

## IP1 Representation

### **Direct from residents:**

As a resident living adjacent to The Green xxxxxx and the landlord of xxxx, xxxx and xxxx Wilson Street, I would strongly advise that this application is turned down. I cite the following reasons: before when the licensing hours were until 1.00am we endured a lot of problems with people hanging around drinking and making a disturbance on The Green. Not only that but people began using the alleyway behind the shops, and in particular a small courtyard that belongs to me, as a public toilet. This was very unpleasant and had to be cleaned up by my tenant. We also found needles and drug paraphernalia there too. Since the licensing changed to 11.00pm these nuisances have stopped.

Please do not let the application go through for the sake of all local residents.

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### **From Cllr Maria Alexandrou on behalf of the residents:**

I would like to make a representation on behalf of residents xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx regarding the license application for Shopoint.

The xxxxx are residents living on the green in xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx and strongly oppose this application for a number of reasons.

1. When the shop previously called Costcutters sold alcohol TIL late , this created many anti social behaviour problems like people hanging around drinking and creating a disturbance on the green which is a quiet residential area.

2. People were using the alley way behind the shops as a public toilet which is unpleasant to the residents.

3. Needles and drug paraphernalia were found in the green.  
Since the licensing hours changed to 11pm, these problems have stopped.

The green is surrounded by local pubs and restaurants and they close at reasonable hours so the green is a quiet and undisturbed area after midnight.

If Shopoint is allowed to sell alcohol until 1am, then this would create noise pollution and disturbance with roaring cars.

This would encourage people to hang around to drink and disrupt the tranquility of the area.

There would be no way for the shop owners to control any unruly behaviour from drinking and they certainly wouldn't be able to prevent people from being sick on the pavement or urinating in the streets, even urinating through letter boxes.

Additional litter , broken glass , shouting , playing loud music, fights, attempted burglaries, smoking cannabis are some of the consequences.

Female residents feel unsafe walking home when there's crowds of rowdy drunk men.

It would encourage crime and public disorder.

Allowing a licence until 1am will attract people to the area simply to purchase alcohol , people who have probably spent a few hours drinking already.

At present the owners do not have any notices regarding -

Entering a drinking control area

No alcoholic drinks can be taken outside to be consumed in the street

Since the owners do not respect current licensing conditions, this is another valid reason to oppose this licensing application.

Previously there were also issues of sales to underage drinkers.

We need to protect children from harm and prevention disorder on our streets.

In the past many residents had to suffer months of sleepless nights due to the disturbance.

We must remember that this is a drinking controlled area and a conservation area and residents respectfully request to live peacefully and safely.

## **IP2 Representation**

I recently became aware that ShopPoint who are based at 6-8 The Green, N21 have made an application to extend their licence hours to 1am. I would like to share my concerns and reasons for not supporting this application.

I am a resident of 11 years residing on Wilson Street, number xxx which is based near the end of the road and my front door is at the beginning of the alleyway above an accountants office.

Naturally as the area changes over the years there are some things that become undesirable, mostly these can be tolerated and overcome and in particular relatively new food service businesses joined the Green in Winchmore Hill which has been incredibly challenging for me personally and impacted my health significantly from a noise disturbance point of view in relation to deliveries being received at unsociable hours, thankfully this is somewhat resolved after over 18 months of me working with the council back and forth as well as the business owners.

The previous tenants that occupied ShopPoint had an extended licence until 1am (thankfully it was revoked) because the level disruption it caused was unbearable, unpredictable and unsafe. If you know Winchmore Hill and The Green in particular then you will know that its a quiet residential area and has no requirement for a shop to be open until 1am, especially one serving alcohol. There are plenty of late night shops on Green Lanes.

During the time that the shop had its late opening hours, 6 days a week I personally opened my front door at least 3/4 days a week to find excessive litter, hazardous waste (such as needles for drugs), used condoms, coughed up flem and broken glass. The alley was used as a regular bathroom and stunk of urine, on one occasion someone urinated through my letterbox! I witnessed two attempted burglaries, regular physical fights, a constant flow of cars parking in the street and outside my front door in the alleyway playing loud music, people hanging around shouting or talking loudly well after 1am and also smoking cannabis, often on my door step.

