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Below is our letter of objection submitted to the AGCO.

The sale of alcohol is not something our community asked for, is not something we need, nor is it something we want, yet we must spend our time and money to justify and defend our position. The risks associated with the sale and service of alcohol are numerous and can be devastating, and should never be inflicted upon communities that are unwilling to assume those risks and the associated costs.

Unfortunately the risk begins with the application process and proliferates once a license is granted.

Below are some of the reasons why we, David and Sally Prior, of 835 Watson Road South, Arkell, Ontario, along with the greater majority of the Arkell community, are unwilling to assume those risks, and object to the Alcohol Sales License Application by The Dirty Apron for 599 Arkell Road, Arkell, Ontario.

1. Because there was nothing provided to support that the location is a suitable and appropriate site, and because we feel it is an unsuitable and an inappropriate site. The property is not, and has not been in compliance with the permitted use of the site, for more than a decade. With the addition of a restaurant at this site, the property poses a public health concern, as it violates the restrictions established on this property in 1992.
2. Because this potential danger to public health was not disclosed in the application.
3. Because the Municipal Building Department is uncertain that the restrictions attached to this property by the Board of Health, associated with the preparation, sale and service of food, for the protection of public health, need be adhered to, and despite the reason for their establishment, being the property's failure to meet MINIMUM requirements as set out in the Ontario Building Code. Failure to uphold these restrictions, will put our own water supply at even greater risk for contamination.
4. Because there apparently is no agency in Ontario, responsible for inspecting and monitoring the maintenance of a septic system at a food preparation and service business, and because for years the sewage system at this location has performed miserably, due either to an insufficient working capacity, a need for repair, or neglect.
5. Because the sewage system at the site is not positioned an adequate, minimum distance from our well as required by the Building Code, and because of changes in the grade of the parking area and the infill of the protective swale surrounding the leaching bed have put our well at greater risk for contamination.
6. Because of the insufficient, inconsistent, unsubstantiated information provided in regards to the application, and because of the insufficient time provided, in the notification/ objection deadline window, to acquire additional information, in our opinion it would be irresponsible not to object, for our personal protection and for the protection of the community.
7. Because we disagree with the insertion of an alcohol sales licensed business into a residential area, under the guise it is for the enhancement of our community, when it is apparent the community views it as a degradation of the neighbourhood.

8. Many residents moved here to distance themselves from this type of concern.
9. Because there is no public transit or local taxi service available, someone may be more inclined to drive, when they should not, increasing the risk to the community.
10. Because it is unlikely the police are able to provide much assistance in dealing with any alcohol or noise related incidents. Despite numerous resident complaints, the O.P.P. have failed to suppress the speed of traffic through the hamlet, primarily because of their lack of presence, caused by either insufficient resources and/ or manpower.
11. Another accident, a two vehicle collision occurred September 30, on Watson Road within the hamlet.
12. Because of insufficient on-site parking, the very limited public parking spaces, none with an accessibility designation, will be in even greater demand. At present these areas are used by the local church, the existing business at the applicant site, Canada Post for mail delivery and by residents for mail pick-up, by visitors to the neighbourhood, and by a few home-based businesses in close proximity to 599 Arkell Road. There is also another commercial zoned building across the street from the proposed restaurant location.
13. This issue is compounded in the winter months.
14. Because of the impact on traffic flow. Although permitted, parking along the sides of the two lane corridors of Arkell and Watson Road will inhibit, if not obstruct the passage of emergency vehicles that travel, often at a high rate of speed, through the hamlet responding to local and Highway 401 related incidents. This will also prevent the passage of the oversized agricultural equipment that regularly use these roads when tending the surrounding fields.
15. Because of the impact on traffic flow and pedestrian traffic In the past delivery vehicles often blocked the public walkway, as there is no on-site loading area, and there is no legal on-street parking on either street frontage, because of the proximity to the intersection.
16. Because it will result in a diminished level of enjoyment of our property.
17. Because its' presence in a residential zoned area will negatively impact property values.
18. Because no one would invite or promote the establishment of a business of this nature, next door to their home.
19. Because apparently there are no By- Laws in our Township governing garbage, its' stench, the flies, the rats, the garbage bins and their proximity to a neighbouring home, all of which have been a problem on this site for many years.
20. Because there is no legal requirement an applicant adhere to the terms submitted with an application.
21. Because of the risks associated with the sale and service of alcohol, and because of the inability of a compliance based regulated system, to effectively insulate neighbours from those risks.

22. Because there are no MINIMUM monetary penalties to encourage compliance and discourage non - compliance.
23. Because there is no requirement a site plan illustrating adequate parking area(s) and there location, the garbage storage area, outdoor licensed area(s) and the location and directional focus of outdoor lighting be provided to neighbouring property residents and owners.
24. Because after the granting of an Alcohol Sales License, there is no mandatory requirement for public notice or input regarding the following actions: the removal or the altering of conditions that were established to gain license approval; a 25 percent increase of the license; expansion, relocation, or the altering of the boundaries of licensed areas; sale or transfer of a license; and renewal of the license.
25. Because there are no mandatory requirements or restrictions on outdoor licensed areas regarding music, entertainment, or the hours of service.
26. Because the extension of the licensed area(s) may occur up to 4 times per year, for a maximum of 14 days at a time, and do not require a general public notice.
27. Because there is no requirement any percentage of sales are food.

Sincerely, David Prior, Sally Prior.

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