



**BRENTWOOD
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Thursday, 5th April 2018

**Paul Adams
Principal Licensing Officer,
Brentwood Borough Council Depot
The Drive
Warley CM13 3BH**

Dear Mr Adams,

SHENFIELD STATION NEWS, SHENFIELD STATION, HUTTON ROAD, SHENFIELD CM15 8JD

Application For a Premises Licence to be Granted

Representation by a Responsible Authority (Licensing)

I wish to make a representation against the Application for a Premises Licence to be Granted at Shenfield Station News, Shenfield Station, Hutton Road, Shenfield CM15 8JD made by Mr. Mitul Mahendrabhai Patel. I make this representation as a Responsible Authority (Licensing) in my capacity as the Brentwood Borough Council Licensing Officer as permitted by virtue of the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended).

I visited the premises on Friday, 9th March 2018 and noted that it was sited immediately inside the entrance to Shenfield Station [please see attached pictures]. This premises comprises of a small kiosk and has an open plan design. There is no barrier to persons accessing the shop.

With the proprietor enclosed within the confines of the small kiosk, I see no way how alcohol can be safely secured in the open plan area. There is minimal space behind the kiosk to display alcohol for sale.

The front of the station, and the foyer area just inside, is focal meeting place for persons using both rail and taxi cab. Even during my visit there were groups of children congregating in the immediate vicinity having finished at school. I have also been made aware of local unrest at that location on occasions when unruly supporters congregate to travel on the Shenfield to Stratford line for football matches at the London Stadium.

It is my contention that, with only one member of staff confined behind a small kiosk counter, there are no means of adequately securing alcohol from potentially dishonest or vulnerable persons anywhere in the open plan area. The limited storage area behind the counter makes it an inappropriate proposition & improper location to be supplying alcohol

I also made additional enquiries with the two refreshment venues that are actually situated on the station platforms. They advised me that they cannot obtain a premises licence because of station by-laws relating to the banning of alcohol. I suspect that those specific by-laws have been imposed for a very good reason.

I fully support the concerns raised by the British Transport Police and make representation against this application on the grounds that it fails to adequately promote the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder and, potentially, to public safety and the protection of children from harm.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me in the Licensing Office at the Brentwood Council Depot at Warley on **01277 312523**.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Leonard

Licensing Officer | Brentwood Borough Council