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From: Rob Semple

Sent: 28 August 2024 11:22

To: Licensing Sedgemoor

Subject: Sweet Box

Hi

I would like to comment on the application of the Sweet box to sell alcohol in Bridgwater.

- Prevention of public nuisance

There is already a significant street drinking culture in Bridgwater. It predominantly focuses on the Nationwide area. Having access to alcohol on the Cornhill will potentially draw the street drinking to this location causing nuisance to nearby businesses.

- Prevention of crime and disorder

Due to the size of the shop and the proposed layout, alcohol will be placed very close to the doors. This has the potential to increase shoplifting. The increase in risk of shoplifting of alcohol also increase the chance of conflict with those working in the shop or nearby businesses and visitors.

- Protection of children from harm

The size of the shop means that alcohol will be in close proximity to sweets and confectionary. This means children will be more aware of alcohol. Its proximity to the door also allows for young people to potentially shoplift alcohol more easily than in other premises as they are not old enough to purchase.

If you need anything else from me please let me know.

Kind Regards

Rob

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