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Hi James

We have to weigh up reasoning behind why an extension to sell alcohol to this time serves the public.

There is a problem with outdoor drinking at the entrance to Phoenix park, which lies directly opposite the garage.

If we are ok with men drinking late into the early hours, then let the license pass, but I can't think of any legitimate reasons for such an extension. Surely anyone wanting to buy alcohol will know their needs, earlier than 11.00 pm at night, I can't think of all the negative consequences that might arise from allowing an extension, by the same token I can't think of any reasons to grant the extension.

Can I mention that I accepted this garage owners offer to have a free car wash, I regret accepting that now, as i realise that compromises me, and I know there to be a connection because as I was driving away the owner mentioned he would be applying for a extended license.

I think we have to accept that even small gifts given to us as councillors can compromise our representation of our community. I can't think of other establishments retailing liquor at this time, and I am struggling to think of any positive benefits, only the downsides to anti social behaviours. For this reasons, and because other commercial business selling alcohol is restricted to normal licensing times, I object to this application and I recommend the committee reject the application.

Kind regards

Paul  
Blakenhall

Sent from my iPhone

