

Objection 1

We wish to object to the grant of a Provisional Premises Licence to the Co-op shop at 1 Mounthooley Way without conditions that address the concerns below.

1. The premises is in an area which has a high number of “resettled” residents who have/had substance issues including alcohol: to make alcohol more easily accessible/obtainable would not be assisting them in recovery. If the alcohol sale hours did not commence until mid-day this might help with the above.
2. The park adjacent to the Fire Station and directly across the road from the proposed Co-op shop has people sitting on the benches during the day consuming alcohol and leaving their litter left behind (bottles and cans). This makes the park uncomfortable to walk through or use in a way it was intended i.e. a relaxation area for locals. Would the Co-op be able to keep the park free of litter and safe for those who wish to use it by monitoring its use?

If the Licencing Board were to take note of the above they could in some way help to (a) prevent crime and disorder (b) secure public safety and (c) prevent public nuisance occurring in the area.

Yours sincerely

Objection 2

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to register an objection to the application for an off-sales licence for a Co-op store at 1 Mounthooly Way, Aberdeen, on the following grounds:-

There is already an overprovision of off-licences in this area. There are two large supermarkets (Lidl and Morrisons) just round the corner on Hutcheon Street and West North Street/King Street. Both of these have extensive stocks of alcohol for sale, and are open long hours, which means that alcohol of all kinds is already available locally 7 days a week and until late in the evening.

Further to this, there is already a Co-op store on George Street, just yards from its junction with Hutcheon Street, where a significant proportion of floorspace is given over to alcohol, available every day till late evening. (It is to be expected that the same would be true of the alcohol provision at the proposed Co-op in Mounthooly Way) There is also a Sainsbury's Local Store nearby in George Street, on the corner of Maberly Street.

In addition to these, there are several smaller 'neighbourhood' shops in the area which sell alcohol, and are also open long hours - eg. in the Spital, and round the corner from the bottom of Jute Street.

From the point of view of the Licensing Objective of Protecting and Improving Public Health, it is important to note that it is recognised that "*the majority of alcohol is sold from off-sales premises*", and also that "*there are issues of harm that correlate with the operation of off-sales premises*" One would expect that the issues of harm would, logically, be exacerbated where availability of alcohol is

markedly increased, as one would expect in a sizeable store such as the one proposed at Mounthooly Way, which, unlike the Lidl, Morrisons, Sainsburys and other Co-op stores, is not situated in or adjacent to a retail centre, but is adjacent to a residential area.

Yours faithfully,

Objection 3

I do hope the Council will not grant the premises licence as there are already a high number of outlets in the vicinity selling alcohol. With the social and health problems related to alcohol, in my opinion reducing the availability goes hand in hand with preventing alcohol misuse.

Objection 4

We wish to object to the granting of provisional premises licence (off sales) for the following reasons.

1. To prevent public nuisance – the park opposite is currently used for the illegal consumption of alcohol. Granting this licence will no doubt exacerbate this problem.
2. To protect and improve public health – there appear to be a significant substance misuse problem in the locality where there is high population of under 25 years old and this young demographic would be most likely to frequent the premises.
3. There is an over provision licence premises in the vicinity e.g Morrison, Lidl, with Sainsburys Local, Co-op and Keystore all in George Street, Spital, Froghall Local Stores with more in King Street.
4. The location of the premises – the entrance/exit to 1 Mounthooly Way is directly opposite the Fire Station entrance/exit and within the controlled traffic light area presenting a hazard for fire tenders and customer vehicles with the increase of traffic entering and exiting 1 Mounthooly Way.