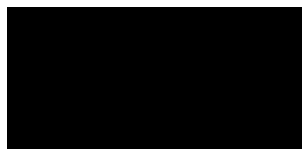


Regulatory Services

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Legal & Licensing



Dear Sir

Re Application for Second Hand Dealers Licence Crowbyres Yard Hawick TD9 9SN

I wish to object to the granting of a new licence for a scrap yard dealing with vehicle breakages at Crowbyres Yard, Hawick. My objection is that I believe the site continues to be unsuitable for many reasons for this activity, as follows:-

- The previous licence for the activity at this Yard was rescinded, by all accounts because of contamination. This alone would suggest that the site is not suitable for this purpose.
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- Moreover, the Yard is immediately adjacent to the River Slitrig. This river burst its banks in January 2016 and properties on both banks were knee deep in flood water. This area of Crowbyres is on a flood plain and to date no flood defences have been put in place. Any future flooding into this Yard would return undesirable effluent of all sorts back into the river.
- This area has now been re-designated as a 30 mph area for traffic and it is now a residential area. I would suggest it is inappropriate to have a breaker's yard with a licence to operate 7 days a week in the midst of houses with all the inevitable noise pollution. It would also have to be lit up in the evening.
- Road safety is a very real issue as customers to the Yard are instructed to park on the road outside which narrows it down. There are huge loggers which have to get past, often in convoy, farm traffic and of course horses, often ridden by children, in addition to normal traffic.
- The B6399 is a scenic road attracting many tourists to this area of the Borders, also bicycle rallies etc. It does not seem fitting that Crowbyres Bridge, which has been listed as a Category C building by Historic Scotland, should have to compete with a breaker's yard for attention.

In summary, I submit that no-one living here was surprised when this scrap yard was forced to close its doors. This area has changed in nature and is within a 30 mph zone with more housing which makes a breaker's yard in its midst totally inappropriate.

Yours sincerely



John Benn