

Objection 1

11 July 2020

For the attention of Licensing at Aberdeen City

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Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to make an objection to the application by J. A. Holwarth for Tanya's Pizza Pies Ltd food van outside the Harlaw Field playing field between 09.00-12.00 on a Saturday.

Our reasons are as follows:

1. This will cause a litter problem on the street. Even if a bin is provided by the food van or Council, not all customers will choose to use it. The majority will not stand by the van and eat their food. They are far more likely to walk off with their order and eat it on the street as they make their way home or to their car. Neither will they walk to the two council bins sited at either end of Harlaw Road to deposit their food cartons or wrappers. This will create a significant litter nuisance on Harlaw Road.
2. Under the present threat from Covid 19, this increased level of litter will create a significant risk to Public Health and Safety. Food cartons, wrappers, with uneaten food will inevitably be left lying around on the street. I presume there is no Council budget to provide a litter warden for this period. We do not have a culture of 'take your rubbish with you and dispose of it at home'. The litter, will of course be covered in saliva and sweat and thrown away as people walk to their car. This is a serious health hazard in the current Pandemic. This is not an imagined problem. The experience of residents over the years is that pupils on their way home and children leaving the field, thoughtlessly discard their drink cans and crisp bags on the pavement and into gardens.
3. The siting of this van will compromise social distancing. A queue on the pavement will make it difficult to maintain appropriate social distancing as others walk by or to their cars. This is not a risk that should be taken at this time.

We hope our objection will be fully considered.

Objection 2

10th June 2020

Licensing department

Aberdeen Council

Reference – Street Trades Licence - John Allan Howarth – Harlaw Road

I wish to strongly object to the above licensing application on the grounds based on the following points

1. Road safety – this road is extremely busy when there are events on in the playing field parking is so congested even at present it a danger without having a burger van to add to the mix.
2. Parking issues – residents struggle to park with their residential parking permits as it is so congested, people park over our driveways and abandon their cars we really don't need a burger van to add to this.
3. Noise – people gathering at the van will create more noise and disruption.
4. Smell Nuisance – fast food smells travel a long way in a breeze and it would be intolerable for the local residence and this is a residential area.
5. Litter – there is no doubt a pizza / burger van will create greasy dirty litter and not everyone will dispose of it correctly leaving the street littered with rubbish.
6. We have urban foxes which live in the field and a food van will causing more scavenging for them.
7. Definately not a healthy food message.
8. We have enough local established businesses to supply any demand.

I hope you will recommend refusal.

Objection 3

We refer to the Application dated 27th May 2020 for a variation to allow operation of Tanyas Pizzas and Pies Ltd in Harlaw Road Aberdeen on a Saturday morning .

We as local residents wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this application for the following reasons :

- 1 The road is particularly congested with parents delivering and collecting children for training / matches and many are dropped off at the entrance gate . There is a fairly constant stream of traffic since the training / matches are for specific periods so there is much movement of traffic throughout the period. Parking in the road is at a premium . Having a hot food van will compromise the safety of children .
- 2 This activity is completely inappropriate in a residential area with smell from cooking and noise and fumes associated with such a van .
- 3 Encouraging youngsters to use such a facility following sport seems inappropriate . Surely the Local Authority should be encouraging healthy eating habits .

We would request that these comments be taken into account in making a decision .

Objection 4

Dear Mr Bell,

Please find below an objection to the proposed license to sell hot food on Harlaw Road Aberdeen from Mr John Howarth of Tanyas Pizza & Pies Ltd.

I have concerns about how this Hot Food establishment would impact on the environment and from the additional litter that would result from it. There is already a lack of respect from many of the users of the playing fields with grass and mud being kicked off boots and scrapped on kerbs adjacent to where their parents park cars rather than at the gates to the fields and there is no expectation that the disposal of litter or left over food would be any different. Food waste in the field itself would encourage vermin and there are already foxes which nest in and around the Harlaw Field and they would scavenge on this discarded food, and a rat infestation at Walker Dam recently could occur if food waste is not managed. Access and use of the road would be compromised and there would be a higher risk to road accidents to the children with vision being obstructed for both the road users and the pedestrians. Parking is already an issue on Saturday mornings and this would add to the chaos at this busy time. Another factor is the Health message it would send out. Hot Pies and Pizza is not a good public health message to send out to young sports people.

Objection 5

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the above application on two counts.

