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**Subject:** E&E Mini Market, 4 Library Parade NW10 8SG

**Importance:** High

I have serious concerns relating the application for the provisions of alcohol 'Off' sales by **E&E Mini Market, 4 Library Parade NW10 8SG.**

The stretch of library parade on Craven Park Road, Harlesden, up to and including the corners of St Alban's Road and Fortunegate Road has the highest concentration of illegal street drinkers at any one time on any given day. These street drinkers loiter outside shop fronts, intimidate residents and use their front gardens and doorways of their homes as toilets. Furthermore, illegal street drinking encourages drug users to congregate together.

It is evident from my conversations with the police, my position on the safer neighbourhoods panel and the increase in residents' complaints in this area that the sale of single cans of alcohol 'off' sales causes crime and disorder, creates a genuine fear of residents' safety including younger members of their family and often fights break out amongst the drinkers and drug users causing public nuisance.

I would also like to bring to the attention of the committee, the London Borough of Brent Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-25, in particular the following excerpt:

**“Harlesden Town Centre is a hotspot for alcohol flagged calls to the Police for crime and anti-social behaviour. It is also a hotspot for ambulance calls where the victim has sustained an injury. The data shows the whole of the town centre suffers from high levels of alcohol related issues, including residential streets off the main town centre such as Rucklidge Avenue, Wendover Road, Buckingham Road and St Albans Road.**

**In the last 2 years there have been 156 violence with injury crimes in Harlesden Town Centre at an average of 6.5 crimes per month. This number counts only the incidents within the town centre as illustrated below. There are many more crimes around the perimeter of this area.**

**Harlesden Town Centre is also the primary hotspot for reports of street drinking to police. All other town centres in Brent suffers from street drinking; however, in parts of Harlesden such as Craven Park Road and High Street, the street drinking interrelates with street prostitution, drug misuse and violent crime.”**

I hope the licensing committee concludes that the application undermines the promotion of the licensing objectives and comes to the decision that the application should be refused.

Kind regards,

Cllr Mili Patel