

If Melo Café is open from 6:30 - 23:30 we will be disturbed constantly and the issues mentioned below will only increase. They also would like to sell alcohol off premises, so more of a off licence than a café!

At the same time 164 has also applied for a license. With the history of this shop I am surprised this is even being considered. They have served underage, out of hours and street drinkers. The council is well aware of this hence them losing their licence twice. It is the same owner/occupier and the same will happen again.

In total there could be 6 premises selling alcohol in that 50m stretch from Tesco to Prajco, now surely I cannot be the only one that thinks this is crazy. We read about anti social behaviour and the affect of cheap alcohol on society, but on the other hand the local authority here seems to be promoting this and I wonder when this madness will stop. This section of West Watford is in decline and previously has had many issues with street drinkers and I worry we will be going back to this shortly. Just recently I noticed the bus shelter was damaged and the Tesco window was broken. Now is the Watford we want people to see?

#### 1) Crime and Disorder:

Since the opening there has been many fights, with these spilling outside on to the pavement. The police have been called on very few occasions. Also all attempts are made to ensure that the fighters have been sent on their way before the police arrives.

#### 2) Public Safety:

The pavement in front of the shop is constantly covered with their customers. You cannot walk on this let alone use a pushchair or wheelchair, on many occasions pedestrians have no choice but to walk on the road, which will eventually lead to an accident. The constant smoking and littering is also a very real hazard.

#### 3) Prevention of public nuisance:

Many of their customers are drunk by the end of the evening creating much noise as they leave. As mentioned earlier they will hover outside and be smoking and making excessive noise. As a resident the noise constantly disturbs the children and wakes them up. This with the smoke restricts the opening of windows even with the recent hot weather. Then at the end of the evening, they will stay outside the restaurant once it is closed for a long period of time, as they are then intoxicated they have no awareness of the noise they are making. The noise of the cars will again awake us.

Currently we get disturbed hugely, I would not like to even imagine if they were given a later licence the affect this will have on our lives. The disturbance is all week around and I would urge the council to take my views into consideration.