The shop being open this late will without doubt attract the same set of problems, if not worse given the increase of mental health issues and crime thats sadly effecting so many members of our society. When the licence was previously revoked, all these problems ceased almost overnight.

I very much hope that you consider my email when deciding on the application for ShopPoint.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

I look forward to hearing the outcome in due course.

### **IP3 Representation**

My name is xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx and I live at xxxxxxxxxxxxx. I am writing to express my concerns about the application for extended licensing hours at the above premises until 1am.

The Green is a residential area. It already has to deal with disruption from 3 pubs and a number of licensed restaurants. When the previous shop, Costcutter had a license until 1am it resulted in anti-social behaviour, noise and mess.

Please take the above comments into consideration and refuse this extended hours application.

## **IP4 Representation**

Whilst I am all for encouraging local businesses and of course we need viable shops in the community as so many have closed, it is still important to remember that Winchmore Hill is a Conservation area and some business activity is detrimental to the residential nature of Winchmore Hill.

Several years ago those living near the Green suffered a lot of disturbance from anti social behaviour and in Wilson Street in particular, we suffered from late night noisy cars coming in, parking and then roaring off out of the street. The occupants often left litter in the street as they came to buy alcohol from what was then the shop called Costcutter and frequently there was shouting and other noise from the mainly young men who congregated around the Green, when the that shop supplied them with alcohol late at night.

I understand the LBE took these concerns into account when the current licence was granted to Shoppoint, who now trade their and limited the sale to 11pm. Now they wish to extend this licence to 1am which, as a local resident, I find unacceptable.

Shoppoint is a well run shop fulfilling a local need and I am glad it is there but I do not believe there is a local need for late night sales of alcohol. I walk my dog every night on the Green at about midnight and during the week there is little sign of life, With activity from Restaurants there are people around until about Midnight at weekends but not many people as the restaurants and pubs are closed by then. However at the weekend there is an influx of people from further afield coming in cars to buy alcohol. They often seem to come in convoys and make a considerable noise as they park on the pavements and in Wilson Street to go in and buy alcohol so extending the licence would only increase this nuisance from outsiders.

In the circumstances I object to this licence application as it would have a negative impact on the Public Nuisance problems as well as encouraging crime, disorder and in the event of drunken behaviour public safety. It is not compatible with the nature of the this quiet conservation area. As the late night customers would not be local people there can be minimal benefit to the local community in extending the licence..

So as not to be accused of being a begrudger however and having sympathy with the owners trying to make a living I would compromise and accept alcohol sales up to Midnight at the weekend but would prefer that the 11 clock time was more appropriate for seven day trading.

Please take these points into consideration when making your decision. For your information I have lived in Winchmore Hill since 1973 and note that the previous anti social behaviour problems around the Green have improved in recent years since Shopping took over, so I would be concerned of a retrogressive decision putting us back to the situation we had with Costcutter when alcohol was sold late at night.

## **IP5 Representation**

I have recently heard that Shoppoint have submitted an application to open for longer so that they can trade, including the sale of alcohol, until 1am.

I would like to object to this because I worry this will create antisocial behaviour, noise nuisance, potential violence / disorder in and around the Winchmore Hill Green area. I do not think these would be beneficial outcomes for the area or its residents.

Therefore, I would like my objection to be noted for this application.

## IP6 Representation

From:

[REDACTED]

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4 April 2019

To:

London Borough of Enfield Licensing Team

PO Box 57

Civic Centre

Silver Street

Enfield EN1 3XH

### **Objection to an application for a variation of Premises Licence**

I request that the application (posted in the Shoppoint window) dated 8 March 2019 by Shoppoint Ltd, 6-8 The Green, Winchmore Hill, N21 1AY, for a variation of Premises Licence to permit an extension of licensing hours from 23:00 at night for two extra hours to 01:00 be refused on the grounds of:

- the prevention of public nuisance,
- the protection of children from harm, and
- the prevention of crime and disorder.

The Green, Winchmore Hill is absolutely not a suitable location for the development of the night-time economy. The several local pubs and restaurants all close at reasonable hours and all comply with their licence conditions to request patrons to leave quietly. Local residents as well as visitors are able to enjoy the facilities of The Green during the evenings as well as during the daytime but then this residential area becomes quiet as it must be to permit residents an undisturbed night.

