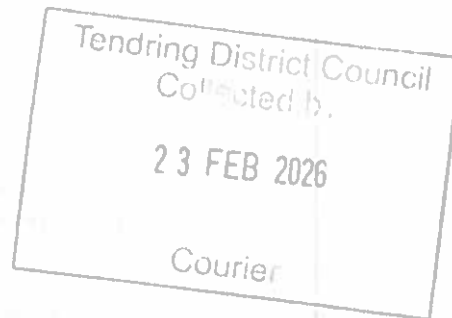


RECORDED DELIVERY

Licensing Section
Tendring District Council
Station Road
Clacton On Sea
CO15 1SE



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Objection to Application to Extend Opening Hours – Off Licence, 137 High Street, Harwich, CO12 3AX

I am writing to formally object to the application submitted by the above premises seeking to extend its opening hours from 06:00 to 02:00.

My objection is based on repeated and serious breaches of licensing conditions and failure to uphold the licensing objectives.

1. Breach of Off-Licence Conditions (On-Premises Consumption)

I have personally witnessed customers being allowed to consume alcohol inside the shop premises. As this is an off-licence, permitting alcohol consumption on-site is a clear breach of licence conditions.

I have attached photographic evidence showing a customer drinking alcohol inside the shop. In addition, I can provide relevant CCTV footage upon request should the Council be willing to properly investigate this matter.

2. Illegal Smoking Inside the Premises

The individual working on the till has been observed smoking inside the shop. I have attached photographic evidence of staff smoking inside the premises.

Smoking inside the shop is not only a breach of smoke-free legislation, but it also poses serious health risks to the public. Customers are exposed to second-hand smoke, and smoking behind the counter while stocking spirits and other alcohol products is particularly dangerous due to the fire risk associated with flammable goods.

CCTV footage can also be provided to support this allegation if required.

3. Sale of Age-Restricted Products to Underage Individuals

On multiple occasions, I have observed staff selling age-restricted products, including alcohol, to individuals who appear to be underage. This is a serious concern and directly undermines the licensing objective of protecting children from harm.

4. Repeated Complaints Without Effective Action

I have reported these issues to the Council more than five times. I was informed that inspections had taken place and that everything was found to be in order. However, the continued breaches raise serious concerns. I am unsure whether CCTV evidence has been properly reviewed or whether sufficient enforcement action has been taken.

5. Concerns Regarding Extended Opening Hours

The licence holder is currently failing to comply with existing licensing conditions, yet is seeking to extend operating hours until 02:00. Granting additional hours to a premises that is already breaching conditions would undermine the licensing objectives.

Extended hours are likely to result in:

- Increased anti-social behaviour
- Higher risk of alcohol-related crime and disorder
- Increased late-night noise and disturbance to residents
- Greater risk of underage sales occurring during late-night hours
- Reduced community safety while most residents are asleep

Extending the hours would give the premises more opportunity to continue non-compliant practices without adequate oversight.

In light of the above concerns, I respectfully request that:

1. The application to extend the licensing hours be refused.
2. The current premises licence be formally reviewed.
3. The attached photographic evidence and available CCTV footage be properly examined as part of a full investigation.

The licensing objectives exist to protect the public, prevent crime and disorder, and safeguard children from harm. Based on the evidence and ongoing concerns, approving this extension would not support those objectives.

I trust the Council will give serious consideration to this objection.

Yours faithfully,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the objector.

20/02/2026