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Police Representation to the Application for a variation of premises licence for Ahmed Zai Superstore, 225 Kilburn High Road, Kilburn, London NW6 7JG.

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make **representations** that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Council's Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

Officer: Paul Whitcomb PC 782QK

Brent Police Licensing Constable

An officer of the Metropolitan Police Service, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application has been made for a premises licence under section 17 of the act.

The Police representations are primarily concerned with the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

Ahmed Zai Superstore is located on the west side of the busy Kilburn High Road, although a commercial area, it can be said the premise is wholly within a residential area. At the rear of the property houses from Burton Road back onto the premise. There are flats above the all the shops on the same side of the premise. Opposite the property are the residential roads of Grangeway and Messina Avenue. The granting of this application will likely cause a greater increase in nuisance to local residents late at night with those attending the shop to post load on alcohol following a night out. This situation is highly likely as Kilburn High Road presents many late night drinking and refreshment venues. In fact, the Kingdom public house is only two doors away and is open until 0130 hours Monday-Thursday, 0330 hours Friday-Saturday and until 0030 hours on a Sunday. There is also Woody's Grill at 213 Kilburn High Road, which is licensed to open until 0500 hours seven days a week. I suspect that customers from these venues will patronise the applicants premise in large numbers, causing nuisance to residents loitering around late at night, eating food and drinking

alcohol on the street. This in turn will likely increase the chance of crime and disorder, especially if sales are refused late at night to customers who are already intoxicated.

I have consulted with the local safer neighbourhood police officer for Kilburn ward, PC Ged Hasse. In his statement to Brent police licensing unit he tells of increasing anti-social behaviour, street drinking and crime in and around the vicinity of this premise. He also points out the serious problems late night venues on Kilburn High Road have caused, the most serious being the murder of a female, only a few doors away from this premise outside Woody's Grill.

Taking into account PC Hasse's comments I decided to look at the total number of crimes reported to Brent police since the 1st January 2015 on Kilburn High Road. These figures relate solely to the west side of Kilburn High Rd. Within the applicants' premises postcode, NW6 7JG, there have been a total of 19 crimes reported since 01/01/2015. The total number of crimes for the west side (Brent area) of Kilburn high Road stands at 197 since 01/01/2015. There are already many 24 hour off licences along Kilburn High Road, I strongly believe that the grant of this new 24 hour off licence will increase these figures. This put's an even greater pressure on Brent police, where police numbers are already stretched, particularly on night shifts.

I understand that street drinking on Kilburn high Road is a major issue. On the 14th October 2015 I attended Kilburn High Road to see the problem for myself. It did not take long for me to discover a group of males sat on the steps of the old Gaumont State Theatre, street drinking. All were in possession of open alcoholic tin cans. I walked around the rear of 225 Kilburn High Road and discovered another group of 3-4 Eastern European males stood street drinking from cans, in the mouth of the Waterloo Passage alleyway. Again, the grant of this 24 hour licence would fuel this ever increasing local issue and the problems this brings for local residents. Later, when I walked back past the Old Gaumont theatre, the street drinkers had left and staff were throwing down buckets of water cleaning away what I can only assume to be urine, left behind by the street drinkers.

On Thursday 22nd October 2015, I held a meeting with the applicant, Mr. Mohammad Hasim Aryubi. He stated that the reason he applied for a 24 hour licence was purely for financial reasons. Mr. Aryubu has managed licensed premises before, however, I do not believe that much thought has been given to how this 24 hour operation will be ran. When asked, Mr. Aryubi was unable to name any of the licensing objectives. This concerned me greatly. I would expect any applicant to at least know some of these objectives, especially an applicant of a 24 hour licence, where these objectives must be upheld by the licence holder and his staff at every minute of every day.

Although the Licensing Act 2003 allows for all types of licensable activity up to 24hours, this is not an application which supports such a request, for the reasons already mentioned above, police respectfully ask that this application be refused.

However, if the committee are mindful to approve this application, police request that:

The following conditions to be **added**:

1. CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and authorised Officers from Brent Council. CCTV is to display correct time and date stamp.
2. A CCTV camera shall be installed to cover the entrance of the premises.
3. The CCTV system shall be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering leaving or using the night hatch of the premises.
4. A 'Challenge 25 policy' shall be adopted and adhered to at all times.
5. A copy of the premises licence summary including the hours which licensable activities are permitted shall be visible from the outside of each entrance to the premises.
6. Customers/members of the public shall not be permitted to congregate or loiter in the forecourt of the premises.
7. After 2100 hours a minimum of two (2) members of staff must be on duty and at least one (1) of these two (2) members of staff must be the holder of a personal licence.
8. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available for Inspection on request to an authorised officer of Brent Council or the Police, which will record the following:
 - All crimes reported to the venue
 - All ejections of patrons
 - Any complaints received
 - Any faults in the CCTV system
 - Any refusal of the sale of alcohol
 - Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
9. A clear and unobstructed view into the premises shall be maintained at all times.
10. Notices requesting customers to leave quietly shall be displayed at each exit and at the night hatch.
11. The licensee shall ensure all public areas within three (3) metres of the premises are cleared of litter arising from the premises daily.
12. All deliveries shall take place during the normal working day (i.e. 09:0 to 18:00 daily).
13. A sign stating "No proof of age – No sale" shall be displayed at the point of sale.
14. A personal licence holder fluent in English shall be present on the premises and supervise the sale of alcohol throughout the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol.
15. No high strength beers, lagers, and ciders above 6.0% ABV shall be stocked.
16. A suitable intruder alarm complete with panic button shall be fitted and maintained.

17. The following crime prevention measures shall be implemented:

- A time delay safe with deposit slot and anti fishing mechanisms must be used at the counter till area
- Regular robbery awareness and cash minimisation training shall be given to all staff.

Yours sincerely

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