the A468 parallel to Ridgeway, through the lovely woods and on through to Upper Graig y Rhacca. The entrance is barred off close to the A468 to prevent unauthorised vehicles accessing the lane. Males of all ages would congregate at the barred off entrance to this lane morning, noon or night drinking and smoking. I felt it very intimidated when walking past. This lane forms part of Sustrans Cycle Route 4 and is used extensively by families and cyclists from all over wales. The litter problem along this lane and in the woods was a nightmare. The council's budget no longer stretches to regular litter clearing and so this will again become a major issue. Broken glass, cans, paper - you name it and it was there. Make shift camping sites.. etc... Who is going to stop them creating this nuisance and public health hazard? And who is going to be responsible for keeping the paths and woods in its natural state?

I met with out local police officers last week expressing my views and they assured me they would object to this application.

Why does the law allow petrol stations to sell alcoholic products. Maybe something the government needs to address?

The local newsagent/post office and Tesco sell alcohol sufficient to supply those who need it. I don't honestly see the need for another outlet in such close proximity. Three outlets within a 500 metre area. It's asking for trouble.

This is all about profit not working with and benefitting the community. It's the community that will suffer in the end should this application be approved.

I hope the above, together with my comments yesterday, will allow my concerns to be considered an objection.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Valerie Davies

Sent from my iPad

On 9 May 2024, at 12:53, Hopkins, Kathryn <HOPKIK1@caerphilly.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Valerie,

Re: Licensing Act 2003 – New Premises Licence application

Premise – ASDA Express, Trethomas

I refer to your email below in which you have raised concerns regarding an application for a new premises licence.

I note your objection has been received within the representation period. However, in order that I can accept your comments as relevant representations, I would ask that you expand upon these concerns in relation to the promotion of the licensing objectives before the representation ends on 22nd May 2024.

The four licensing objectives are as follows: -

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Prevention of crime and disorder
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Prevention of public nuisance
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Public safety
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Protection of children from harm.

Please be advised, once relevant representations have been accepted, a hearing will be held to which all parties will be invited to make representations. A copy of your representation will be forwarded to the applicant so that they are aware of the extent of your views and the representations that you make.

Should you have any queries concerning the above, please contact the Licensing Section on 01443 866750.

Regards
Kathryn

From: DONOTREPLY@caerphilly.gov.uk <DONOTREPLY@caerphilly.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:30 PM

To: WWW: Licensing <licensing@caerphilly.gov.uk>

Subject: Website Contact --- Licensing and permits

Name -

valerie davies

Email Address -

[REDACTED]

Phone Number -

[REDACTED]

Date Submitted -

08/05/2024 16:28:22

Message -

I wish to object to the following licence application. Euro Garages Ltd Address of Premises or Club Premises ASDA Express Newport Road Trethomas Caerphilly CF83 8GB I wish to object to the application for a new premises licence for the above business. I am 74 years of age, collect my local paper every day from said garage and use the public footpath alongside the garage to walk home. When there was a previous licence there used to be unsavoury characters lurking in these woods. I often felt vulnerable. I fail to understand how a petrol station can be allowed to sell alcohol given the drink/driving legislation in place. Trethomas has Tesco and a Post Office who already sell alcohol, sufficient enough for those who need to get hold of it. Refusing a licence will ensure the prevention of crime and disorder, ensure public safety, prevent public nuisance and protect vulnerable people, i.e. elderly and children. Sustrans Cycle Route 4 used by families and children have users who frequent the garage. I fail to see what benefit the granting of such a licence would provide. Please take my points into consideration and DO NOT GRANT this application. I look forward to your comments.

Reference -

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From: DONOTREPLY@caerphilly.gov.uk
To: [WWW: Licensing](#)
Subject: Website Contact --- Licensing and permits
Date: 29 April 2024 16:51:03

Name -

Cllr Chris Morgan CCBC

Email Address -

[REDACTED]

Phone Number -

[REDACTED]

Date Submitted -

29/04/2024 16:49:36

Message -

I would like to object to the application for an alcohol and hot food license for the chequered Flag garage in Trethomas. When the previous proprietors held a licence the local woodland and cycle track were blighted by discarded cans and bottles. Anti Social behaviour also took place through the thoroughfare of Lower Graig y Rhacca where residents lawns were also blighted by discarded bottles. Euro Garages have a poor record at this site for leaving bins full of rubbish and open bins blowing debris into the woods and into site fencing. They claim their staff clean the site, but in reality there is insufficient time for their staff to clean up so the bins remain full. The hot food license request will also cause problems and cause groups of people and vehicles to hang around in this area throughout the night causing disturbance.

