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Police Representation to vary the Premises Licence at ‘Local Food Express’ 16 Park Parade Harlesden NW10 4JH

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to **make representations** that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below. I am of the opinion that the risk to the objectives can be mitigated by removing the requested variations or attaching conditions to the Licence as shown below.

Officer: Nicola McDonald
PC 157QKLicensing Constable

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 the premises licence under section 34 of the Act.

The Police representations are primarily concerned with crime and disorder public nuisance and public safety.

The location of this shop is in an area that has been plagued with alcohol fuelled crime, disorder and anti social behaviour. This has caused the local safer neighbourhoods Police together with distressed local residents to recently successfully apply for a 6 months dispersal zone.

Although the London Borough of Brent is a controlled drinking zone, Street Drinkers continue to vacate roadside furniture in the vicinity of this shop to consume alcohol. This alcohol is purchased locally.

Police have not met with the applicant as he works in another shop he owns in Leeds. I have met with the designated premises supervisor and he

indicated to me he would use a serving hatch between the hours of midnight and 6AM, this does not promote the licensing objectives and would in effect cause more public nuisance in the middle of the night with customers shouting their orders through the hatch in addition to more verbal noise from the queue that would develop in the street. This is detrimental to the local residents.

In part P of the application under the prevention of crime and disorder the applicant stated 'criminal activity is prevented as we have staff patrolling the shop floor', it goes on to read under public safety that 'we also have two members of staff working in the shop at all times'. Neither of these procedures was witnessed by me during a visit to the shop on 28th July 2012 when the DPS was working alone in the shop positioned behind the counter operating the cash register.

More accessibility to alcohol in this area during times of the night when Police and other emergency resources are stretched will not promote the licensing objectives.

Yours sincerely

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