
Liquor store licensing in Mapua

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a relatively new resident to Mapua, to express my strong view that without a doubt NO license should be granted to ANY liquor stores in Mapua.

As a mother of young boys and having read much research on the impact of alcohol on developing brains (the hippocampus is severely affected by alcohol when developing) I think that having liquor stores in Mapua is enticing to young people. We also know that regularly 'of age' teenagers will purchase alcohol for younger teens. In this case hard liquor being available would be extremely concerning. The school is in such close proximity to both proposed locations with many many children biking down the high street to get home, it's such a risk and one that we should not take.

Mapua is a very family orientated village and should refuse a license for liquor stores to be built and sell liquor in the village. There are already options available in Richmond and Motueka which makes liquor readily available plus online deliveries are an easy option.

Liquor stores are also rather ugly and often attract people hanging around outside drinking, and would potentially encourage more alcohol use amongst visitors to the village. Protecting the quintessential village appeal of Mapua is in the best interests of the many small businesses in Mapua which rely on international, domestic and local tourism who fall in love with the beauty of Mapua.

I can't actually see any benefit to the village in having a liquor store

Please can you forward this with any petitions against the liquor stores and add me into any further comms so I can attend any court hearings etc

Best
Abi

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