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To: Business Licence

Subject: Objection to alcohol license for 189 East Lane

Dear Council

There is a significant history of street drinkers causing issues in and around 189 East Lane. There must be 100s of CAD numbers for the Sudbury SNT - this is one of the main topics at the SNT ward panel meetings! I have requested these from the police but as I was only told about making the objection today and the police have not responded yet hopefully you can speak to them directly.

I object on the following grounds:

- ◆ Prevention of crime and disorder
- ◆ Public nuisance
- ◆ Public Safety

There is a history of there being street drinking and ASB in the area, near and about this shop, and this can not be denied - see all the hard evidence from the police. The situation is so bad the leader of the council came down to the area, witnessed several issues and was appalled by the amount of casual street drinking. It caused a street bench to be removed by Amar Dave's team as there was so many street drinkers! The issue is acknowledged by several residents, the head of planning and strategy in the council, the leader of the council, all local councillors, the ASB Localities Officer, the residents association (STRA), the police, the SNT team, and the Sudbury ward panel - do not think there is many people left! [Prevention of crime and disorder, Public nuisance].

If the license is to be granted then provisions need to be put in place by the owner of this shop and land owner that they help tackle the issues and not exacerbate them - including the major street drinking zone behind the shop. A large number of street drinkers in the area are Eastern European and perhaps the shop owner can help with outreach and ensure that alcohol sold from their shop, if they get a license, does not result in street drinking or men loitering on the streets. There has been some occasions where street drinkers have been drinking with or conversing with staff at the shop - this should not be allowed and a condition of the license, if granted. As a way of making some progress to this agreement, no high strength alcohol should be sold at the premises - this fuels a lot of street drinking, and provisions need to be put in place so that drinkers do not loiter outside the shop or in the street. The new canopy should not provide shelter for street drinkers for example - this used to be a major problem at 191 East Lane before the canopy was removed, not need to revisit old problems.

A number of female residents have also raised concerns about drunk men in and around this shop staring at them inappropriately (not staff at the shop). Again I highlight that this is something the shop could help with through outreach by educating customers that this is wholly unacceptable if they purchase alcohol or food from the store.

This could be an opportunity for the shop to engage more closely with local community to help resolve existing issues.

Finally, I highlight that there are many local schools close by and they do not need to be subjected to even more street drinkers in the local area - esp. if they are drinking on the street and drinking high strength alcohol. Also, does alcohol need to be sold so early in the morning? Surely this encourages street drinkers, ASB, public nuisance, etc - there should be goodwill shown by the shop owner to scale back on the times they can sell alcohol, we do not want to see drunk men troubling students as they walk to school.