

LICENSING ACT 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM INTERESTED PARTIES

This representation is made by an Interested Party regarding the premises to be licensed as detailed below:

Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent (see note 3)	Keith Moorhouse
Organisation name/name of body you represent (if appropriate) (see note 3)	Environmental Protection Team, Gravesham Borough Council
Postal address	Environmental Protection 3 rd Floor Civic Centre Windmill Street Gravesend DA12 1AU
Email address	
Daytime contact telephone number	

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Premier, Stonebridge
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	6 Stonebridge Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 9DR

Your representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 4)

LICENSING OBJECTIVE	Yes or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
Prevention of crime and disorder		For the Police's consideration.

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Public safety		Not for the EP Team to comment.
Prevention of public nuisance	No	<p>This second Premises License application, made the same day the original License application was refused by the Licensing Hearing Panel, does not contain any new information that would change the Environmental Protection Teams concerns over the potential for noise nuisance to the nearby neighbours, and the suitability for such a business at 6 Stonebridge Road. Our objection therefore also remains largely unchanged and is as follows;</p> <p>Whilst the commercial use of No.6 Stonebridge Rd has obtained default Planning consent by being in existence for over 10 years without the knowledge of the GBC Planning Team, its use was as a Printers/Stationary supplier, and one that only operated 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) (see Website 1). A Printers is not comparable to an off- license/convenience store in terms of the type of customer and potential Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and noise nuisance that may be caused by customers and deliveries during unsociable hours. Potential ASB and noise nuisance in connection with an off- license/convenience store can result from gatherings of youths outside, customers/friends of customers shouting/talking loudly outside, playing loud music whilst waiting in their vehicle. All of which are amplified if they occur during unsocial hours, such as late in the evening when residents would be trying to relax. On a warm summer night residents may also have their bedroom windows open and therefore such behaviour could disrupt their sleep. Noise from early, late night deliveries/collections would also be a concern, with a store of this nature likely to have daily deliveries.</p> <p>The unit is located between two residential properties, with 4 residential properties immediately to the East on the terrace and 8 to the West. The location therefore is considered to be predominately residential in nature i.e. it is not part of an existing commercial row of shops.</p> <p>Directly opposite is Stonebridge Road (see Street View A), which is a busy road linking Northfleet/Gravesend with Dartford. There is no lawful parking/cross over at the front of the premises and it would be unlikely to be given permission for such due to the nature of the adjoining road and a nearby pedestrian crossing island. It is likely that many customers, and potentially some delivery drivers, would be driving and choose the most convenient place, for them, to park. This is in reality likely to be partially mounting the pavement on Stonebridge Road close to the premises, rather than driving further along to Station Road to the limited small number of carpark spaces there. Doing so could result in traffic issues which can also increase noise levels i.e. beeping traffic, loud altercations between motorists, waiting in the car listening to loud music. An example of the front of the unit being used for convenience during the recent renovations, rather than the skip being sited to the rear via Station Road (see Photo</p>

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		<p>1).</p> <p>Consideration cannot be given towards the premises providing an important service to the community that would be otherwise absent, to set against the potential for nuisance, as there are numerous off-license/convenience stores already in the local area and all in walking distance, and which are more appropriately located amongst other commercial units (See plan A). There are therefore no positives for the local community for this application to be granted, but as mentioned above there is lots of potential in regards to failing to meet the license objective of preventing public nuisance.</p> <p>In addition, any noise/disruption caused outside of the store is very likely not to be within the power of the Environmental Protection Team to assist residents with, and are likely not to be attended to by the Police or by staff within the store.</p> <p>Northfleet North is a deprived area, and as such is already prone to ASB. The addition of this store at this location would in our view increase ASB in the area.</p> <p>This service therefore objects to this application.</p>
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Protection of children from harm		Not for the EP Team to comment
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Please suggest any conditions that you think could be added to the licence to remedy your representations or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account		Should the applicant not withdraw their application and the matter goes to a License Hearing, we would ask the Panel to refuse the application. If the Panel however wish to approve the application we would ask that this is only done so if the applicant agrees to reduce their opening hours to 9am to 5pm (Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays) in keeping with the previous commercial hours of the unit, and that deliveries only take place between 8am and 6pm.
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SIGNED:

DATED: 14/04/25

NOTES

1. If you do make a representation you will be invited to attend a meeting of the Licensing sub Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding. If you do not attend, the Committee will consider any representations that you have made.
2. This form must be returned within the Statutory Period, which is 28 days from the date the notice was displayed on the premises or the date specified in the Public Notice in the newspaper. Please contact the Licensing Section if you are in doubt about the date.

3. They can only relate to the four licensing objectives.
4. Your representation will be passed to the applicant, to allow them the opportunity of addressing your concerns. Your representations will be published in the report available to the Licensing Committee, which will be publicly available.
5. Please return this form when completed to:
Gravesham and Medway Shared Licensing Service
Civic Centre
Windmill Street
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 1AU

Email: licensing@gravesham.gov.uk

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