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Your Ref: 17/01452/PRE
New Premises License 274A St Albans Road

Dear Mr Young,

Thank you for your letter of 20 November 2017 in relation to the license application of the above for "Sale of alcohol (for consumption both on and off the premises)".

I would like to make representation and object to this application on grounds of impact on crime, public safety, public nuisance and child protection.

1. **Crime and disorder:** In this area, we already experience incidences of disorder and antisocial behaviour from individuals under the influence of alcohol. This includes defacing and damaging shopfronts, scratches and breakage of windows and throwing food and other waste on the pavements and the road. Our shop front glass was smashed with a bottle of alcoholic drink and we often find beer bottles and cans (with fluid inside – beer or other???) on the pavement in the vicinity (from Balmoral Rd junction to Windsor Road and also in the car park opposite on the corner of The Harebreaks). There are also spirit bottles from time to time and are often smashed on the pavement.

Whilst the license-holder cannot be held responsible for conduct of individuals once they leave the premises, the greater availability "for consumption on and off the premises" over the day from 11:00 to 23:30 is only going to increase the rate of above events.

2. **Public safety:** As described above there are often bottles of beer or spirits in the vicinity of 274 St Albans Road, on the pavement. These are sometimes smashed on the pavement which is a safety issue. Provision of greater availability "for consumption on and off the premises" over the day from 11:00 to 23:30 is going to increase such events.
3. **Prevention of public nuisance:** The proposed hours of operation of the license (as early as 11:00 and as late as 23:30) will have potential negative impact both during office hours (from drunken individuals coming in) and also negative impact late in the evening with few people being around to challenge antisocial behaviour and glass breakage. There is already food litter which gets worst on bin collection days. This can only get worst with provision of such a license.

We do not wish to impact the business of the applicant – they seem to be doing very well which is indeed great, in fact we are ourselves regular clients. We are however concerned about impact of such a license on

Crime and disorder and on Public safety. It is also likely to increase litter and public nuisance and have a negative impact on other local businesses.

As such, please take this letter as an objection to the application and we would urge the council to consider the impact on the area very carefully.

Yours sincerely,

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