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**Police representations to the application for a variation of Premises Licence for 'Westfield Food & Wine, 248 – 250 High Street Harlesden NW10 4TD'**

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 variation of a premises license under section 34 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 variation to '*Remove the Condition 7 Of Annex 2 of our current License – No Beers, lagers and ciders shall be stocked or sold*'.

My understanding is this condition was added back in April 2021. The reason for this condition been added was due the fact that venue was selling alcohol without a license even after been warned that this practice was unlawful.

### **Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ)**

Brent Council Licensing Policy introduced CIZ's on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Westfield Food and Wine sits right in the heart of Harlesden's CIZ, which is a hot spot for crime on this London Borough

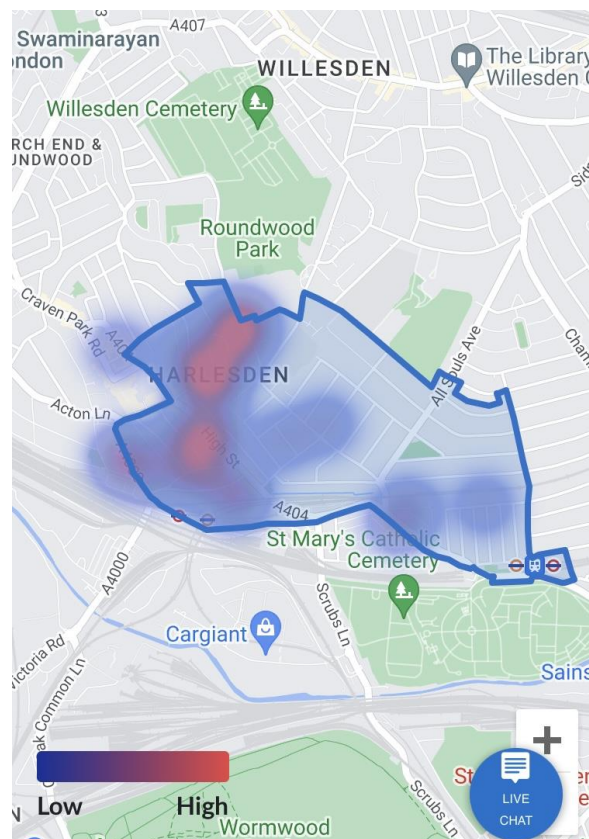
There are many studies reflecting the relationship between alcohol consumption/abuse with increases in ASB and violent crimes, as highlighted by such organisations as the Institute of Alcohol Studies. There is also evidence that the most disadvantaged of socio-economic groups (as represented by some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

### **Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)**

In addition to CIZ's, the entire borough of Brent is covered by a Public Space Protection Order which prohibits the drinking of alcohol in a public place.

### **Crime Figures for NW10 4TD**

The map below is a screen shots from the Metropolitan Police's web page showing the crime 'hot spots' highlighted in red on the map. You can see from this map that the High Street where Westfield Food and Wine is located is right in the centre of the 'red' hot spot of crime.



### **Police Representations**

Unfortunately Westfield Food and Wine has a history of licensing issues and has caused the police and community unwanted crime and ASB through these failings. The venue it's self sits in the heart of the Harlesden CIZ. This is one of the worst areas for crime on the entire borough, which is one of the worst in the Metropolitan area.

The current license has only been in operation since the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. I don't feel that the venue has had this license long enough to demonstrate that they are now responsible license holders. My fear is allowing the sale of beers and ciders is only going to fuel an already high level of street crime and ASB.

For the reasons stated above, police oppose all the conditions of this variation of this license.

Yours Sincerely,

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