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Police representations to the application for a new Premises Licence for 'Save Food & Wine, 46 Craven Park Road. NW10 4AE'

Police certify that we have considered the application shown above and 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: PC Phil Graves
Licensing Constable 3122NW**

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 for a new premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing act 2003. The Police representations are concerned with all four of the licensing objectives, namely:

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

The Application

The application is for a community convenience store and off license, wanting to supply alcohol seven days a week from 09.00 to 23.00 hours. Craven Park Road sits in the heart of one of Brent's Cumulative Impact Zones (CIZ), where the application is situated.

Brent Council Licensing Policy introduced CIZ's on 7th January 2020 in order to combat a rise in crime, disorder, public nuisance, anti-social behaviour and street drinking all of which is fuelled by the sale and consumption of alcohol.

Having read through the application I can see no mention from Mr Bhatti that he is applying for a premise license within a CIZ. This is a basic check which I would have expected to be carried out. I have attached a link to the council's web page detailing the CIZ's boundaries and the council's expectations of a new premises application within these parameters.

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/business/licences/is-your-premises-in-a-cumulative-impact-zone-ciz/>

There are many studies reflecting the relationship between alcohol consumption/abuse with increases in ASB and violent crimes, as highlighted by such organisations as the Institute of Alcohol Studies. There is also evidence that the most disadvantaged of socio-economic groups (as represented by some of the local populous) that they are disproportionately at risk of alcohol-related violence.

Police Representations

I have carried out intelligence checks for Craven Park Road over a six month period (15/06/21 to 15/12/21), which is as follows:-

1. Recorded crimes 127. These are a wide range of offences including, assaults, public order offences, sexual offences, firearms offences, robbery, drunk and disorderly behaviour, drug offences, drink drive offences, and numerous anti-social behaviour incidents / complaints.
2. Total arrests 13
3. Stop and searches 35
4. Calls to police 224
5. Total number of calls / incidents 482.

In addition to this there are already twelve (12) off licenses / convenience stores selling alcohol in Craven Park Road.

The above figures are only for Craven Park Road. None of these figures include any surrounding locations with a different road name.

As you can see the crime rate in this area is already exceptionally high. Adding another off license to an area already suffering from this level of crime and disorder will only make matters worse. This will add to more police calls to the area and make the law abiding community suffer more from the crime and street drinking that is unfortunately tied to alcohol.

The application is a standard off license / convenience store submission. There are no extra conditions that would warrant allowing the application within a CIZ. Adding an additional off license to the existing twelve will only encourage a price war between the different venues. This will only make the alcohol cheaper, which then has the knock on effect of increasing street drinking and alcohol related crime.

Taking into account of Police concerns and guidance related to CIZ's given in the Brent Council guidance; the presumption is that the application will be refused unless the applicant can satisfactorily evidence that their application or variation will not negatively impact on the licensing objectives.

Therefore, the Police licensing team oppose the granting of this premises licence.

Yours Sincerely,

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