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Subject: objection to licensing application 22643 - off license, 3 Monument Close, Essex St, Newbury

To whomever is in charge of licensing applications for a new off licence at 3 Monument Close, Essex Street - application 22643 - I would like to wholeheartedly object.

I live around the corner at [redacted].

Recently we lost a vibrant cafe on Monument Close to a fast food chicken shop. We also lost a valuable post office. We have a vape shop and a betting shop at a time when the extreme negatives of vaping (addictive) and betting/gambling (mental health) are being widely discussed. The one good redeeming shop there is the Co-op.

Also the Gun pub is struggling as it is on that corner. Why would you want to openly compete with our local shops that are working hard to keep up custom?

The last thing we need (and I'd say the local community want) is an off -licence that is open to sell cheap booze from 6am to midnight.

What are you trying to encourage by approving this application?

Many Thanks,
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