Reference -

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From: [Cllr. Morgan, Chris](#)
To: [Hopkins, Kathryn](#)
Subject: 24 hr alcohol license Asda
Date: 09 May 2024 09:52:15

Good morning Kathryn

Re. Asda application for 24 hour alcohol license at Chequered flag garage, Trethomas.

Further to my objection to this application I have been speaking to residents on the Lower GYR estate who are most affected by the implementation of this license.

Residents concerned mostly reside on Ridgeway and endured many years of late night anti social behaviour when this facility last had a drinks licence.

Examples being empty cans and bottles discarded in gardens, urination in the street against garden bushes etc, and loud noise at night and in the early hours.

Another big issue was with the Redbrook Woodlands, where during the summer period became party central for noisy groups of people after purchasing drink from the garage, our group had to deal with the debris in the woods, a site of natural beauty and habitat. Since Euro Garages took over the site and got rid of the alcohol license the area has been cleaner and a lot less anti social behaviour.

Saying that, the garage itself since installing the Greggs facility has become dirtier and littered with food debris.

The bins are always full and staff have little time to keep the area clean, this has led to complaints to myself and environmental health.

Residents feel the food license along with alcohol throughout the night will be a recipe for disaster on our local environment.

Taking all the above info to mind, I feel residents would be more amenable with a reduced timeframe on the license rather than 24hours as they do not wish to restrict this business from operating as long as the business proprietor takes their concerns into account.

Regular litter picks on site and better bins would help.

Sincerely

Cllr Chris Morgan
Machen and Rudry Ward

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

Licencing Section
 Caerphilly County Borough Council
 Penalta House



Tredomen Park
 Ystrad Mynach
 Hengoed
 CF82 8PG

26th April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Lower Graig-Y-Rhacca I would like to object to the below licencing application -

Euro Garages Limited

Address of Premises or Club Premises

Asda Express PFS Chequered Flag, Newport Road, Trethomas, Caerphilly, CF83 8GB

Type of Application New Premises Licence

Proposed Licensable Activities or Qualifying Club Activities

Supply of Alcohol from Monday to Sunday between the hours of 00.00 - 24.00 Late

Night Refreshments from Monday to Sunday between the hours of 23.00- 05.00

Since the garage previously stopped selling alcohol then on the adjoining Lower GYR estate there has been a significant reduction in crime and disorder, a reduction in public safety incidents and a reduction of public nuisance and ASBO along with a reduction in alcohol cans littered throughout the surrounding areas.

I believe these representations will breach three of the four licencing objectives.

The estate demographic is largely elderly residents and families with young children and we do not want instances of harm to children and ASBO and littering reintroduced to the estate and surrounding areas. There is also a Sustrans Cycle Route 4 running alongside the garage frequently used by children and families.

There is already a perfectly acceptable licenced premises at the Tesco Express store some 500m away which sells alcohol until 11pm 7 days a week.

Regards

Name -

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Email -

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A copy of objection by email

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List of persons objecting to application

	Name	Date Received
1.	Cllr Chris Morgan	30/04/2024
2.	Dan & M Thomas	09/05/2024
3.	Allison Bown & Matt Brown	13/05/2024
4.	Elizabeth Pritchard	21/05/2024
5.	Frank Hugglestone & Barbara Hugglestone	13/05/2024
6.	Gill Howells &	09/05/2024
7.	Linda Lewis & Wayne Lewis	13/05/2024
8.	Maldwyn Sweet	10/05/2024
9.	Maria Cook	09/05/2024
10.	Mark Woolley & Marilyn Woolley	10/05/2024
11.	Mike James & Angela James	13/05/2024
12.	Mr Glwyndwr Gough & Mrs Angela Gough	09/05/2024
13.	N Burris & H Burris	13/05/2024
14.	Sarah Howells & Ian Howells	10/05/2024
15.	Valerie Davies	10/05/2024
16.	Emma Hodgson & Mark Hodgson	14/05/2024
17.	Linda Davies	14/05/2024

