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These sections are the basis of our objections and will be submitted attached to the petition

We the residents oppose the application by Barclay School for a licence to sell alcohol by retail.

1. We have a great availability of pubs that can supply all our alcohol needs, a further supply is therefore superfluous
2. The sale of alcohol by Barclay school (although outside school hours) will only encourage its students to believe the consumption of alcohol is acceptable. Under age drinking takes place now outside the school gates but inside school hours the drink purchased by older students. This same process will continue under cover what ever system is devised to curtail it.
3. This application is contrary to the governments policy to restrict the sale of alcohol thus reducing the opportunity for youngsters to become addicted.
4. The storage of alcohol on site will detract still further our quality of life by attracting to the area those with criminal inclination with consequent damage and repair costs all on the schools insurance.

We the residents also oppose the extension of open hours to 1 am Sunday morning.

1. The use of the school for amplified live and recorded music (REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT) with alcohol being "available" and late night (1am) closing every weekend will undoubtedly bring into the area the unruly element that this type of "entertainment" attracts.
2. On occasions when this type of activity and alcohol has been supplied by a hirer we have experienced destructive and unruly behaviour, general disturbance, shouting swearing, fighting, damage to vehicles and property with stones thrown at windows causing stress to occupiers.
3. Such activity will inevitably stretch the police and ambulance services still further