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To: Business Licence; Naran, Sima
Cc: Legister, Linda; Prashar, Anu
Subject: Re: Variation Application - 25772 - Harlesden & Kensal Green

Dear all,

I am writing to also register my objections to the proposed application from Westfield Food and Wine at 248-250 High Street to remove one condition on the licence to be able to sell beers, lagers, ciders and stout.

I attended the Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committee meeting on 18 May 2021, when Mr Manuel Rocha (agent for Westfield Food and Wine) set out the following:

'Mr Rocha set out the applicant's case. This is a new business. At the moment they sell groceries and would like to add alcohol. They recognised after they exchanged emails with the police and LA that it's in a CIZ and that's why they decided not to sell beers, lagers, ciders and miniatures. 90% of street drinking relates to beer. They just want to sell wine and spirits. It's only going to be a small part of the business. They don't mind if MUP is imposed. There are a lot of people selling alcohol illegally. The applicant buys from reputable suppliers who pay VAT. The staff have been trained since the last application and things have improved. They have agreed a lot of conditions with the police and LA. They will do everything they can to reduce street drinking. Mr Rocha did not think street drinkers would buy from the applicant as they will be too expensive.'

I am therefore aghast that just over a year later, Westfield Food and Wine are seeking to remove this condition. This, I believe, will lead to increased street drinking and ASB, issues which Harlesden and Kensal Green ward is already suffering from. I cannot but see how granting the applicant permission to remove the existing condition will damage the local area.

Regards,
Jumbo

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