There is absolutely no local demand for alcohol sales past 11pm. To permit Shoppoint to offer alcohol for sale until 1am would have the malign effect of drawing custom to The Green that would otherwise have no reason to be here. Whatever the licensing conditions might say, this would mean noise and disturbance until and most likely well after 1am. There would be voices, probably many very loud, there would be the noise of vehicles - because most purchasers would arrive in a vehicle - and there would be the noise of car doors and other disturbances. There would be drunken behaviour because many people buying or consuming alcohol at this time of night would already have spent some hours drinking elsewhere. Whatever the licence conditions might require, Shoppoint staff will be unable both to man the shop and to discourage noisy and unruly behaviour outside the shop. In other words, to permit this extension would be certain to create public nuisance in a drinking control area.

We know this will happen because a few years ago, this premises, then called Costcutter, was open 24 hours a day, selling alcohol. At night time all the problems of noise and disturbance noted above were evident because people who would not otherwise be on The Green at night were attracted by the possibility of buying alcohol. There was consumption of alcohol late at night on The Green, there was noise that could be heard at our own property, and there were sales to under-age drinkers.

For this latter reason, the all-night licence was withdrawn but only after residents had had to endure many months of noise and disturbed nights. It is impossible to imagine that such issues would not

once again arise if this application is granted. Underage drinking and consumption of alcohol outside in the street and on The Green are crime and disorder. For these reasons the application should be refused on the grounds of the protection of children from harm and the prevention of crime and disorder.

This previous experience confirms that all the anticipated problems that can arise from late night alcohol sales are certain to recur if the application is granted. There is absolutely no benefit to the local community of such an extension of licensing hours. The application should be summarily refused.

I should note that Shoppoint currently shows little indication of abiding by the present licensing conditions. Under Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule, Shoppoint should comply with the following conditions:

*6. Prominent, clear and legible notices shall be displayed at all public exits from the premises requesting customers respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and area quietly. These notices shall be positioned at eye level and in a location where those leaving the premises can read them.*

*7. There shall be a sign displayed on the exit door stating "You are entering a drinking control area and no alcoholic drinks are to be opened on the streets within this area".*

*11. Signs shall be prominently displayed on the exit doors advising customers that the premises is in a 'Drinking Control Area' and that alcohol should not be should not be taken outside and consumed in the street. These notices shall be positioned at eye level and in a location where they can be read by those leaving the premises.*

In fact, there are no notices of this kind displayed anywhere in the shop and certainly none near the exit door. Given that the necessary notices are not displayed it seems highly unlikely that Shoppoint staff would be any more likely to comply with Condition 18 than were the staff of Costcutter in the past:

*18. Staff shall actively discourage patrons from congregating around the outside of the premises.*

This current lack of compliance with licensing conditions should be another reason for refusing the application.

Yours faithfully

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

P.S. I should note that I cannot find any information about this application online using the links given on the notice in the Shoppoint window. Is this as it should be?

## IP7 Representation

I am writing to vehemently OBJECT to the granting of licence to sell alcohol up to 1am to SHOPOINT at 6-8 The Green, N21 1BA.

This shop was previously owned by Costcutters many years ago - who had a late licesce to sell alcohol . When it changed hands a few years ago we objected to a late license to sell alcohol for the following reasons - and we STAND by this again:

\* There were constant fights outside- some racist and very abusive and scary for us upstairs as we were kept awake and had to call the Police regularly

\* Cars park outside playing their music loudly and drivers stand outside the car having loud drunken conversation with no respect for we residents trying to sleep upstairs. The hooting was horrendous. The sound travels at night

\* Youngsters/groups hang around the shop and in Wilson street and the alley behind us. They are drinking/threatening, often smoking weed and probably high on drugs. I have walked up our stairs after an evening out and found youngsters in our stairwell, smoking weed and threatening me and when I addressed it they urinated outside my front door.

\* Groups loiter about on The Green benches, drinking and swearing/shouting loudly. The sound carries to our flats and when we address the situation they threaten us

\* Litter is left on the pavements and on the Green

\* I used to walk outside and their would be vomit on the pavement outside Valentine Mansions

\* We used to have many breakins downstairs when the sale of alcohol was permitted beyond 11pm. A VERY frightening experience when you can see it happening from the window - groups yielding sledgehammers/bricks - a fear which stays with me whenever I hear breaking glass!!!

