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To Licensing Team, Slough Borough Council,

We are writing to express our strong objection to the application submitted by Granville Stores for a license to sell alcohol on the premises and to extend their opening hours until 10:00 PM.

As concerned local residence and members of the community, we believe that granting such a license would have detrimental effects on our neighborhood and its residents.

Firstly, extending the opening hours of Granville Stores until 10:00 PM would significantly disrupt the peace and tranquility of our residential area. The increased noise, traffic, and potential disturbances associated with late-night alcohol sales would not only inconvenience residents but also pose safety concerns for families and individuals living nearby.

We are the residents of this area and live directly opposite and around this shop area. This is already a nuisance to the local residence because of the delivery vehicles and customer cars that park up around the street. This causes noise pollution with engines running and a parking issue for the residents.

The shop is in a residential area and not on commercial premises, this is the first and foremost point. It is actually built in the land of one of the gardens, number 1 Beechwood Road. This is not a suitable place to be selling alcohol from.

Points we would like to raise include:

1. This is a residential area with families with teenage children we believe that it would be a bad influence for alcohol and then other things that are sold in off licenses' like cigarettes' to be so closely available for teenagers and young adults.
2. The convenience store only got planning permission approved initially because they said they would only open until 6.00 pm and in this way would not effect the residential nature of the street. Now they want to open until 10.00 pm. This will cause noise pollution with the cars parked stationary and customers and could

cause groups of undesirable individuals coming to buy alcohol and causing nuisance. This will be detrimental to the residents of the road as our bedrooms are all at the front and we will be disturbed, with car and customer noise and also the lights that people leave on in their cars.

3. We do not feel that it will be safe to go out at night if alcohol is sold so close to our homes because of the customers that it will attract. This will affect our quality of life. We do not want groups of undesirable individuals coming to buy alcohol and causing nuisance as they do outside off licenses. Shouting and fighting would really diminish this family streets environment.
4. There is no need for permission to be granted for alcohol to be sold here because there is a pub 'The Cherry Picker' at the other end of Granville avenue which people can use. This is on the corner away from houses facing the main road and is suitably situated for customers who would want alcohol. There is also another off license called Manor Stores that is appropriately situated in the commercial areas of Manor Park. This is very close and customers can go there to buy alcohol. There is no need for another establishment especially in a residential area to sell alcohol.
5. Additionally, the sale of alcohol by Granville Stores could have adverse effects on the well-being of our local residents and community members, particularly vulnerable populations such as minors and individuals struggling with alcohol addiction. Increased availability of alcohol may contribute to underage drinking and alcohol-related health problems. Teenagers from Baylis Court School, all walk past this store to go to school. It would have a bad influence on them to have cigarettes and alcohol available.
6. As said before this is a residential area, and just at the back and side of Granville Stores there is a 'old peoples home'. It would be inappropriate to subject them to this environment. They have said they would not feel safe with drunken customers coming to buy alcohol, and loitering of undesirable individuals.
7. Furthermore, granting this license could exacerbate existing issues related to public intoxication and anti-social behavior in our area. Allowing alcohol sales until late hours may attract individuals who are already intoxicated or looking for opportunities to consume alcohol beyond reasonable limits, leading to potential disturbances, crime, and disorderliness in our neighborhood.
8. The area has had many burglaries already and we do not want it to become more of a target because of the individuals that would come here to buy alcohol. Also they would be hanging around after dark up to 10.00pm which causes concern for the residence.

In conclusion, we urge the Licensing Team to carefully consider the objections raised by concerned residents like us and to reject the application submitted by Granville Stores for licensing of alcohol sales and extended opening hours to 10.00pm. Doing so would uphold the safety, well-being, and integrity of our community, and ensure that our neighborhood remains a peaceful and desirable place to live. We implore you to

consider our points and consider the detrimental affect it would have on the local residents.

Your sincerely,

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