

## Appendix C

From: REDACTED

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 5:34 PM

To: licensing <[licensing@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk)>

Subject: Tesco Express Former Seven Sisters Public House, Alfriston Road, Seaford, Seaford BN25 3 PY

### Valid PPN 19.01.24 (Rep A)

Dear Sirs

I have seen a planning application for

The provision of late night refreshment ( indoors) on the following days Monday-Sunday  
23.00-00.00

The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption off the premises on the following days Monday  
- Sunday 06.00-00.00

I wish to make an objection to these applications.

As a REDACTED I know it will become a magnet for local people to hang about and litter will be thrown into REDACTED as they walk home. There will be increased noise, especially if alcohol is involved.

If they are in cars, that is an incredibly difficult junction to enter the Alfriston Road from the car park with limited vision of the road in both directions.

There are many retail places already selling alcohol and refreshments and it is quite a distance from the town to be open that late.

I believe it will be detrimental to our community well being and to the surroundings area as a whole.

I cannot believe it would be necessary to be open after 9 pm at the latest.

I ask you to refuse these applications especially with regard to the proposed hours.

Sincerely

REDACTED

**From:** REDACTED

**Sent:** Sunday, January 21, 2024 7:51 PM

**To:** licensing <[licensing@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Objection to Late License Application for Tesco Express

**VALID PPN & PCD 21.01.24 – (Rep B)**

21st January 2024

**Licensing Team**

Southover House

Southover Road

Lewes,

BN7 1AB

**Subject:** Objection to Late License Application for Tesco Express, Former Seven Sisters Pub, Alfriston Road, Seaford, BN25 3PY

To Whom it may concern,

We are writing to formally object to the application for a late license for the proposed Tesco store on Alfriston Road, who wish to set its alcohol selling hours to midnight. Our objection is based on concerns related to the licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003. For transparency, We are REDACTED.

Firstly, We believe the proposed extension could exacerbate public nuisance issues in our predominantly residential area. The additional late-night activity could lead to increased noise and disturbance, impacting the tranquility of the neighborhood. This concern is particularly relevant given that the planning application also includes flats above the store and the construction of four semi-detached houses on the site.

We would like to clarify that we do not oppose the sale of alcohol but are concerned about the proposed late hours, which seem inappropriate for our residential community and minor road location. It is also noteworthy that all other retail establishments located in residential areas within Seaford cease operations by 10 PM or earlier, with the exception of the Tesco Express in town, which operates only until 11 PM.

Furthermore, the extension of alcohol selling hours could pose challenges to public safety. Increased footfall and potential alcohol-related incidents late at night could be drawn to the residential area if it is the only store in Seaford open past 11 P.M. and may strain already stretched local law enforcement resources.

In conclusion, We respectfully request that the licensing authority consider these concerns seriously and align the operational hours of this Tesco store with the existing norms of our community.

Thank you for considering our representation.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

21st January 2024

**Licensing Team**

Southover House  
Southover Road  
Lewes,  
BN7 1AB

**Subject :** Objection to Late License Application for Tesco Express, Former Seven Sisters Pub, Alfriston Road, Seaford, BN25 3PY

**Valid PPN & PCD 21.02.24 (Rep C)**

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REDACTED

From: REDACTED  
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:02 PM  
To: licensing <licensing@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk>  
Subject: Tesco's, alfriston road

**VALID PCD 01.02.24 (Rep D)**

Hi,

REDACTED

I am recently back from REDACTED and seeing the signs of the new Tesco opening hours, REDACTED is giving me extreme anxiety.

This is a quiet area and we don't need to support ASBO behaviour. And I know a few people in the area who have REDACTED.

I spent more money than I Will ever see again, minimum wage REDACTED, who covers REDACTED. I personally do not want to risk my life for your profit. REDACTED

In Brighton, shops don't start selling alcohol until 9am. I personally do not need the temptation before work, selfish right... The petrol station sells until late and in peacehaven a shop is 24/7.

I honestly do not believe Tesco should be allowed to risk people's lives as even the strongest will can give in. A 22.30 end would suffice, and a 09:00 start will give you what you need.

I cannot afford to REDACTED just so you can sell alcohol. It's also taking business away from the local shop and even as a pub it closed earlier.

Do not dispute my message, I mean you have my REDACTED I appreciate you need to make money but where is this going? Who are you hurting?

Please reconsider the licensing hours. Please. Or I guess if my REDACTED strong enough then we know who enabled that.

I am not trying to be awkward but I sincerely believe it's not right. And I don't want to REDACTED upset.

