

17 APR 2014

61 Stratfield Way
Kettering
Northants
NN156GS

Ref Kettering railway Station Application for a Basement Bar
Dear Sirs,

I write to give my concerns re the above application.

I have been contacted by many residents of Station Road who have concerns regarding the application for the railway station.

Firstly the times listed are times that are antisocial for a lot of the residents, many are elderly, and would be disturbed by the noise created by such an establishment. The area itself is not covered by Kettering Borough Council CCTV, whilst the town centre where most of the other night hot spots are covered. The night safe operates from the town centre and the fear that if an incident happens at the railway station it will be some time before the police could arrive and will take them away from the town centre nightspots.

The fear of people being drunk so near to a railway line is another concern, where if an accident happens where somebody wanders onto the line whilst under the influence of alcohol, may result in a tragic loss of life.

Litter, graffiti and vandalism with people walking back towards the town centre is also a great concern, there is one route back to the town centre where residents feel that if the proposal goes ahead, it may mean groups of youths leaving the venue to attend others in the town.

The fear of commuters getting off the train, to groups of people may be intimidating has also been mentioned.

The nearby pre-school by the railway station has many children being picked up, some as late as 6 o'clock if the opening times are to be 5pm this may cause problems for children being greeted by groups of people

I understand the four categories to object to are:

The prevention of crime and disorder

Public safety

The prevention of public nuisance

The protection of children from harm

All of the above reasons can fit into these categories some more than once.

I do hope you will re-look at the application,

Kind regards

Cllr Scott Edwards

St Michaels and Wicksteed Ward