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Dear Ms Wopling

Variation to the premises licence of Morrisons, Coronation Road, Totnes, TQ9 5DF

The Town Council is concerned to note the recent application by Morrisons, Coronation Road, Totnes to vary their licence to sell alcohol. This is the same as those submitted in 2010 and 2012, both of which were withdrawn after opposition from Totnes Town Council and MP for Totnes, Dr Sarah Wollaston.

The Town Council strongly opposes any extension in the hours available to sell alcohol for the following reasons:-

- It encourages street drinking which is a serious problem in Totnes. This has an adverse impact on quality of life for neighbours of the premises and is a nuisance to the town in general. Starting at 6am and concluding late at night will service street drinking disproportionately.
- Close proximity to the route taken by school children in the morning has the potential to encourage them to canvas the purchase of alcohol from adults and sanitises an otherwise anti-social activity.

In summary the Town Council strongly opposes the variation of licence for the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety from anti-social behaviour, protection of children from harm and the impact of alcohol on users.

Councillors are also disappointed that, although notification of this application was broadcast to "All Responsible Authorities and District Councillors", it was not directed to Town Councillors or their representative committee – Planning. We believe it is always appropriate to seek the comments of the Town Council in such matters and particularly as we previously opposed this application.

Yours sincerely

Helen Nathanson
Town Clerk