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**Opposing to OFF LICENSE proposal to the Premises: 11 – 13 High Street Snodland Kent ME6 5DA trading as Budgens / Morrison Local.**

As I am a resident and have a local business in high street, Snodland Kent, I am strongly opposing to the proposal made to allow sale of alcohol by retail in the Premises mentioned above.

I am living in Snodland for the past 4 years. In these 4 years I have seen many problems and they are strongly linked to consuming ALCOHOL. The main problem in Snodland which disturbs the public is caused by the kids. Every day they surprise us with their activities such as throwing eggs at people's house, damaging people's things, breaking glass bottles in children park, mis-behaving in the road and etc... There are groups of children in Snodland getting Alcohol from elder people and stealing from the supermarket. Therefore, I strongly oppose another retailer selling alcohol in Snodland, this will cause more problems in the area.

Second reason for my opposing to Off license proposal in the premises mentioned above is we already have enough off license stores in store. Having another off-license store in this small town will affect all the small local stores in the town. This will affect my business more too because I am right opposite the Premises mentioned above. My store is very small compared to that premises and I am trading with Premier. On the notice it has stated that applicant is going to trade as Budgens / Morrison Local, if so, they will get there all the goods from the same supplier (BOOKER) and will have the same promotions offers as I do. As an exciting small local business, I will have to face down fall in my business if a similar big business comes right opposite to us.

On the hand, we as small local business are facing lots of problems with the children. Most recent the problem we have faced due to selling alcohol in big store is that teenagers find it easy to steal from big stores / supermarket, so they steal alcohol from there and after getting drunk as a group of people they come and stand in front of ours and make noise and create problems for the public. But the public they assume that we are selling them alcohol. If you allow another big store like Budgens / Morrison Local to sell alcohol in this small town we as small local business will have to face more problems such that.

Please take into consideration of the above reasons for my strong opposing to sell alcohol in the premises mentioned above. As well as the exciting local business and their families.

Kind regards  
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