

Licensing Team  
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council  
Town Hall, The Parade  
Epsom, KT18 5BY

26 July 2024

Dear Sirs

**Objection to the Variation of Premises Licence for Real Butcher, 9 Pound Lane, Epsom**

I am writing to formally object to the application made by Real Butcher, located at 9 Pound Lane, Epsom, to vary its premises licence to include the sale of alcohol between the hours of 9am and 8pm from Monday to Sunday. As the owner of [REDACTED], situated in close proximity to Real Butcher, I have several serious concerns regarding the potential impact of this variation on the local community and my business.

**1. Encouragement of Drink Driving**

I have witnessed individuals who have purchased alcohol from nearby establishments consuming said beverages and subsequently driving off. The addition of another alcohol outlet increases the risk of drink driving, posing a significant danger to public safety.

**2. Public Consumption of Alcohol**

There is a concern that alcohol purchased from Real Butcher may be consumed on the street, leading to public disorder. This behaviour can create an intimidating environment, particularly for families and elderly residents who use Pound Lane, as well as the children who attend Epsom Primary School directly across the street from the premises. Given the permitted hours of the licence there is a risk that inebriated individuals could come into contact with primary school aged children during school hours.

**3. Congregation and Obstruction**

There is a potential for groups to congregate outside the shop (as I have frequently experienced on numerous times previously), obstructing the pavement and making it difficult for my customers to access my premises. This not only affects my business but also inconveniences other businesses, pedestrians and the local public. I am also concerned about the effect of these congregations on the children from Epsom Primary School which is attended by children within my own extended family.

**4. Noise Pollution and Anti-Social Behaviour**

The sale of alcohol often leads to increased noise and anti-social behaviour, especially during the evening hours. This can disturb the peace of the local area and negatively impact the quality of life for residents and businesses.

I urge the Licensing Team to consider these points and the negative implications that granting this licence variation could have on public safety, public nuisance, and crime and disorder in the local community. I hope that the council will take these concerns seriously in determining the appropriateness of licence variation. I thank you for taking the time to consider my representation.

Yours faithfully,

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[REDACTED] Epsom, England, KT19 [REDACTED]