1. The parking facilities/availability on Harlaw Road on any occasion the playing fields are used are already well overstretched. There are insufficient spaces on Harlaw Road and the surrounding roads to accommodate the vehicles that arrive during these periods. Indiscriminate parking takes place blocking driveways, garages and even blocking some of the surrounding lanes due to vehicles parking on both corners. In addition I have seen cars parked on an adjacent disabled parking space causing the residents consternation and upset. Should this application be passed it would I am sure only encourage people visiting the playing field to stay in the area and further compounding the problem.
2. Harlaw Road already has to suffer irresponsible dropping of litter (eg fast food containers etc) on the road/pavement from vehicle occupants who park their vehicles on the street in the evening. A fast food street trader would only add to the litter that would be irresponsible dropped in the street which is both unsightly and would undoubtedly attract vermin.

I therefore request that this Street Traders Licence be rejected.

Yours faithfully

Objection 6

I am writing to lodge an objection to the proposed street traders licence for a fast food van on Harlaw Road on Saturday mornings. There are several reasons of concern including:

1. Increased litter from empty packaging and waste food. This will only exacerbate the issue of foxes in the area (we already have issues in our garden with this) and seagulls. The amount of litter already left on Harlaw Road and between the fence and hedges is unacceptable.
2. Safety of unaccompanied children on Harlaw Road potentially running/congregating around the van when there is already significant traffic on Saturday mornings when football is played.
3. Increased traffic in the area and parking issues which are already significant on Saturday mornings. This will only get worse if cars are encouraged to remain in the area for people to visit the fast food van causing potential issues for local residents.

I know we are not alone in having concerns and as a parent and ex-coach of an Ashley Road School kids football team I am highly supportive of football and the use of Harlaw Playing fields for this purpose on Saturday mornings. We did not have nor need a fast food van then and I see no need for one now

Objection 7

Dear Mr Bell,

Objection to the Application for a Street Traders License.

Licence Holder — John Allan Howarth, 3 Fairview gardens, Danestone, Aberdeen AB22 8ZD

Premises — Tanyas Pizzas and Pies Limited

Location - Harlaw Road

I am a resident of Harlaw Road for the past 18 years. I am objecting strongly to this application for the following reasons —

Harlaw Road is a residential street. There are ample coffee shops, restaurants, shops, food outlets around the area without the need to add the eyesore of a fast food van. The van will take custom away from the established businesses in the area.

Increased Litter —the current situation on a Saturday morning is bad enough with many people attending their sports events in the playing field and simply throwing their litter on the ground, into the hedges and bushes adjoining the playing fields or into our front garden. There are no litter bins currently at the gates of the playing fields. Adding a take-away food van will simply increase the volume of discarded litter in the street.

Increased Noise Pollution — the fast food van will require a generator to run to supply power to the van. This will increase the noise levels for those living in immediate proximity to the van.

Smell — the fast food van will have a smell from the cooking. Again, this is unacceptable for those residents who live close to the van's proposed location.

Increased traffic flow — parking on a Saturday morning in Harlaw Road is a nightmare at the best of times with many cars dropping off and collecting children, as well as parents watching their children playing. As a resident this causes significant issues as there is a shortage of car parking spaces specifically designated for residents on a Saturday. A fast food van will add to the traffic flow and thus exacerbate the parking issue.

Road safety — following on from the point above, there have been several near-misses over the years with children running into the road from behind parked cars and vans — often chasing balls that have come over the fence. The increase in traffic caused by the fast food van will increase the likelihood of an accident.

Road speed limit— Harlaw Road is a wide street, often used as a rat run by drivers. Many of these drivers travel at speeds in excess of the 30 mph limit. There are no speed restrictions (speed bumps, chicanes, 20 is Plenty, or similar) at this time on Harlaw Road. The increase in traffic created by the fast food van will simply increase this problem. It is strange that the road around the entrance to the playing fields does not already have some form of speed restrictions installed.

Healthy eating — there is currently an obesity epidemic in Scotland. Allowing a fast food van to operate does not sit with the Government's desire to redress this obesity epidemic.

Increased Vermin — There is currently a problem with foxes living and breeding in Harlaw Playing Fields. The foxes scavenge for food in the area around the playing fields and are often seen in the residents gardens. The increased availability of discarded food scraps and litter will encourage the foxes to remain and to breed. A similar case can be made for rats and for mice.

Trading period — the current application states that the license is for a Saturday morning only. In normal times sports activities take place in Harlaw Playing Fields throughout the week. It will only be a matter of time until Mr. Howarth — or others — apply for extended opening hours. We will then be left with a permanent eye-sore blighting the street before long.

