

*ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO HAVE
REGISTERED THEIR OBJECTION AND ON WHOSE BEHALF I
HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS SPOKESPERSON I PROVIDE
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND OBSERVATIONS*

1. I attach a map of Shenley Green and the adjacent area. This shows some of the sensitive uses which give rise to residents' concerns over the granting of the License. These are;

- Retirement bungalows on two sides of the parkland at the back of the Church Hall, occupied by vulnerable elderly people, many of whom are likely to be among those visiting the Surgery, shops or activities provided at the Church and Hall*
- A number of the housing units on the other side of Green Meadow Road also occupied by elderly people*
- The Nursery [including outdoor activity and children being brought out for walks and the like]*
- The Church and Church hall which provides a safe space for vulnerable and also young people [Coffee shop, Youth activities held most nights of the week, Parent toddler playgroup 3 mornings a week amongst other uses]*
- The Surgery*
- The Pharmacy*

2. *The route past the shops, Church Hall and Surgery is in regular use by*
 - *Young people: on their way to school at Green Meadow Primary and Shenley Academy; going to and from Shenley Court Centre or the Church Hall for Youth activities; by the staff of the Nursery taking their charges out for walks during the day*
 - *Elderly and vulnerable persons; Attending the Church and Church hall; going to the Surgery; Going to the shops on Shenley Green*
3. *Shenley Academy pupils regularly crossing Shenley Lane at the crossing by the School and walking down past the Applicant's shop. There have been instances reported to me of under-age persons asking adults going into the shop to get cigarettes for them. It is likely the same thing may occur with alcohol if it becomes available there.*
4. *There are several open spaces and a Multi Use Games Area within a short distance, plus the public area with seating outside the shops and the sheltered bus stop, all of which provide a likely magnet for people to gather to consume alcohol.*
5. *It is easy to access the parking area behind the shops, which has been a focus for antisocial and criminal alcohol related behaviour in the past, causing distress to the residents in the flats above the shops. This area and some of the green spaces are not covered by the CCTV cameras currently sited in the public areas.*
6. *In the past there was a significant problem with criminal acts taking place in the Church car park including drug dealing,*

damaging cars belonging to people attending events at the Church and Hall, a spate of broken windows at the Church Hall and alcohol related anti-social behavior/criminality. There were also regularly cans, bottles and other litter to pick up in the Church car park. The incidences of such conduct have lessened since the imposition of the Alcohol Restriction Zone, much to the delight of all residents and users of the area. They would not like it to start up again, fuelled by alcohol.

7. *By contrast, on the edge of the Estate, where I have lived for 42 years and where there are two retail premises selling alcohol close by, local people who are Friends of Ley Hill Park tell of*
 - *Frequent finding and having to remove glass bottles, beer cans and other litter that could cause harm to children or animals after youngsters have gathered in the Park to consume the contents*
 - *'Shoulder tapping' by youths asking adults to purchase alcohol on their behalf*
 - *Alcohol related anti-social, intimidating and criminal behaviour*
8. *There have been a number of fires started in the Park recently.*
9. *One gentleman told me this evening that living near one of these licensed premises was so disturbing, due to alcohol-fuelled ant-social behaviour by large groups of youths, that he has since moved.*
10. *I am often found picking up alcohol-related debris from the road or my hedge as I live adjacent to the road between the two.*

11. *Yesterday afternoon I saw a pair of young men walking erratically round the corner with cans of beer in their hands. My attention was drawn to them initially by their loud swearing. This is often the case, especially on weekend evenings. Residents and users of the Shenley Green area would not like their peace disturbed in this way*
12. *It is disappointing that the Applicant, whom I gather is not familiar with the area and it's ethos, has not made any attempt to engage with local residents to find out their views, either before or after putting in the application. Most of the people I have spoken to were not aware of the application until I told them. The statutory notices were displayed at levels either above or below most people's eye level, so not exactly prominent, and it was not something people would have been looking for, as most would have considered it an improbable turn of events, due to the well-known position of the Bournville Village Trust on the retailing of alcohol on the land it manages.*
13. *It is worrying to hear people say they will stop using the shop if the Applicant continues to seek a License, as we have always tried to support the local shop for the benefit of those who need it.*
14. *With regard to the numerous signatures I have obtained in support of the objection I have lodged on behalf of the local residents, it was not intended to be a separate objection, merely evidence that the views I expressed were widely held. Some of the signatories have put in their own objections to the application, as like me they wish the area to continue to have the special character that is a mark of Bournville village Trust's vision of a pleasant life for those residing on it's land, whether owner occupiers or tenants. I*

speak on their behalf.

15. *I trust you will take our genuine and evidence based concerns into account when considering this application.*





