

Response to Representation from Bardon Truck Park

To prevent crime and disorder

Representation: Why does an HGV park want to sell alcohol? This is a site specifically for drivers to park their lorries, selling alcohol on this site is reckless and encouraging drink driving.

Bardon Truck Park Response:

Many HGV/ truck parks in the country sell alcohol on site. Drivers appreciate the far better facilities than in the past. Following long hours on the road many drivers welcome the opportunity to enjoy the facilities on site with fellow professionals and not having to drive to petrol stations or supermarkets to buy alcohol or leave the site to visit Pubs etc. Drivers include those that have extended stays.

Should Bardon Truck Park be unable to provide these facilities they would be at a commercial disadvantage as customers would be likely to go to other truck parks instead. That would be unfair, and contrary to policy and law,

There is no evidence adduced to support the serious, unfounded allegations that Bardon Truck Park, by looking to supply alcohol on site, is reckless and encouraging drink driving. We refute those allegations. We note that given the control measures proposed: none of the responsible Authorities including the Police recognised in law and policy as being the experts in Crime & Disorder have made any representations whatsoever.

Why would a truck park selling alcohol in a controlled environment be more of a risk than drivers visiting local pubs, off licences, convenience stores and other licensed premises?

Public safety

Representation: As above – the council has grave concerns over the retailing of alcohol on a site that is purely for HGV

vehicles to park at.

Bardon Truck Park Response:

Please see response to last question. There will be security on site who will also be speaking to drivers before they leave the site. This clearly would be better & safer than most licensed premises (should the committee be minded to grant the application)

Wouldn't it be advantageous that drivers will be more likely to remain on site rather than driving on the roads to other Licensed Premises?

Please suggest any conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account.

Representation: This is a site that has submitted a planning application to extend the term for another 36 months, as an HGV park, but has then withdrawn the application. Surely this should be dealt with before any type of license is approved, if at all. We have never seen alcohol being sold at any form of car park, why is this any different?

Bardon Truck Park Response:

Planning is a separate regime to Licensing (although there is some cross over). We note that your Planning Officer, in their capacity as your expert Responsible Authority for Planning under the Licensing regime has made no representation against this Licensing Application.

Re Car Park as well as previous answer those using a public car park tend not to sleep there and some will visit licensed premises. During overnight stays, as stated truck parks are significantly different. Many Public Car parks have automated or unattended exits and won't have the advantage of a staff member speaking to the driver.

