

**Parminder Seyan**

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**From:** Austen Young  
**Sent:** 29 March 2016 14:43  
**To:** 'Gui Chipchase'  
**Cc:** Parminder Seyan  
**Subject:** Representation - SMAK, 77 Market Street

Dear Mr Chipchase

On behalf of the licensing authority, I submit an objection to this application on the grounds that granting this licence would undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, and the prevention of public nuisance.

The premises are currently under investigation by Hertfordshire Trading Standards, and there is a pending prosecution. The date for this trial has been set as 26 April, which unfortunately is after the end of the consultation period.

While there is a pending prosecution for breaches of regulatory legislation, the licensing authority do not believe that they can exercise any degree of trust in the management of this premises to comply with the terms of any alcohol licence which may be granted.

This area of Market Street is covered by our Sensitive Licensing Area policy due to historic issues of anti-social behaviour, including alcohol-related anti-social behaviour. The licensing authority do not want to risk undoing the efforts of the council and the Police which have gone into this area and in trying to address the anti-social behaviour issues by granting a licence to a premises who can not prove at this time that they are a responsible operation.

Regards

Austen

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