

To: Mrs S Garner – Licensing Officer Planning Environment & Community Services 3S/09

Dear Mrs Garner,

HAYES GATE HOUSE - OBJECTION

As a Ward Councillor for Townfield and an adjoining ward Councillor, we are writing to you to raise our objections to a License being granted to Plaza Foods at Hayes Gate House. Our grounds for objection are based on three of the objectives of the Licensing Act those being Public Safety, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.

Public Safety (Traffic issues)

Hayes Gate House is located at the entrance to Springfield Road and also fronts the busy Uxbridge Road. Traffic generated by a business of this type would, we believe, place a greater strain on these roads impeding the traffic movement further. This would also have an effect on surrounding residential roads.

By their very nature, Cash & Carry Companies rely on vast volumes of consumables being delivered in heavy-duty lorries. These deliveries usually take place in the early morning and late night when traffic is usually at its heaviest. Added to this, the manoeuvering that would have to take place for them to enter and leave the premises would most certainly bring other traffic to a standstill.

Furthermore, a constant stream of traffic such as large vans, estates cars and other vehicles attending to purchase goods will add to the strain. Businesses, both large and small already in the area, are striving in today's climate to keep afloat could also be sorely affected as they, and their customers, would be impeded in their movements. This could lead the latter to go elsewhere.

Another issue of concern is the lack of parking available. The only available parking is there for the entire building, not just that which is proposed before you today. There is no space in Springfield Road for parking as it already becomes congested in the morning and evening by those who work in the vicinity. Residents on the other side of the Uxbridge

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Road already have problems and worry that office workers who park their cars on site may be forced to look elsewhere leading to resident's spaces being taken up.

The prevention of Public Nuisance

Heavy-duty lorries and vans loading and unloading early morning and late at night could cause disturbance to other businesses operating in the area and more so, those that are on site at present. Residents living the other side of Uxbridge Road would also be affected as sound travels. Cash & Carry businesses operate at all hours including weekends so there would be no respite.

Further to this, we are aware that through Planning, Hayes Gate House Plaza Foods (if one and the same) had requested to operate a restaurant on site and therefore sell drink for consumption on site. This was refused. We would request that the Licensing Committee also refuse this application as we already have a problem with drunks wandering the area of the Uxbridge Road, which the Police have to regularly monitor and move on. A concern is that the drunks would view this establishment as a watering hole and being removed from general view would loiter there in the hope of cheap drink, damaged cans etc. This in itself would take the Police away from other areas in need.

Protection of Children from Harm

The local school, Guru Nanak, are trying to encourage young people to be more health conscious and many that attend this school are requested to walk as far as possible. This means children would generally use the Gate House side of the road to travel to their school, which is based in Springfield Road.

Should a License be granted, many parents may consider driving their children back and forth to school to ensure their safety. This will place a far greater strain on the roads. The school also prides itself on offering after school activities later than the usual school day and heavy-duty lorries etc., entering and exiting this location would most certainly cause further concern for the safety of the young people.

We request that you **refuse** all applications for a Licence at Hayes Gate House Plaza Foods.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Lynne Allen

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Councillor Sid Garg Yeading Ward