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I would like to register an objection to the planned opening of a late-night alcohol licensed venue at:

1) SKY 70- 70 Brynymor Rd

&

2) Asian Café – 82 Brynyor Rd.

The notices of application on both premises detail the proposed provision of late night alcohol licenses. The licensing objectives are:

‘the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; the protection of children from harm.’

Brynymor Road is only about 200 yards long, it already has four pubs and a further cluster of alcohol serving bars and restaurants and we have the high volume of crime and disorder to prove it. The residents largely value most of the premises we already have; there is a great variety of cuisines and styles of hospitality venue available which is a boon that enriches our social lives but, in fact, there are probably more options than are necessary for such a short and residential street and the tension between the residential status of this area and the late-night drinking is palpable. I cannot tell you how angry and stressed it makes us to be constantly disturbed by noisy, drunken nuisances. As I write to you, I can think of two times this last week alone when the Police have been called to deal with violence. Every week this happens. Every single week. The correlation between the amount drug addicts in the area - along with the presence of obnoxious drinkers as well as all out drunks - and the opening hours of the drinking premises is far beyond debate. The authorities are regularly informed and must have an almost constant stream of appeals for greater police presence and yet, all of these problems are still greatly under policed. I have footage on my phone of a particularly bad incident late last year outside the Brynymor pub which saw police arrive at least 15 minutes after we had called them and saw two blood-soaked men arrested – I believe one was tasered – and a further collection of people bleeding or arguing and shouting in the middle of the road. The traffic was stopped for a good 5 minutes before drivers were dodging around the appalling scene, risking people’s safety. One of the pubs on the road has lost four windows in as many months, the Chinese supermarket half-way down the road has also had multiple smashed windows, as has the kebab and pizza shop. We have returned to our flat in the mid-evening to find drunk men pissing on our front door (which is on the main road) who, when asked politely to stop, threatened me with violence (The police were called and never showed up or even returned my phone call.) Regularly, I feel threatened by the possibility of crime or intimidation on Brynymor road, and I am describing the state it is in now. It is already this bad; it certainly does not need more attractions for drinkers. Any more establishments will undeniably augment the already excessive alcohol related anti-social crime nuisance problems which plague this street.

We are a strong community, and the residents of the area are open minded, kind, good humoured and extremely tolerant but they are also a healthy mix of different people which includes the elderly, children and other potentially vulnerable people. Until the police can guarantee a perpetual presence in Uplands as the do on Wind Street and social services have the peoplepower to intervene to rescue more folks from alcohol abuse and drug addiction before they turn to other more harmful crimes, Brynymor road should remain a *small*, local Broadway with a mixture of different businesses and

residents, which is just about what we have now. The balance will tip over if any more booze related businesses open around here. We all work hard to make this area as wonderful as it usually is and even now too often those efforts are spat on, and the reputation of the road besmirched, by overspilling throngs of violent, loud drunks.

Hospitality has been one of the most hard-hit sectors of the economy during Covid restrictions and all the local pubs and restaurants are struggling like never before. For the large part these business and business owners have an established rapport with the locals which allows for easier rapprochement after the regular disruptions. The majority of residents support the businesses which are already institutions on this road. We overcome the challenges with mutual understanding and support. The introduction of new licensed premises, with no established understanding with the community, not only endangers the already valued establishments by overcrowding a saturated market but it threatens the delicate equilibrium maintained between the commercial and residential sides of this district. The pubs and restaurants cannot afford to lose custom to new venues and the locals cannot afford the further stress of more drinkers visiting the neighbourhood. The Mill, Varsity Stores, Hoogah, Nishimura, Brynymor Laundrette, Monnis, to name a handful, are all iconic and essential cornerstones of life for the residents of our part of town and *all* these businesses, not just the licensed ones, are threatened, whether by loss of trade to competitors; an increase in litter and noise putting off potential custom or by financial or physical harm caused by vandalism and other anti-social crime. We want to keep our valued business and our friends and neighbours who work in them safe and open.

Most importantly, as I explained above, the opening of these two further venues categorically would not support the prevention of crime and disorder. They would not ensure or protect public safety. They would not prevent public nuisance or protect children from harm. In fact, they would create crime and disorder and public nuisance and *thereby* put the safety of the public and children further at risk.

The council has stated that the licensing objectives are the framework of the consideration for the approval or dismissal of these applications, it is clear, as I have outlined, that the objectives would not be achieved and the spirit of the objectives would not be supported by the opening of these premises, as such I *cannot* see any justification for the approval of further licenses for these venues.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Christopher Cornwell

Written and sent with permission on behalf of many residents of Brynymor Rd, Catherine St and the surrounding area whose names and signature to this missive will be detailed in the petition which will soon follow.

Dawn and Karl Moran

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email. I would like to object to the Licensing on the basis of:

Public Nuisance
Prevention of Crime and Disorder
Public Safety

We already have a large number of pubs, restaurants and cafes that are allowed to serve alcohol on our road, The Brynymor Pub, Hoogahs, The Mill, Hayes and Beale and The Westbourne. On many occasions where groups have all left licensed premises at the same time, fights have broken out, cars and windows have been damaged. We feel that additional premises with alcohol being served and closing at the requested times will significantly increase the risk for our area. There is no longer a police presence in the area and antisocial behaviour in the early hours of the morning is already a problem. Alcohol being allowed to be served until 1am would be detrimental to public safety.

Kind regards

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