We do not want to have to go through this again as it was distressing and disturbing. Since Costcutters closed and Shopoint was limited to closing at 11pm - the problems pretty much went away - apart from the odd disturbance.

We ask that you take our objections seriously as it was one of the most distressing times of our staying here.

## **IP8 Representation**

We are writing to you to object in the strongest possible terms to the application for late night alcohol sales at Shoppoint at 6-8 The Green in Winchmore Hill

We live in xxxx Wilson Street, around the corner from the shop.

When previous owners (Costcutter) had a late night license, it created a lot of disturbance in the areas around the green.

We had groups of people hanging around our street, drinking, being noisy and threatening to other passers-by. This was very disruptive and interrupted our sleep as all of the houses on Wilson Street have bedrooms at the front.

There was also often broken glass and empty bottles/cans left littering the street. It was very unpleasant (if not unhealthy) for us to walk our child to school past pools of vomit on the pavement.

We feel there is sufficient opportunity for people to purchase drink with the current license allowing the store to remain open until 2300.

## IP9 Representation

I am a resident of:

xxxxxx

The front door to my flat is directly adjacent to Shoppoint and my flat is above the shops. I have been resident in this building since 1996, so I am well acquainted with how a change in the licensed hours of these premises can adversely affect our neighbourhood.

The shop is in a mixed residential and commercial area, within a Conservation Area wherein we are obliged to maintain the character of the property and neighbourhood.

When the shop had a late license previously we had huge problems and therefore, with the advice of the police taken into account as well as local opinion, the shop was restricted to a license only till 11pm and that was for good reasons, which have not changed and for the following reasons I would like to make sure my objections are taken into consideration:

When the shop had a later alcohol license the following issues arose:

### **1) Public Nuisance.**

- Groups of people hanging out on The Green drinking and generally making lots of noise.
- Cars with loud music parking up on the pavement outside our building and their occupants shouting out requests who had gone into the shop.
- Deliberate screeching of wheels and revving engines for "show" which made sleep impossible. (two people in my flat have to be up for work at 6am and sleep is important)
- Litter on The Green.
- Men urinating in our building doorway.
- Vomit outside our front door on a regular basis.

### **2) Crime and Public Disorder**

- There were often fights on The Green and the police had to be called on many occasions.
- People were drawn to the Green from outside of the neighbourhood, with drug dealing and the accompanying threatening situations being common.

- Drinkers left the pubs down on Green Lanes and came up the hill after closing time to buy alcohol and consume it on The Green. And the same was true of customers from the pubs around The Green, which are not permitted to stay open late.

### **3) Protection of Children**

- There are many families with small children living around the Green and they should not be kept awake at night by drunken customers, traffic and fights.

- With increased opening hours there was also a dramatic rise in minors being sold alcohol and cigarettes.

- as a result of the late opening of the shop my own children were awoken by the noise outside and witnessed frightening fighting on The Green and, on several occasions there were also instances of domestic abuse happening outside our building.

### **4) Public Safety**

- I am a professional musician and I often have to return home late at night. When the shop was open late it was common for me to have to push through groups of drunk men to get to my front door. It felt very threatening.

I have nothing against the people running the shop - they are lovely - but that does not necessarily mean their customers will be as nice, so I very much hope and expect that you will take these objections seriously.

## **IP10 Representation**

I wish to object to the Shoppoint 6-8 The Green . I feel that it will incur noise , more crime , public safety , and disorder. I feel it's totally unessaccery.

### **IP11 Represesntation**

I am writing to object to the late licensing application made by Shopoint on the Green.

I am a local resident and feel the granting of this application would encourage further anti-social behaviour on and near to The Green. We already have issues with youths hanging around and smoking/taking drugs and drinking on the street until the early hours and I feel this would encourage them further.

It is unfair on local residents who already struggle with getting a good night's sleep due to noise and also the boy racers in the area who rev their engines and tear around the streets at all hours.

## **IP12 Representation**

My Husband and I would like to register our serious objection to this license extension, indeed we are quite horrified it is even being considered.

