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**Police Representation to the application to vary a Premises  
Licence for Woodchurch Filling Station 242 Church Lane,  
NW9 8SL.**

I certify that I have considered the application to vary the Licence for the above named premises **my representations** are set out below

I am of the opinion that the risk to the police and Council's objectives can be mitigated by removing the requested variations or attaching conditions to the Licence as shown below.

Officer: Michael Sullivan,

Licensing Constable 368QK

An officer of the Metropolitan Police, 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 to Vary premises licence under section 34 of the act 2003.

The condition they are requesting to be varied is the  
Supply of Alcohol - from 06.00 to 24.00 Monday to Sunday.  
Hour's premises open to the public - 06.00 to 24.00 Monday to Sunday.

The applicant Mr Sithamparanathan Kirubendran has made an application to vary his premise licence, and is asking to vary the hours for the sale of alcohol.

The premises currently have a licence allowing the sale of alcohol from 08.00 hours until 23.00 hours Monday to Saturday and 10.00 hours until 22.30 hours on Sunday.

The applicant is asking for the hours to be varied for the sale of alcohol, and the hours the premises are open to the public from 06.00 hours until 24.00 hours Monday to Sunday.

On receiving this application I contacted the applicant by phone to discuss it with him, he informed me that he wants to vary his hours to catch the passing trade of Eastern Europeans that are either going to, or leaving work at the nearby industrial estate, he stated that he was losing out to other local shops that sell alcohol to these males, it was pointed out to the applicant that Brent is a controlled drinking zone, and that most of these males would most probably be congregating in the street drinking, and for the premises to sell to street drinkers would be against the licensing objective, namely Prevention of Public Nuisance, the applicant was then asked if he was aware of the licensing objectives and replied 'yeah it's something to do with selling to drunks'.

This was also apparent when reading the application, as in Part P where the applicant is asked to detail how they are going to promote the licensing objectives, the applicant has written in each box 'Nothing beyond existing Health and safety, Fire safety and Etc' this goes to show a complete lack of knowledge and understanding of what is expected of a responsible licensee. The above telephone conversation is a concern as it appears that the applicant has seen a profit making opportunity and has not considered the potential implications to the local community of street drinkers that will congregate to consume their beers at the end of their shifts or even more worryingly males drinking alcohol before the start of their working day.

On the 11/12/2015 police officers conducted a licensing visit at the venue Mr Sithamparanathan Kirubendran was not present, but was called by a member of staff and arrived shortly after and we went through the conditions on the licence, there were numerous breaches to the licence conditions, namely - 1. Alcohol screen not lockable 2. No time delay safe 3. No incident book, Mr Sithamparanathan Kirubendran handed police a refusal book which had one entry in it dated 27/10/2014, it was explained to him that this was not an Incident book. 4. The following high strength was on display: 1. Dragon Stout

(7.5%), Spockie (7%), Warka Strong (6.5%), Okocim (7%), Debowe (7%), Perla Mocne (7.6%), White Star (7.5%) and Tatra (7%). All high strength was removed. Officers also found a half tube of white plastic cups behind the counter, which possibly indicates that the shop is selling the cups to customers to drink their alcohol in.

After considerable consideration I feel that allowing this premises to supply alcohol from this time of the morning will be detrimental to the licensing objectives, the applicant has shown no knowledge or consideration for the licensing objectives and appears to be putting profit ahead of them, allowing the sale of alcohol from a petrol station during these hours with the lack of thought shown by the applicant can only be harmful to the local community as a whole, and as such I will be objecting to this application.

Yours sincerely

**Michael Sullivan QK**  
Licensing Constable  
Brent Police