REDACTED

From: REDACTED

Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 10:10 AM

To: licensing <licensing@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk>

Subject: Representation to granting of new premises licence - BN25 3PY

**VALID PCD & PPN 07.02.24 (Rep E)**

Dear Sirs

In response to a notice relating to the Licensing Act 2003 regulations 2005, I wish to make a representation against the granting of the new premises licence for Tesco Express, Former Seven Sisters Public House, Alfriston Road, Seaford BN25 3PY on the following grounds:

1. The proposed provision of late night refreshment (23.00 to 00.00 hours) is inappropriate in a residential area such as this which houses many retired and disabled people and families with small children of school age. The noise created by such a late opening would be disruptive to the community. The current local convenience store closes at 21.00 hours (20.00 hours on Sundays) which is more in keeping with the needs of the local residents for peace and quiet during the night hours.

2. Such late night refreshment provision is not required by the local community but will attract customers (probably younger adults) from outside the area. If this includes alcoholic refreshments, this may induce uncivilized behaviour at closing time when they leave the premises. There were incidents of late night vandalism when the pub was running and it is highly probable that this will return as people will gather outside after closing time (00.00 hours), possibly continuing to drink alcohol they have purchased in the Tesco shop. This is highly inappropriate in such a residential area on the edge of town.

3. The proposed hours for the sale of alcohol (06.00 to 00.00) throughout the week is excessive and again highly inappropriate and will attract alcohol related disturbance and crime at night. The current convenience store closes at 21.00 which suits a community made up of young families, pensioners and the disabled. Currently the Tesco Express on the main A259 in Seaford closes at 11pm. Perhaps this store on a very road in the centre of town should remain open later, thereby allowing the proposed shop in a residential area to comply with the needs of the local community and reduce the hours for the sale of alcohol.

Please consider the points above as representation to the proposals made

Regards

REDACTED

Senior Licensing Officer  
Lewes District Council

**VALID PCD & PPN 09.02.24 (Rep F)**

Dear Senior Licensing Officer,

**RE: APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR TESCO EXPRESS,  
ALRISTON ROAD, SEAFORD, BN253PY**

**NOTICE OF OBJECTION under Section 18 (7) of the Licensing Act 2003**

Notice of objection is hereby given on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Sussex for the above premises licence application on the grounds of the licensing objectives: prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance not being promoted.

The application was received on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The application seeks to licence the sale by retail of alcohol from 06:00 – 00:00, 7 days a week and the provision of late night refreshment from 23:00-00:00, 7 days a week, with the opening hours being 06:00-00:00, 7 days a week.

East Sussex Licensing (*Sussex Police*) first sent communications to REDACTED – Tesco licensing manager on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024, the email contents was East Sussex Licensing team's proposed conditions at that time, and a request for their position on these proposed conditions was asked for.

On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 East Sussex Licensing received an email from REDACTED – Tesco Licensing Executive confirming receipt of the (*previously mentioned*) email with the proposed conditions. REDACTED advised in his email that REDACTED was currently on annual leave and that she would respond at the start of the next week; (*week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024*).

On 01<sup>st</sup> February 2024 East Sussex Licensing had not received any communication back from Tesco licensing team, therefore a follow up email was sent to Tesco licensing team on 01<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

On 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 East Sussex Licensing received contact from REDACTED with a number of agreed conditions that had been proposed. The outstanding points related to SIA staff and the opening hours, which East Sussex Licensing had proposed a revision to (this was to bring the closing time from 00:00 to 23:00, which would have made the premises licence in line with other late night premises in the town). REDASCTED did not comment on the proposed time revision, but did comment in relation to SIA staff and responded by saying that SIA staff could only be provided following a risk assessment.

On 06<sup>th</sup> February 2024 East Sussex Licensing went back to Tesco licensing team stating that the proposal would remain relating to the revised hours of 23:00, not the original 00:00 as applied for. East Sussex Licensing also decided to make a change to the proposal of *x1 SIA on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday 20:00-23:00 to only Friday and Saturday from 17:00-23:00* in aim of coming closer to an agreement.

On 08<sup>th</sup> February 2024, East Sussex Licensing had not received a response back from Tesco licensing team, therefore a follow up email was sent, due to the next day deadline of 09<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

On the deadline date of 09<sup>th</sup> February 2024 another follow up email was sent at 08:30 as East Sussex Licensing had still not heard anything. At 12:15 on 09<sup>th</sup> February 2024

REDACTED advised that Tesco licensing would not be in agreement to these proposals, therefore East Sussex Licensing advised that an objection letter would therefore need to be submitted; as an agreement could not be made between both parties.

Therefore, the Chief Officer of Police believes that with the proposed conditions not being agreed upon, and therefore not being able to be considered by the local authority's (Lewes District Council) licensing team for consideration of the licence if granted, the application and agreed conditions up to this point are not sufficient enough to promote the licensing objectives of: the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

I confirm that a copy of this objection letter has been sent by email to the applicant.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Burroughs CB533

East Sussex Licensing Inspector

C/O Battle Police Station, North Trade Road, Battle, TN33 OEX

**Please address all future correspondence to Licensing Officer Phil Joseph -**  
[EastSussex.Licensing@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EastSussex.Licensing@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

**Licensing Police Staff are currently working from home, email is the preferred method of communication.**