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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Premises Licence Application- The Lush Bar (Costcutter), 9-10 Heather Park Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 1SL**

We, the undersigned, wish to object to an application made by Mr Parag Patel for a new Premises licence (off licence) for the above.

We are local traders in the vicinity of the said premises, some of whom already hold premises licences to sell alcohol. However, our objection is not on the grounds of another premises licence being issued within the parade and thereby being in direct competition with us. We are conversant with Licensing Act 2003 and are aware that a licensing authority cannot turn down an application purely on such grounds. Our grounds of objections are:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder
2. Prevention of public nuisance
3. Protection of children from harm.

Over the years, since Mr Patel has been operating in the subject premises, he has shown little regard to the licensing objectives. So much so, there is currently a Hearing pending before the Licensing Panel for a review of his premises licence. This review was initiated by the Police.

This is a second review of the licence of the same premises in just over a year and it clearly shows that Mr Patel is not a fit and a responsible person to run an establishment where he has to follow rules and conditions imposed by a responsible authority, such as the Licensing Department of the Council or the local police.

We appreciate that the first review of these premises relates to the time when the premises licence holder and the Designated Premises Supervisor was someone other than Mr Parag Patel. However, one of the reasons why the licence was not revoked was that an undertaking had been given to the Licensing Panel that there would be a change of ownership and Mr Patel had accepted additional conditions to be added to the then premises licence. Clearly, within a year he has breached most of these conditions. Reading the Application for the Review of the Premises Licence prepared by Nicola McDonald, one cannot fail to note that Mr Patel has exercised little discretion as to whom he leases the premises to or gives it under a management contact. One wonders if he has carried out any searches and taken any

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references on the suitability of the person wishing to run a club. His action, and one can only blame him, has led to disturbance of the neighbours and to criminal activities being carried on amidst a residential area with young children. Such criminal activity involves the use of drugs on the premises. Also young children have been known to be present in the premises, albeit accompanied by their parents, but late at night.

Despite the licensing hours having been reduced following the first review, Mr Patel and his Co-operators have continued to trade after hours and have failed to uphold the licensing objectives. All this has taken place despite him receiving advice from the police. It further shows that he is willing to challenge those in authority and do as he pleases. We are surprised that the police did not ask for his licence to be reviewed earlier than they did.

We would humbly request the Licensing Panel to first dispose of the matter in relation to the outstanding review of the licence before they then consider the new application for the premises to be used as an off-licence.

In view of the behaviour of Mr Patel, and especially his actions very soon after being installed as a Premises Licence holder and the DPS, one would infer that the current licence of Lush Bar would be revoked. If that were to take place then it would be logical not to grant Mr Parag Patel an off licence for the same premises where he has just lost the on-licence on grounds of his actions, or inactions, as the case may be.

Finally, since Mr Parag Patel still holds an on-licence for the premises as a bar and restaurant, is he allowed to make an application for the same premises as a supermarket/convenience store with an off-licence?

Once we are informed of the date of the Hearing then we would like to be present at the same and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

Address of Property	Name	Signature	Date
Heather Park Drive	MRS [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	20/10/12
Heather Park Drive	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	20/10/12
Heather Park Drive	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	20/10/12
LYON PARK AVE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]			