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Sent: 04 June 2016 21:05

To: Hould, Hannah

Subject: Re: New Premises Licensing Application - Harnham Local, 1 Harnham Road, Salisbury

Dear Hannah Hould,

WK/2016201609669 - Licensing Application

I write in support of this application. The applicant, Fatima Kaya- Cifci, is not known to me. However, I believe the re-opening of a convenience store at 1 Harnham Road, with an off-license, would bring substantial community benefits to the area, especially for the large number of elderly people who live within a few minutes walk of the shop.

Number 1 Harnham Road was built as a grocery store in about 1906 (" Hands Groceries and Provisions"). It was thriving when I used to pass it as a child in the 1950s and it remained so until about ten years ago, when the owner decided to end the tenancy of Mr and Mrs Heather and applied for planning permission for change of use. He was unsuccessful. It became a furniture and household goods emporium.

The corner shop had been an important focus of community life. A modest range of basic groceries was supplemented by a Post Office, newspapers, National Lottery tickets and wines and spirits. It was a real blow when the tenants were forced to close the business. It was a thriving commercial proposition. I live about 100 metres west of 1 Harnham Road. I believe it would be of great benefit to the whole community if this property could once again become an asset benefitting the whole community - especially the elderly.

I am aware of the Council's Licensing Objectives.

I know of no evidence that the granting of an off-licence would have any impact on the prevention of crime and disorder. The premises caused no crime and disorder that at I am aware of in the last 100 years or so.

I have lived here for 19 years. I was a regular user of the shop and I never heard any complaints of public nuisance connected with the shop. I cannot recall any complaints about parking problems. Most customers were local and came on foot.

I cannot imagine any circumstances in which public safety would be an issue. There was never, as far as I know, any complaint about the availability of alcohol at the shop. There are two pubs licensed by Wiltshire Council within about one hundred metres of 1 Harnham Road and only very rarely do their customers over-indulge to the extent of nuisance and never threatening public safety.

I cannot see any harm that would come to local children if this license were to be granted. I do recall that from time to time kids returning from school in the afternoons would attempt to steal sweets. The admonitions of Mr Heather would have done them nothing but good . Alcohol is rarely purchased before ten in the morning nor before four in the afternoon - outside school hours.

When the shop was operating as a convenience store, I can recall no occasion when there were traffic incidents caused by shop customers.

I hope that the Licensing Committee will look favourably on this application that is likely to enhance community cohesion in Harnham.

Yours sincerely,



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