There is nothing in the application that states the fast food van will be removed at the end of the Saturday morning trading period. This needs to be an express condition if a license is awarded.

I urge you to reject this application. I have communicated my concerns to Martin Grieg, our local councillor who is not in favour of this application.

Objection 8

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write regarding the permission for a burger van at the Rubislaw end of Harlaw Road in Aberdeen. There has been no signage displayed in Forest Avenue or Harlaw Road to intimate this request. I only heard about it from a neighbour which makes me wonder whether you want this to be common knowledge. I don't think it is a suitable proposition for this location.

Parents abandon their cars, jeeps anywhere along the road with little thought for fellow drivers.

The children have no road sense and open the car doors onto oncoming traffic which is extremely alarming.

Children run over the road between cars without looking often, when parents are too busy speaking to others on their mobiles.

It is very difficult to drive up and down Harlaw Road when there is an event taking place at either field due to lack of parking facilities. If a burger van was installed, the traffic and people waiting to be served would be dangerous for drivers let alone excited children! The smell and the rubbish left by people would not be picked up resulting in a unwanted vermin population let alone the presence of a fox and cubs living in the Rubislaw field which patrols all our gardens.

From the health point of view, I thought we were supposed to be addressing the obesity problem in children, not adding to it.

For eleven years I was a classroom assistant and enjoy children, however the noise, mess, disruption to drivers and dangerous road safety would be the problems foremost in my mind.

Thank you for your attention.

Objection 9

To whom it may concern,

1 Licence Holder - John Allan Howarth, 31 Fairview Gardens, Danstane, Aberdeen, AB22 82D

2 Type of Licence - Street Trader Licence

3 Premises - Tanyas Pizzas and Pies Limited

4 Details of variation - Location, Harlaw Road, outside gate of playing field, at end of double yellow lines in car park permitted area. Day : Saturday, Time 0900 - 1200

With reference to the above, I am writing to you as a local resident to place an objection to this application. The reasons for this apart from the negative impact to my home of having a takeaway van in front of my house and the loss of amenity caused by this is, are as follows

- Existing traffic and parking problems. Saturday mornings on Harlaw Road are absolute chaos, both for the residents and visitors for the football trying to park anywhere. My drive is often parked across on Saturday mornings which causes me great frustration and a van and associated equipment is likely to take up a couple of valuable spaces for parking, causing even greater traffic problems

- Existing Litter problems after the football, which would only get worse. I really don't understand people and how many parents and kids feel it acceptable just to leave their rubbish behind. Again it is not unusual for litter to be stuffed in my hedge of getting blown about my garden. I feel I have to tidy up much of this already and a takeaway outlet will only create more rubbish

- Disturbing noise from generator to power the van. Although limited hours, would anybody appreciate a generator running unnecessarily outside their house?

- Environmental pollution from smell. As much as I may enjoy a pizza (on my own terms), it is unacceptable to subject home owners to such odours in a residential area

- Most importantly, Child safety. Children tend to run across the road and a high sided take-away van will obstruct the already compromised view of other drivers and people trying to cross the road. Speeding and inappropriate movements of vehicles is prevalent on Saturday morning. With all of this and double parking, I'm surprised nobody that I'm aware of have been knocked over. A neighbour however did have his dog killed by a speeding motorist. The possible excitement of a child seeing or rushing to get to such a facility has to be questioned and surely mitigating such an additional risk has to be addressed

I do appreciate Mr Howarth believing that this could be lucrative for his business, but I would question if he himself or anybody would wish such an operation outside their own home. All I ask is if you can please consider the above and please also visit Harlaw Road / Cromwell Road and surrounding areas on a Saturday morning (when things go back to normal) to fully appreciate the madness that already prevails

Objection 10

I wish to register my objection to the above application. I and my family have enjoyed living in the quiet residential street of Harlaw Road for over 50 years.

Children have played their sports happily in the Harlaw and Rubislaw Fields and we have been pleased to see them. It has never been necessary for them or their parents to have "street food" in the past and I am sure this continues to apply.

Car parking is a nightmare on Saturday morning because of the large number of vehicles carrying children to the fields and, I am sure that a van parked on the road would not only use several spaces in itself but would attract vehicles carrying people from surrounding areas to buy "street food".

My wife is severely disabled and requires a wheelchair to go out. Frequently, the disabled space outside our house is occupied by non disabled people taking children to the field. I have no doubt that a food van parked in the road would exacerbate this problem.

Another reason for objection is the undoubted dropping of litter and food waste on the road and pavements which, of course, would attract all kinds of vermin.

