

Member's Room,
Civic Centre,
St Peter's Square,

04/11/15

The Licensing Committee,

Re. Merridale Supermarket off-license application.

Dear committee members,

We the undersigned members for Park ward wish to object to the off-license application for this shop.

We acknowledge the change in restrictions that have been made to this application since it last came before committee. We also support the general development which in retail and housing terms will help to revitalise this important gateway to the City.

However we are also aware that the area is a high profile area for Anti-Social behaviour largely fuelled by alcohol abuse.

The area is overloaded with hostel accommodation for those who are vulnerable.

Within a few yards of this projected off-license are at least two other licensed premises, three public houses and a number of restaurants who sell alcohol.

We find it difficult to see the need for another off-license however secure the arrangements may be. We hope these views will be taken into consideration in your deliberations.

We have received a large number of enquiries from local residents in Park ward who already suffer from the effects of anti-social and criminal behaviour and are deeply concerned that the opening of another drinks outlet can only make matters worse for our residents whose lives are already being blighted in the manner we have outlined.

Yours sincerely

Councillors *Claire Darke, Craig Collingswood, Mike Hardacre.*