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NKS Express Ltd  
154 Ealing Road  
Wembley  
HA0 4PY

6 November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Licensing Representation to the Application for the new Premises Licence of NKS Express Ltd, 154 Ealing Road, Wembley, HA0 4PY**

I certify that I have considered the above new application and I wish to make representations.

Officer: Susana Figueiredo – Licensing Inspector

An officer of the Licensing Authority, 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 new premises licence under section 17 of the Act.

The Licensing Authority representations are primarily concerned with the four licensing objectives;

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- the protection of children from harm.

Having read the application, I am uncertain of what is being proposed in terms of a Premises Licence application.

**Late Night Refreshment**

The application is for late night refreshment from 23.00hrs until 05.00hrs for both on and off the premises consumption. The premises is small and narrow and described as a 'convenience store'. It is therefore unclear where food/drink will be heated up for customers and where in fact customers will be permitted to eat/drink on site. The fact that the premises is so small, this will encourage customers to be forced out onto the forecourt which although not included in the licensable area, is included in the plan. Loitering in the area has historically been an issue in Ealing Road, including the use of alley ways nearby. I believe that loitering will increase should this part of the application be permitted. As a result, this would increase contraventions in the Licensing objectives, namely public nuisance and crime and disorder.

## Alcohol

The application is for the supply of alcohol off the premises 24 hours a day. Firstly, with the provision of last night refreshment and a lack of space in the premises, it is likely that customers will buy their alcohol and hot food and then take it outside to consume. This will encourage both loitering and street drinking, both of which will contravene the licensing objectives, namely public nuisance and crime and disorder.

I believe the supply of alcohol 24 hours a day in this area, would be detrimental to the four licensing objectives because of the existing issues surrounding street drinkers and anti-social behaviour.

Brent's Licensing policy details the issues in relation to Ealing Road specifically stating that although there are few off and on licences in the area, **prevalent anti-social behaviour, loitering and public drinking occurs in residential alleys off Ealing Road. These alleys are often shielded from public view. Evidence of public drinking and loitering including littering is common.** By increasing the number of off licences, specifically one that sells alcohol 24 hours a day, I believe would fail to uphold the Licensing objectives.

## Summary

In my opinion the application does not clarify what the business model for the premises entails. Although there is mention of upholding the Licensing objectives in the operating schedule, the application fails to demonstrate how it will overcome certain issues. There is no mention for example how the sale of alcohol off the premises will be managed in relation to Late Night Refreshment on and off the premises, in such a confined space with a large forecourt at the front of the site. It does in many ways appear that if this application is granted, it would not uphold the Licensing objectives. As a result the Licensing Authority have no other option other than to ask that the application be refused, until such time the applicant is able to replenish me with further information.

Yours sincerely,



Susana Figueiredo  
Licensing Inspector  
Planning, Transportation, Licensing