

■ Denewood Close
Ridge Lane
Watford
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13th May 2020

Austen Young
Senior Licensing Officer
Watford Borough Council
Town Hall
Watford
WD17 3EX

Dear Sir,

Licensing Act 2003
132 Ridge Lane, Watford WD17 4SY
Notice of Application
Reference : 20/00430/PRE

We wish to object most strongly to the above application on the following grounds :

1. Increased traffic in Ridge Lane. Ridge Lane is a very narrow road with a deep dip and two blind bends. Traffic is already heavy at peak times when children are walking or being driven to the nearby schools.
2. Increased parking problems in Ridge Lane and Denewood Close. An Off-license is going to add to the problems.. Not only will there be increased demand for parking from customers, but also increased demand from drivers making deliveries. In Denewood Close we already have problems with parking at the mouth of the Close with people parking while they visit Orchard Park to dog walk or play football or tennis. Sometimes it can be quite dangerous to turn right out of Denewood Close into Ridge Lane.
3. Increased noise caused by the constant coming and going of vehicles.
4. Change in the character of the area. Recent planning approvals have resulted in a definite change in the area, and not for the better. An Off-licence will attract the wrong type of people to the area, and will be a bad influence, particularly on the young children living nearby.

We find it difficult to believe that anyone could seriously submit an application for an Off-license trading from a semi-detached house in a wholly residential road. However, seeing some of the things that go on in the borough, that are either approved of by the Council or turned a blind eye to, we feel we must formally object on this occasion.

We urge you to reject the current proposal with all vigour.

Yours faithfully,

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