

Secretary
The Ridge Residents Association
Ridge Lane,
Watford, Herts

May 12, 2020

Attn: Austen Young
Senior Licensing Officer

Re: Notice of Application Licensing Act 2003 132 Ridge Lane, Watford WD17 4SY Sale of Alcohol.

As you can note by the address above, I am both a resident of Ridge Lane and the Secretary of the local Residents Association. Some of my neighbours have raised concerns with myself and I write to raise objections to this application for an alcohol license.

I am concerned that this application is for sale of alcohol in a residential area; although I am truly unclear as to how this business is expecting to operate. The times requested are basically daily 9:00 – 20:00, so what is this - a residential public house, off -license or just a collection point?

Permission should be refused on the grounds of:

- This business does not adhere to the character and quality of the area. This is a residential street not a shopping parade.
- Noise and disturbance: The hours of 9:00 20:00 daily are much too long.
- Inadequate car parking for the collection of off sales. The buyers will have to park outside the wall of 132 on an already accident-prone section of Ridge Lane. Cars are regularly parked on the opposite side of the road, so any extra parking will make navigation tight.
  - It was only 3 years ago that the traffic priority was changed at nearby Fairview Drive which helped to cut down on the accidents on this section this change to home usage along this stretch will be a backward step.
- The application is too vague in how the 'business' is to operate.

I request that this application is refused.

Secretary The Ridge Residents Association