

Reba Danson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 April 2022 17:58
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Spar 62 Walsall Road,Aldridge,WS9 0JW

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From: Upkar Uppal
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 5:56:25 PM
To: Licencing@walsall.gov.uk <Licencing@walsall.gov.uk>
Subject: Spar 62 Walsall Road,Aldridge,WS9 0JW

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in connection with the review of the above premises. I am the landlord of this property who was first given the licence to sell alcohol in May 2000. I understand that there has been some issues but the current owner has not broken any licensing laws. Unfortunately an employee for him has done this who has been removed from working in the shop and cannot enter an agreed zone of the shop. I would like to put forward that this is the shop keepers livelihood and needs the licence to keep his livelihood afloat. The removal of the licence would most definitely take a devastating effect on the business even potentially closing it. I request for the licence to be kept for the shop keeper and for the local community.

Regards

Mr Uppal

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2022 14:19
To: Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Spar 62 Walsall road Aldridge Section 167

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To whom it may concern,

>> I feel compelled to write to you in regards to the above section 167 of the Spar shop at 62 Walsall road Aldridge. Since the the current owner's stewardship, I have found the establishment to provide a valuable service to the locality. Having lived in the local area for over 10 years (my post code is [REDACTED]), it is great to have the wide choice and range of groceries that this shop allows as well as it flexible opening hours and friendly courteous manner of the owner.

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>> If this shop was to close due to the section 167, I feel the local area and residents would be adversely affected due to the lack of competition so would urge you to reconsider this course of action. Local residents such as myself appreciate the ability to have a choice when shopping and the ability to support local businesses. In my experience I have not seen or witnessed any anti social behaviour around the shop.

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>> Kind regards,

>> Sukhy Nahal

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>> Sent from my iPhone

Reba Danson

From: Nicola Pryce [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2022 17:18
To: licensing@walsall.co.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Review of premises licence

Good afternoon

I am writing this email in response to a notice I have read about reviewing the licence of 62 Walsall Road. I live in the flat above the shop and I have not witnessed the shop keeper Paul sell alcohol to anyone underage.

Paul made a mistake in employing a member of staff who caused a lot of anti-social behaviour and brought trouble to the shop.

Since this member of staff was ordered some weeks ago to stay away from the shop, there have not been any more issues. It is quiet and everyone is respectful of the shop and the surrounding area again.

Kind regards
Miss N. Pryce

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Rapinder Kaur Kler

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2022 14:03
To: Licensing
Subject: Alcohol Licence

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Re: Paul Sapra's Convenience Store,
Walsall Road, Aldridge

I understand Paul Sapra's licence to sell alcohol is being reviewed. His shop is very convenient for local residents, especially those who don't drive, the elderly and people who call in on their way to and from work. Most small corner shops have either closed down or are under threat due to larger supermarkets monopolising the market and it would be a loss to this area if this shop had to close. The shop is well stocked and he is a very helpful and obliging person. Therefore I hope you will take my comments into consideration.

Kind regards
Mrs J. Jones
Local resident

Sent from my Samsung device

SPAR, 62 Walsall Road, Aldridge

To Whom it May Concern,

I write reference the, intended Review of Premises Licence at the above store for,

1. The Prevention of Crime & Disorder
2. Public Safety
3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

I am a local resident who has known the current tenant, Paul Sapra since he took occupation in July 2019. Paul is well known in the local community as an individual who has tried his best to establish this store providing a service to his regular customers. Operating 7 days a week he is committed to serving us and tries his best to enhance his product offerings at competitive pricing.

I am also aware that Paul has struggled with certain community members attending Aldridge Comprehensive School who he has tried to work with to avoid insult and intimidation to him. He has encouraged children to behave in a sensible manner to reduce shop pilferages and personal incidents between children themselves. This I know has been with little support from the school where the students are very disruptive at the end of the school day.

Balancing this behaviour can be very challenging for any shop keeper in local vicinity of any comprehensive school. With a lack of support from the school and local policing this matter is solely left to Paul to manage. Any intervention between these school children is very challenging and has resulted in Paul being threatened many times by the elder brothers of these individuals.

I am aware of numerous incidents that have occurred around the school area at the end of the school day. I do not feel that the store or Paul has contributed to this, but is the behaviour of these children that needs to be addressed. Paul has made an error of judgement in recruiting a member of staff who I understand has been terminated due to his character and personal demeanour in his working ethics. This was a very bad move that has hindered Paul at a stage where he has invested heavily to make his business a success.

I would ask the Council to consider my statement before a decision is made in review of the premises licence. Paul has 2 young girls who accompany him on weekends to the shop where he works 7 days a week to sustain his family commitments. Further, I do not think Paul would jeopardise the safety of his daughters by encouragement of any anti-social behaviour at his shop.

Paul clearly is struggling with these inconsiderate school children, many who all travel from outside Aldridge. We local residents and Paul should not have to suffer due to the behaviour of these children. The store offers competitive pricing and I have always witnessed Paul to balance his judgement in the decisions he has had to make.

A review of the licence should review the public safety and nuisance to the local community. Consideration should be given to whether the review considers the immediate local community and not just the welfare of certain school children hindering this business.

The public safety of school children must be considered and enforcement or restriction of entry times by minors should be considered in this review.

I understand an age restricted test purchase also revealed that licensed products may have been sold to a minor by Paul. These errors of judgement can occasionally occur and a review could address the licence conditions by implementing further controlled restrictions or conditions.

Any decision to suspend the premises licence will certainly affect the business substantially resulting in possible closure and another empty unit, being an eyesore to the local community and possibly attracting further anti-social behaviour.

Prior to the current ownership, this shop remained closed for a long period of time. An application for change of use to a hot food restaurant and take away was challenged by the local community and rejected by the council.

I would not like to see the Premises Licence suspended or revoked. However I understand a review with the implementation of certain restrictions would benefit the Public Safety and Prevention of Crime, Disorder & Nuisance.

Gurpaul Singh