

Representations Received

Representation 1

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 January 2026 20:25
To: licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk>
Subject: Application: Grabbi 74 New Road

Licensing Department
Bridgend County Borough Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application for a new licensed premises at 74 New Road Porthcawl.

My objection is based on the cumulative impact that an additional licensed premises would have on the local area. There are already several public houses on this street, along with two shops that operate with extended opening hours. In addition, there is a supermarket located within approximately one mile, which also sells alcohol. Taken together, this means that access to alcohol in the immediate vicinity is already extensive.

The introduction of another licensed premises would, in my view, be likely to contribute to increased noise, disturbance, anti-social behaviour, and pressure on local residents, particularly during evening and late-night hours. The area is already well served by existing licensed venues, and there is no clear need for further provision.

I am concerned that granting this licence would undermine the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder. Residents should be able to enjoy a reasonable quality of life, and I believe that approving this application would risk further negatively impacting the character and amenity of the neighbourhood.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Licensing Committee gives serious consideration to this objection and refuses the application.

Thank you for considering my representation.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Representation 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 January 2026 13:43
To: licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 74 New Road - Application - OBJECTION

Afternoon,

I have received an email from a Kirsty Evans stating I need to expand on my objection to the above-named application for a license to sell alcohol – apparently outlining that this is an area of anti-social behaviour and the links there to the sale of alcohol along with necessity – rather the lack of – isn't sufficient.

Not sure what you expect me to say but here goes! (I would of thought all of this fairly obvious but in true BCBC style it needs pointing out.....)

- Prevention of crime & disorder – my concerns here would relate to the potential increases in anti-social behaviour, vandalism, public urination, drug use or other criminal activity around the premises
- Prevention of public nuisance – objection around potential noise disturbances, increased littering and/or general disruptions to the local community's amenity and good order
- Public Safety – my objection here is around increased vehicle traffic safety risks – because there is no parking available – there are zig zags outside the property so people would need to double park on the yellow lines opposite – which isn't ideal on such a busy road
- Protection of Children from harm – there is a primary school and a playground within 100 meters (in each direction) of this newly proposed premise that intends selling alcohol. With so many in the area this will increase the possibility of children accessing alcohol and the potential for underage drinking and/or seeing adults purchasing alcohol or intoxicated.

That enough for you? I will also be raising this in our next PACT meeting so that the necessary groups are aware of the application – and hopefully they can object also.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Representation 3

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 January 2026 19:55
To: licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to new alcohol Licence CF36 5DE

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally register my strong objection to the proposed alcohol license application for the premises located at 74 New Road, Porthcawl CF36 5DE

As a local resident, I believe that granting this license would be detrimental to our community and contradicts several licensing objectives. My concerns are outlined below:

1. Close Proximity to Education and Safety

The proposed site is located only a short distance from Newton Primary School, introducing a new alcohol outlet so close to a school gate increases the exposure of young children to alcohol retail and potential anti-social behaviour. During drop-off and pick-up times, the area is already crowded with families; adding an outlet that encourages transient foot traffic for alcohol is inappropriate for this specific location.

2. Over-Saturation and Lack of Need

We are already well-served by a long-standing local outlet just seven doors away, as well as several established pubs in the immediate vicinity.

- **Cumulative Impact:** There is no demonstrated need for an additional outlet. Adding another will likely lead to an increase in public nuisance and alcohol-related issues in a concentrated area.
- **Support for Existing Business:** Our current local outlet is a staple of the community. A new license so close by threatens the viability of a proven local business without providing any additional benefit to residents.

3. Traffic and Road Safety Concerns

The proposed location sits on an **already very busy road**.

- **Poor Access:** The premises has limited-to-no dedicated parking or safe delivery access.
- **Public Safety:** Increased traffic from customers attempting to pull over or park illegally on this narrow/busy stretch will create significant hazards for both motorists and pedestrians. Given the proximity to the school, this increase in traffic congestion poses a direct physical risk to children.

4. Prevention of Public Nuisance

With several pubs already operating nearby, the introduction of another off-license increases the risk of "pre-loading" and street drinking. This contributes to litter, noise, and a general decline in the residential amenity of the neighborhood.

