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From: 
Sent: 11 March 2025 18:45
To: licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk>
Subject: Pendre Stores - licensing application

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Hello,

I would like to object to the licensing application for Pendre stores, 24 Pendre, CF31 1PE.

The business operating from this address has always been predominantly a Post Office with newsagents. In recent years it has expanded its provision to include basic household items.


The change in nature of the business to becoming an off licence is concerning. Operating up to 10pm will change the character of this residential street, as the shop has always closed at 6pm previously.

The increase in traffic, noise and potential for anti social behaviour associated with the selling of alcohol could have a significant impact on the ability of immediate neighbours to continue to enjoy living here.

It is also disappointing that residents have not received direct communication from the council about this application.

I would urge you to reject this application.

Thank you



Sent from my iPhone



From: [Redacted]
Sent: 07 April 2025 10:46
To: licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for the grant of a premises licence - Pendre Stores.

Rhybudd: E-bost allanol yw hwn - sy wedi dod o sefydliad/unigolyn y tu allan i'r Cyngor. Byddwch yn wyladwrs wrth glicio ar ddolenni neu agor atodiadau.
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Dear Yvonne,

Thank you for your email.

The established business at 24 Pendre has always been primarily a Post Office with newsagents. Alcohol has never been sold from the premises. Whilst I acknowledge that the new business owner has suggested reducing the hours for sale of alcohol, I do not feel that having an off licence in this street is at all appropriate.

My objection to the granting of this licence therefore still stands. And I will outline here how I feel that granting this licence will contravene the four objectives as set out in the Licensing Act of 2003.

The prevention of crime and disorder

The sale of alcohol at these premises has the potential to attract a wider clientele to street which has historically been residential only after 6pm. Parking and access in street when the post office was trading at its best was always difficult and there was often confrontation between residents and patrons of the post office. These incidences escalated to a point which led to the police installing CCTV to monitor incidents in the street. Most residents tolerated this behaviour as they knew that after 6pm when the post office closed the street would always revert to being residential only. The proposed extended hours along with sale of alcohol means that residents will be faced with parking, noise issues and disorderly behaviour from patrons of the shop.

Public safety AND the Prevention of Public Nuisance

Pendre, once off the main Coity Road, is poorly lit. The increase in traffic will present a danger to residents. In the past we have witnessed cars driving along pavements which led to the installation of boulders at cost to residents, which have now been removed by the council as they were damaging cars which were mounting the pavements. When residents have requested installation of bollards to protect pedestrians, this has been rejected by the council.

As has been witnessed by residents at the two off-licences which are less than a ten-minute walk away at 77 Coity Road to the south and Garfield Avenue to the north, the sale of alcohol attracts a certain demographic to congregate in nearby areas. There are significant concerns that should this licence be granted, it will lead to increased Anti-Social Behaviour in the area, especially in the areas leading from the premises in question, through the poorly lit footpath to the playing fields at Great Western Avenue. My family members already feel unsafe walking this route after dark. This will only worsen should this shop be granted a licence to sell alcohol. There is a history of antisocial behaviour on the playing fields at Great Western Avenue, and these are continuing even this week with the fire service in attendance nightly. I feel that issuing an alcohol licence to this business will only attract further nuisance behaviour.

The Protection of Children from Harm

Whilst I am not implying that the applicant would knowingly sell alcohol to those under the legal age, it must be considered that adding another off-licence to this area will increase the availability of alcohol to children. On my visit to Great Western Avenue playing fields yesterday, the bins were overflowing with beer cans and cheap vodka bottles. Unsupervised underage persons are already drinking in this area at night. Giving greater potential access to the sale of alcohol will not reduce this problem, it will only exacerbate it.

Residents have missed the post office facility and welcome the new owner's enthusiasm to develop their business. I will support his business and the return of the Post Office, however, I strongly object to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol from the premises for the reasons listed above and how these issues will impact our ability to continue to enjoy living here.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

On 4 Apr 2025, at 14:35, licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk> wrote:

[Redacted]
Good afternoon

You recently objected to an application for the grant of a premises licence to allow Pendre Stores to sell alcohol between 0800 to 2200 hours Monday to Sunday.

The applicant has had sight of the objections received and is now offering to reduce the hours for the sale of alcohol to 0800 to 1900 hours each day. The applicant wishes to keep the closing time as 2200 hours to keep the post office open if he wanted to.

I shall be grateful if you will consider this amendment to the application and let me know as soon as possible whether your concerns have been satisfied and you wish to withdraw your objection.

Kind regards

Yvonne