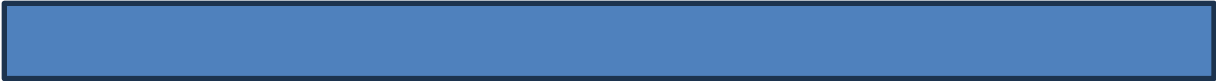


Good morning,



Bridgwater Town Centre particularly between Penel Orlieu and the Blake Statue has been identified by Avon and Somerset Police as a hotspot for Youth Crime whilst there remains an ongoing issue of Anti-Social behaviour linked to an increasing number of street drinkers. It is the Town Council's view that granting a liquor licence to another Town Centre shop unit will lead to an increased amount of crime and disorder and therefore endanger public safety as a direct result of the ready sale of alcohol. Having liquor readily available to purchase on an off-licence basis will encourage street drinkers to hang around the Town Centre and further increase tensions between gangs of young teenage children and the adult street drinkers this could lead to a greater degree of public nuisance. Both the Police and Town Wardens have been working hard to defuse tensions and tackle the unruly behaviour that is far too common in and around the Town Centre. Granting a licence to sell alcohol on an off-licence basis could undermine the hard work being put in by the various agencies, particularly in respect of protecting children from harm, the Town Council therefore strongly objects to the grant of a new licence to sell alcohol at No 13 High Street.

Kind regards



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