

Licensing Unit
Scottish Borders Council
Newton St Boswell
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LICENSING UNIT

Dear Sir,
Crowbyres Yard - Second-hand Car Dealing - Application**

Dear Sirs,
I refer to the above license application and ask you not to grant this for the following reasons :

The area is now more residential than before and to allow this type of business would devalue the status of the area and worth of properties. Residents would be less likely to spend as much on maintenance.

The 'working' noise would spoil our enjoyment of our garden, which is only separated from this site by the Slitrig.

Increased traffic on such a small road would cause disproportional amount of disruption to road users. In doing this there is increased risk of accidents involving general traffic and walkers, pets being exercised, horses and wild life (already this year there have been 2 badgers killed).

The site has no suitable turning or parking which would result in people using private access not designed for this use. A likelihood of drivers reversing out onto the road would pose a risk of collision.

The nature of the proposed use, if granted, would serve to generate more related type activities; in the past this has lead to undesirable results. That is, the thin end of the wedge getting fatter and uglier.

The Civic worth would be jeopardised as any monies collected by the council would be negated by rate reduction claims from us residents. But as an important access route into Hawick the yard would undoubtedly have an adverse effect on the tourist trade.

This area is the start of a 4-mile zone where take-away foods and drinks purchased in Hawick having been consumed, result in packing being jettisoned. Increase in traffic would increase the litter.

In short the wrong business in the wrong area.

Yours faithfully,

Richard von Slicher

** Recently heard, "It's a scrap yard he wants" should this be the case then the above still applies but the noise would be of a greater concern.