Conclusion

For the reasons of public safety, the protection of children from harm, and the prevention of public nuisance, I urge the licensing committee to refuse this application. The proposed outlet is unnecessary, poorly located, and potentially dangerous to the local community.

I look forward to being kept informed of the progress of this application and the date of any subsequent hearing. Yours faithfully, [REDACTED]

Representation 4

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 January 2026 12:03

To: licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection: Licensed Premises Application (Alcohol), Grabbi Limited, 74 New Road Porthcawl

To Whom It May Concern,

Ref: Objection: Licensed Premises Application (Alcohol), Grabbi Limited, 74 New Road Porthcawl

I would like to formally object to the proposed premises (alcohol) licence applied for by Grabbi Limited, pertaining to the address of 74 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DE.

As a local resident, living within 300 metres of the proposed premises, I am already very concerned at the level of alcohol licences that have been issued within a close proximity of 74 New Road.

The area is one of the most deprived in Porthcawl with a demographic showing a higher proportion of physical and mental health issues (including addiction) than the rest of the population of Porthcawl.

The area suffers from a higher level of crime, specifically related to anti-social behaviour and it is not unreasonable to align levels of increased outlets selling alcohol and the aforementioned demographic with increases in antisocial behaviour.

The area also suffers from high turnover of business and empty units. Whilst this should lead me to support new ventures, there are a few businesses that have remained open with some constancy, and offer an "anchor" to the community, being well presented, responsible, and well stocked. I would consider Londis in New Road to be one of these.

The applicants have already had difficulty keeping their original venture on the site open (Star Care Solutions), I would hate to see the applicants fail again in their endeavours, and in their short tenancy having put pressure on Londis (who also are a licensed premises, and are only 100 metres away), causing them to also subsequently fail.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Representation 5

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 January 2026 11:03
To: Kirsty Evans <Kirsty.Evans4@bridgend.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Grabbi 74 New Road Porthcawl CF36 5DE

Good morning Kirsty

Thank you for your reply. I thought the distinct possibility of losing a much-needed convenience store would be enough of a reason for opposing this development, but evidently not.

I would therefore like to oppose this application on the grounds of public safety, as the property sits on a corner and has zig-zag lines outside. As seen by the illegal parking outside the eateries on the opposite side of New Road, those using the proposed off-licence will do the same and put anyone using the pelican crossing on this busy road in danger.

It would also cause noise and disturbance to residential properties nearby. Some of those residents have voiced their concerns to me as their community councillor.

There are also three busy public houses and a Masonic lodge near the proposed off-licence and as mentioned, a convenience store selling alcohol, so I believe this application will result in over-intensification. An off-licence nearby closed due to lack of sales a few years ago. It would also attract those whose behaviour has caused them to be banned from the existing alcohol outlets.

Regards

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Representation 6

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2026 14:48
To: licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk>
Subject: Grabbi Limited, 74 New Road, Porthcawl.

To Whom It May Concern,

I refer to the recent Planning Application for a premises licence by 'Grabbi Limited' regarding Number 74 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DE.

I wish to share the following observations with you.

- There is an established off sales facility located at Number 98 New Road, Porthcawl.

From time to time there are problems caused by certain individuals who purchase alcoholic beverages, consume in public space and then leave the bottles and cans on the highways or footpaths. It is common to see smashed bottles in the area. The relevant Authorities have been notified and are aware.

- Number 74 New Road is a corner property with no rear access. The property has seen changes over time. From a retail shop to office accommodation. The living accommodation has been divided into more than one family unit.
- The Junction of New Road with Glan Road is to say the least, busy at all times. Parked vehicles cause major obstructions, parking on corners, across dropped kerbs, on zig zag markings and on double yellow lines opposite the junction.
- Deliveries of goods to the premises will undoubtable cause further obstruction to other road and pavement users.

· In years gone by, when there was another off license at Number 70 New Road, residents experienced on street drinking in the area and the consequences that came with it. Discarded bottles, cans and anti-social behaviour. Repetition would be a backward step.