When these premises were run as a Costcutter there was immense disruption and public nuisance on The Green; noisy groups sitting around smoking and drinking past midnight, cars revving engines and driving dangerously in circles around the green and rubbish left all around the benches on the Green. It was a 'destination' for people who did not live locally but came to meet up and drink, beyond established pub licensing hours, disturbing us local residents and causing many complaints. It was a huge relief to all the local residents when Enfield council limited the licence hours of these premises to 11pm.

There is absolutely no reason for Shopoint to be conducting alcohol sales beyond pub hours. Once the pubs and restaurants close this is a residential area, many many Enfield residents including families with children like ourselves live within sight and sound of The Green. This premises is already allowed to trade 7am to 11pm which is ample extended hours, supporting the community but any change to this would serious disturb this residential area.

We urge you to refuse any extension to the current licensing hours of these premises.

### **IP13 Representation**

We are writing to confirm our objection to the license for Shopoint to sell alcohol being extended from 11pm to 1am.

Our objection is made on the grounds of public nuisance. We are hugely concerned about the level of noise from people and cars as well as general public disorder, threat of violence and increase in crime in the area if this application is agreed.

The aforementioned issues were rife when the previous business owner – Costcutter – had a license to sell alcohol from this site until 1am in the morning.

Please take our comments into consideration and deny the application. Thank you for your time to read and review our objection.

### **IP14 Representation**

My station has been drawn to the application by Shoppoint at 6/8 The Green Winchmore Hill to extend their Lincensing Hours until 1.00am The previous occupants and Lincensee Costcutter had their Lincense to sell alcohol until 1.00am . We as neighbours experienced noise , fights and people hanging around and general unacceptable behaviour . The Green became known as a late night drinking venue also the litter that was left was really disgusting .We would appreciate it if the Council left the closing as 11.00pm Their application should be refused .

## **IP15 Representation**

Resident & CAG representative for the Winchmore Hill Green Conservation Area

My attention has been drawn to the application by Shopfront at 6-8 The Green, Winchmore Hill, to extend their Licensing Hours until 1.00 am. Currently the closing time is 11.00pm.

You should recall that the previous occupant and licensee, Costcutter, had their license to sell alcohol until 1.00 pm and the neighbours experienced noise, fights, people hanging around drinking and general unacceptable behaviour until past 1.00pm. The Green became known as a late night drinking venue. When Shopfront took over the premises the opportunity was taken by the Council to change the "closing time" to 11.00pm and this previous reputation ceased.

This application Should be refused

I am the CAG representative for the Winchmore Hill Conservation Area and the above comments are my own.

## **IP16 Representation**

Please can you refuse the extension of alcohol sale beyond 11pm for the Shoppoint on the green, Winchmore Hill.

I live in Wilson Street and it will be too disruptive. People often park on my road to access the shops.

It will be too disruptive for me and my family.

I feel very strongly about this and am concerned that this would cause; Public nuisance Crime and disorder Gangs from other areas Litter Loud music late at night from cars.

## **IP17 Representation**

We are objecting to the 1am alcohol sale at ShopPoint the green on the following grounds:

1. Public nuisance: we live directly opposite ShopPoint and it already becomes noisy outside the flat, late at night, which can be very disturbing. Increasing the licensing hours would make it even more noisy, later into the night. We have to wake up very early for work, so it is a huge nuisance if we cannot sleep due to noise in the area. In our opinion, increasing the licensing hours would significantly increase the public nuisance disruption if the hours were extended to 1am as it would attract drunk and disorderly people late at night. It is unfair on the residents who have to wake up early for work. there are already places for people to purchase alcohol e.g Sainsbury's.

2. Prevention of crime and disorder: we live opposite ShopPoint and we need to feel safe in the area when we are returning late from work. We are concerned that the increased licensing hours would lead to disorderly behaviour outside the flat which would be highly disruptive. There is no reason why people cannot pre-plan the purchase of their alcoholic beverages: they do not need to wait until 11pm - 1am to decide to purchase alcohol.

3: Public safety: we often return home alone, and we live directly opposite ShopPoint: We are concerned about later licensing hours attracting drunk and potentially violent behaviour and it is very concerning with regards to our safety.

Please take our concerns seriously.