

Note from Peter Paterson to your Facebook Page Māpua Community Association

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Your Question: Did you know and is the community aware?

Having noted that that an intention to apply for a liquor licence has been posted on the door of the once Mapua Country Store, I went to the TDC website to check out the applicant – one Susan Shuttleworth of Motueka.

I was puzzled that the licence application date was yesterday, 3rd May because the application had, I thought, been around a longer time. The applicant staged a community information meeting at the Bowling Club.

What we have is, in fact, TWO applications – one for a Liquorland at 65A Aranui Road and another for a Super Liquor at 151 Aranui Road. That application is the original (by Nelson Holdings Ltd) and is dated 26th April and time for objection to this one is Friday next week. The proposed licencing hours of the Liquorland licence is 9:00 am – 8:00 pm and for Super Liquor 9:00 am – 10:00 pm.

Under S. 105 of the Sale of Liquor Act it's really hard to object to a liquor licence – but does TWO simultaneous licences present a very different scenario that might allow an objection?

Personally, while I abhor the idea of a bottle shop in close proximity to a school. We seem to have a set of rules that allow it – so I can't find an allowable reason to object.

Allowable or not, I really, really object to Mapua acquiring two ne liquor stores.

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