For the above reasons I do object to the application.

Objection 11

With reference to the above Application for Street Trader Licence - Harlaw Road (Tanya's Pizzas and Pies

Queens Cross / Harlaw Community Council wish to object to the application for several reasons :-

1. Neighbours in the area strongly object
2. Harlaw Road at that time on a Saturday morning is already busy with people and cars trying to park, sometimes blocking the street with double parking and confusion being caused with many parents and children trying to cross Harlaw Road to get to the playing field.
3. The proliferation of people and cars means there is much confusion especially at the playing field gates which already endangers parents and children. This situation would be exacerbated.
4. The car parking difficulty already creates problems on Harlaw Road and several adjoining streets nearby as cars inevitably encroach on entry and exit routes to residents houses in the area. This will be made worse with less space and people in cars staying longer as they buy and eat food from this Trader.
5. The mess and noise that will inevitably be caused will be a nuisance for residents on Harlaw Road
6. The facility is inappropriate for what is normally a quiet residential area

7. Inevitable food waste created would attract animals, birds and vermin to the area which would be a hazard for residents.

As one resident commented "It will cause Chaos in an already problematic area". It will also create further dangers to children crossing and recrossing Harlaw Road with cars continually on the move.

Objection 12

Dear Mr Bell

License Application — Street Trader to operate a hot food service — Harlaw Road (Saturdays 9.00-12.00)

I refer to the recent notice in the Evening Express and I wish to add some comments. As a resident for many years I am very keen to see ongoing sporting opportunities for our young people at Harlaw and Rubislaw playing fields. It really is a vital resource for the area.

I wonder if it could be possible that the hot food van could be sited within the Harlaw playing field on the tarmac area near the changing rooms? I assume the vendor would be arriving early for setting up so would not be in the way of children arriving to play. As a parent who stood in the cold watching many a game of football, I can see the attraction of a hot drink and snacks during and after the games. In previous years we were lucky to benefit from snacks provided from a hatch within the pavilion.

My concern with siting the van on the street is a safety measure. Traffic is extremely busy with cars dropping children at different times and we often see children darting across the street between parked and moving cars. The van would add an extra attraction for everyone and perhaps add to the number of children and adults milling about on the pavement and around the already busy road. If the van was in the park, queuing would be maintained in a safer venue and the vendor might take responsibility for clearing any left over litter after the games finish.

In general, I am supportive of the idea but am very concerned about the safety directly on the road itself. I look forward to hearing the outcome.

Objection 13

Dear Sir,

I refer to the application by Tanya's Pizzas and Pies for a licence to operate a fast food van on a Saturday morning on Harlaw Road.

I would like to object to the application on the grounds that there will be additional litter generated by the sale of fast food in this location. This is a quiet residential area and I don't believe a fast food van is appropriate here.

I also object because I am increasingly concerned by the boldness of the local foxes which live in the playing fields. They are often seen in our garden and cause us some concern as we have a new puppy. More readily available and easily discarded food will surely encourage them and I do not think that is a good thing for the area.

Objection 14

Good Afternoon

I believe an application has been made for a street traders license for a pizza van to operate on Harlaw Road outside the gate of one of the playing fields.

I wish to put in an objection to this on the account that I do not think it is the proper location for such a van in a residential area, there are also no litter bins in the vicinity for the inevitable wrappers and left over food to go in it. All this will do is encourage seagulls, foxes etc. Parking is severely restricted on a Saturday there anyway, all this will do is add to the congestion there. I see the request is for a Saturday only but as the playing fields are used on a daily basis for school games, the use of the van may gradually increase!

Objection 15

Dear Sirs,

I have been made aware of an application for a licence to trade in Pizza and pie sales from a mobile van in Harlaw Road on Saturday mornings.

I strongly object to this application and sincerely hope that common sense will prevail and decline this application.

Having been a resident in Harlaw Road for over 25 years, I am fully aware of the impact Saturday morning activities in the Harlaw Playing Fields, creates in the area. During the football season, there are games and activities held every Saturday at the Harlaw playing fields. The vehicular traffic during this time can only be described as chaotic and shambolic. The street quickly becomes almost grid-locked, with parents dropping-off, picking up and inconsiderate parking. We are regularly having to speak to drivers who park across our driveway, blocking our access from coming or going. It would be extremely inappropriate to attempt to have a food sales van operating in the middle of such a congested street. Children's safety has to be seriously considered, never mind litter, smells etc.

I trust that after due consideration, this application will be rejected.