

# GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

## About You

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## About the Premises

Application Reference No.	
Name of the Premises	Audenshaw Service Station
Address of the premises including postcode	1-17 Droylsden Road, Audenshaw, Tameside, M34 5SP St

## Your Representation

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should describe the likely effect of the grant of the variation on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question.

**Please accept this as formal notification of the Greater Manchester Police objection to the request for a premises license to be granted in relation to the above premises.**

The grounds for the objection are Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

This premise is a Petrol Station which is currently unlicensed. It does not sell alcohol and has opening times as a Petrol Station of 0700hrs-2200hrs.

The premises are situated in a residential area and are in close proximity to residential properties. Droylsden Town Centre is only a short walk away there are at least 7 Public Houses within a 5 minute walk.

As with other areas in Tameside, Audenshaw and Droylsden suffers from issues with on street drinking and other alcohol related anti-social behavior. The nearest late night bar venue is situated in Droylsden which is only a five minute walk away (0.3 miles) and this premises is only permitted to sell alcohol until 0200hrs with proportionate conditions including the use of SIA registered door staff to ensure the promotion of the four Licensing Objectives.

I believe there is a distinct possibility that persons leaving these nearby Licensed premises will be drawn to the premises with the intention of purchasing more alcohol and as they will already be in a 'party mood'. There is a danger that groups of people will gather on the forecourt of the premises to consume alcohol, whilst they await their transportation home, be it tram, bus or taxi.

There is a Metrolink line which runs from Ashton -under-Lyne to Manchester through Audenshaw passing directly outside Audenshaw Service Station with the nearest Tram Stop being in Droylsden Town Centre. The last tram from Droylsden to Ashton-under-Lyne is 2351hrs. The last tram from Droylsden to Manchester Piccadilly is 0021hrs. This reduces the options of transportation after

midnight.

The above could place customers in danger with vehicles pulling onto the forecourt to purchase both petrol and/or alcohol and will certainly cause an added disturbance to the local residents. That said, the provision of alcohol at a Petrol Station could also lead to an increase in drink driving offences.

There are no licensed premises in the Audenshaw or Droylsden area of Tameside Police District which are licensed to sell alcohol 24 hours a day so not only will there be a problem with persons leaving the local licensed premises but there may well be a wider spread issue with people coming from far and wide to purchase alcohol in the early hours of the morning.

The nearest High Street Supermarket is Tesco in Droylsden which is licensed for off sales Monday-Saturday until 23:00 and open until 16:00 on a Sunday but licensed for alcohol until 22:30. This is situated 10 minute walk from the applicant's premises.

The application includes provision of late night refreshment taking place both indoors and outdoors until 0500hrs. This in itself will cause disturbance to local residents with people coming from far and wide to purchase food and will undoubtedly increase the potential for additional reports of anti-social behaviour and unnecessary additional demand being placed on Police resources.

**I would ask that The Licensing Authority considers the following as key issues in relation to this application:**

**The applicant falls short in evidencing the steps they intend to take in promoting all four licensing objectives.**

**The proximity of the premises to local residents**

**The general character of the surrounding area including crime and anti social behaviour (ASB) levels.**

**The hours applied for licensable activities should be appropriate with regard to the nature of the location of the premises.**

**I believe that persons who are alcohol dependant may be drawn to particular premises if they are licensed to sell alcohol at both later and earlier times than other licensed premises.**

Therefore GMP believe that to allow the premises to sell alcohol 24 hours a day will lead to an increase in alcohol related incidents in the area and will definitely cause greater disturbance to the residents to live in very close proximity to the premises.

We therefore ask that the application is refused.

*PC 14627 Martin Thorley*