I have resided at [REDACTED] Glan Road, Porthcawl for 53 years. I am in favour of people opening businesses and 'having a go' to earn a living providing for the Community. However on this occasion due to the nature of the proposed application I object very strongly for the reasons stated.

Kind regards



Representation 7

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2026 18:24
To: licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk>
Subject: Grabbi, 74 New Road CF 36 5ED

Dear Kirsty,

Thank you for your response to my email dated 17/01/26 The four items you listed; Prevention of crime and disorder. Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety, and Protection of children from harm. I feel very strongly about all those issues. Let me start by saying I live next door to #74 which is a corner shop on New Road and Galan Road. In my last email to you I already mentioned about an existing off licence on this block so won't repeat myself, but now that I have said that where I live may possibly be next door to an off licence. As it is I already have to pick up other peoples garbage left discarded in front of flat. It's only going to get worse if there's a shop next door, with that will be the congregating of youngsters and adults either outside of the shop or in front of my front door and window. There are no bins for people to dump their stuff so let's leave on the sidewalk and let someone else pick it up, that seems to be the attitude nowadays.

Regarding Public Nuisance, unfortunately wherever liquor or food is sold there seems to be some sort of public disorder, people sometimes getting loud, or nasty, some being sick and urinating , it's not pleasant ,I know it doesn't happen all the time, but certainly don't want it outside my front door as it may be asking for possible problems in the future, as #74 corners with New Road and Galan Road , off where there is an alleyway running behind all the properties on New Road. There are already issues with that alleyway, and feel it could become an unsafe area. Which brings me to the children issue, I also add to that for the elderly and disabled who live around here. They should feel safe in and out of their homes. One last item regarding children, it's been well documented about the harm of underage drinking and vaping, it all seems so easy for the kids to get hold of this stuff, do we really need another shop on this block to make it even easier or tempting, I think not.

Thank you,

Still a concerned resident,

[REDACTED].

Representation 8

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 06 February 2026 19:56

To: licensing <licensing@bridgend.gov.uk>

Subject: Application under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 Premises: Grappi, 7 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DE

I am a local resident of the New Road area of Porthcawl and I write to make a formal representation in respect of the above application for a new premises licence for the supply of alcohol for off-premises consumption.

This representation is made on the grounds that the grant of the application, as applied for, would undermine the following licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance
- Public safety
- The protection of children from harm

Cumulative Impact and Crime and Disorder

The immediate area already contains a significant number of licensed premises, including The Brogden, The Picton, The Sandpiper, The United Services Club, the RAFA Club, and The Prince of Wales. The concentration of venues supplying alcohol means that the locality already experiences regular alcohol-related footfall, particularly during evenings, weekends, and the holiday season.

The addition of a further off-licence in such close proximity would increase overall alcohol availability and is likely to contribute to pre-loading, post-closure top-up drinking, and street drinking. This in turn raises the risk of antisocial behaviour, low-level disorder, noise, littering, and disturbance to residents.

Public Nuisance

Extended hours of alcohol sales, including early morning and late evening on Sundays, are likely to lead to increased congregation outside the premises and in surrounding streets. As a resident, I am concerned about the impact on noise levels, public disturbance, and the general amenity of the area.

Safeguarding and Vulnerable Persons

There are several supported living premises in close proximity to the proposed site, including:

- Two supported living homes for adults with schizophrenia
- Three supported homes for young people aged 16–18

The presence of an additional off-licence in this immediate environment raises serious concerns in relation to safeguarding and public safety, particularly:

- Increased risk of proxy purchasing and underage access to alcohol
- Increased exposure of vulnerable young people to alcohol and associated exploitation
- Increased risk of harm, relapse, and crisis for residents with severe mental illness
- Greater likelihood of street drinking and congregation in areas regularly used by vulnerable service users

These factors directly engage the licensing objectives of protecting children from harm and promoting public safety.

Conclusion

For the reasons set out above, I believe that granting this application as applied for would be likely to undermine the licensing objectives. I therefore request that the Licensing Authority give careful consideration to refusing the application or, in the alternative, imposing strict conditions and reduced hours in order to mitigate the risks identified.

I respectfully request that this representation be considered by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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