18.	Clare Cannon & Tim Cannon	15/05/2024
19.	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council Clerk - Ann Butler	15/05/2024
20.	M Mckenzie & F Mckenzie	16/05/2024
21.	Christine Lewis & John Lewis	21/05/2024
22.	Jon Gough	21/05/2024
23.	Ken Herdman	21/05/2024
24.	Clare Gough	21/05/2024
25.	Josh Gough	21/05/2024
26.	Caleb Gough	21/05/2024
27.	Ray Thomas	21/05/2024
28.	Pam Herdman	21/05/2024
29.	Chris Carter	21/05/2024
30.	Joanne Sollis	21/05/2024
31.	Ceri Carter	21/05/2024
32.	A E Moore	21/05/2024
33.	Amelia Jukes	21/05/2024
34.	Edward Gwynne	21/05/2024
35.	John Davies	21/05/2024
36.	Rita Minty	21/05/2024
37.	Chris Jenkins	21/05/2024
38.	Angela Thomas	21/05/2024
39.	Susan Jenkins	21/05/2024
40.	D Painton	21/05/2024
41.	Lois Jones	21/05/2024
42.	Andrew Jones	21/05/2024
43.	RH Morris	21/05/2024
44.	Becky Corfield	21/05/2024
45.	Heather Shrubsole	21/05/2024
46.	Rosemary Saunders	21/05/2024

47.	Eirlys Gravelle	21/05/2024
48.	Avril Dickinson	21/05/2024
49.	G Palmer	21/05/2024
50.	Tracy Dickinson	21/05/2024
51.	J Coleman	21/05/2024
52.	S Coleman	21/05/2024
53.	Carole Sullivan	21/05/2024
54.	Roy Sullivan	21/05/2024
55.	Lucy Thomas	21/05/2024
56.	Matthew Rowe	21/05/2024
57.	C A Greenhaf	21/05/2024
58.	Richard Lomas	21/05/2024
59.	Carol Lomas	21/05/2024
60.	Joan Moggridge	21/05/2024
61.	A Thomas	21/05/2024
62.	Helen Thomas	21/05/2024
63.	Alan Thomas	21/05/2024
64.	R Thomas	21/05/2024
65.	Cllr Kevin Ingram	21/05/2024
66.	Rebecca Edwards	21/05/2024
67.	Ashley Edwards	21/05/2024
68.	Aneta Bester	21/05/2024
69.	Rose Cheeseman	21/05/2024
70.	R Owen	21/05/2024
71.	B Owen	21/05/2024
72.	Lisa Bassett	21/05/2024
73.	Sandra Workman	21/05/2024
74.	Mike Workman	21/05/2024
75.	G Pascoe	21/05/2024

76.	C Jones	21/05/2024
78.	Phil J Jones	21/05/2024
79.	Phil Jones	21/05/2024
80.	Nikki Morris	21/05/2024
81.	Phil Hoskins	21/05/2024
82.	Linda Hoskins	21/05/2024
83.	Anne Reclay	21/05/2024
84.	Anthony Downey	21/05/2024
85.	Bruce Riley	21/05/2024
86.	B Richards	21/05/2024
87.	M P Richards	21/05/2024
88.	Karen Downey	21/05/2024
89.	E Williams	21/05/2024
90.	L Williams	21/05/2024
91.	Chris Pascoe	21/05/2024
92.	Wendy Davies	21/05/2024
93.	J Rudall	21/05/2024
94.	Andreea Stointudor	21/05/2024
95.	Terry Fountain	21/05/2024
96.	Lorraine Bull	21/05/2024
97.	Rachel Newman	21/05/2024
98.	Kerrie Hutchings	21/05/2024
99.	Elizabeth Bull	21/05/2024
100.	Keith Pritchard	21/05/2024
101.	Sian Davies	23/05/2024
102.	D Greenhaf	21/05/2024
103.	Nikki Morris	21/05/2024