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**Police Representation to the application to vary the Premises Licence for
'Anglo Asian Cash & carry' 537 High road, Wembley, HA0 2DJ**

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and **I wish to make further representations** that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Council's Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

I am of the opinion that the risk to the Council's objectives can be mitigated by removing the requested variations or attaching conditions to the Licence as shown below.

Officer: Nicola McDonald

PC 157QK Licensing 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.

Since the initial police representations were made the applicant has not made any response.

In addition the following has been brought to my attention and Police are making further representations to conditions 7 & 8 being removed from the premises licence.

On 10th March 2013 the Local Joint Action group met. The LJAG consists of local Police, Fire Brigade, several departments with Brent Council (community safety, housing, licensing, and environmental services) Homeless concern, Addiction and Out Reach workers. The agenda was to discuss an action plan to reduce anti social behaviour and crime caused by Street drinkers and rough sleepers around the area of Ealing Road/Harrow Road/High Road Wembley and the surrounding rear service roads and grave yards.

Outreach workers took immediate action and every Monday visited the area and engaged with the street drinkers. Several persons have been given shelter. It became obvious to the workers that the availability of alcohol was a major contribution to the area being a hot spot for rough sleeping and anti social behaviour. Environmental teams cleared the area of all the rubbish and human waste. Local Police increased foot patrols in the service roads and a zero tolerance approach to the controlled drinking zone.

In May 2013 discussions took place with the businesses behind High Road Wembley in an attempt to have a gate erected to prevent the Street drinkers gaining access to the back of the premises. This was received with some negativity from some businesses as it would cause confusion with deliveries. Businesses were concerned that they would lose business due to hygiene issues around the area.

During the summer this work continued. Several entries were made at tasking group meetings. One in particular from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Officer on 7th August in the alley at the rear of Anglo Asian Cash & Carry. He approached a group of rough sleepers drinking High strength beers having a 'party' to celebrate 'Selliah's' birthday.

Research from Out Reach describes the area as somewhat unique. The hotspot is a revolving door for homeless Tamil's who here about the area from 'friends' and spend all day drinking. The Tamil's approached are totally unaware that there is help out there for them. A Tamil speaking Volunteer is now working with Out Reach.

On 27th August police Officers from the Wembley Central Safer neighbour Team discovered that Off licences in the area were paying the Street drinkers with either money or alcohol to clean the rear service roads..

During August Brent Police Licensing were tasked to contact the Off licenses and enforce the licensing legislation around selling to drunks and the Controlled drinking Zone. Both PC Lewis-Evans and I visited the off licences and during one visit on 10th September at 9.30AM a habitual street drinker attempted to purchase high strength beer.

This area where Anglo Asian Cash & Carry is situated has current alcohol related problems. There is a vast amount of resources being directed to regenerate the neighbourhood and support public safety, prevention of crime and disorder, and prevent public nuisance. It would be detrimental to the licensing objectives at this time to remove conditions 7 and 8 from this premises licence.

Yours Sincerely

Nicola McDonald PC157QK
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