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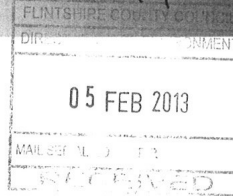
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## Blakemore Retail Ltd. application for Wrexham Road / Conwy Street, Mold

I write to raise concerns regarding the proposal to open a convenience store in the location above.

As you will be aware, the entrances to four local schools (Ysgol Bryn Coch, Ysgol Maes Garmon, Ysgol Glanrafon, Alun School) are all within a minute's walk from this site.

The Welsh Government is currently implementing their 'Appetite for Life' agenda in schools which encourages the young people of Wales to adopt a more healthy approach to the consumption of food and drink. We are concerned that having a store so close to all four schools will potentially undermine this government initiative by giving students the means to access unhealthy choices on their way to/from school. In England similar healthy eating and drinking initiatives have included avoiding having retail outlets for food/drink near to school entrances.

Allowing the sale of alcohol so near to the schools would also present a range of problems. Those who are underage may be tempted to try making purchases themselves or, alternatively, ask those over the age of 18 to purchase on their behalf. We have over four hundred students in our Sixth Form, the majority under the age of 18 but with a sizeable minority over the age of 18. We can anticipate a major difficulty in having those young people with easy access to a store selling alcohol whilst they are gathered together in large groups, for example on the way home at the end of a school day.

In conclusion, we have significant concerns that the opening of such a store on this site would have a detrimental impact on our school, other schools, and local residents, and ask that such concerns be taken into account when considering the progress of such a proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Jones – Headteacher