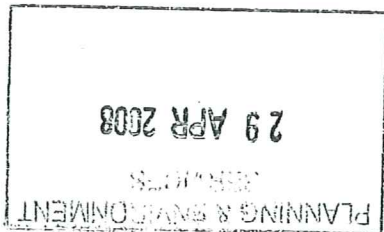


APPENDIX B



Alcester Road
Hollywood
Birmingham

25 April 2008

Objection to Application for Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Premises Act 2003 in respect of 61 May Lane Hollywood B47 5PA.

Dear Sir,

Please take note of my objection to a license to sell alcohol at the above premises.

I regularly note gangs of youths hanging around the area of the shops as well as the library premises opposite. The level of anti-social offences such as graffiti, litter, vandalism and worse is a recognised problem locally. A shop selling alcohol will only attract more of this.

I know that the Co-op is a reputable business and they would not knowingly sell alcohol to underage drinkers. However, see the enclosed article in The Telegraph (24 April edition). Clearly underage drinkers consider the corner shop as the easiest place to obtain alcohol. Also one person over 18 can provide a whole gang outside with alcohol.

This is a completely unnecessary application, it is not a service to the local community, rather it would fuel problems that already exist and I do not want the license granted.
Yours faithfully

IN BRIEF

Young drinkers 'easily served' at corner shop

Convenience stores are the easiest places for under-age drinkers to get served, a poll of youngsters has found. Some 85 per cent said the shops offered them the best chance of obtaining alcohol. But 78 per cent also admitted they would simply ask their parents for drink. Charlie Mowat, the director of Serve Legal, which organised the poll, said: "It's important retailers send out a strong message of zero tolerance."