

WATFORD LICENSING AUTHORITY
Licensing Act 2003.

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

Responsible Authority (please delete as applicable):

Police - On behalf of The Chief Constable

Your Name	Simon Mason
Job Title	Police Sergeant 1952
Postal and email address	Community Safety Unit, Watford Police Station, Watford, Herts WD17 1DD
Contact telephone number	01923 472938

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Diamonds & Strings (formerly Beavers)
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	9 Market Street, Watford, WD18 0PA

<i>Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?</i>	<i>Yes Or No</i>	<i>Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary</i>
To prevent crime and disorder	Yes	<p>An application to vary a premises licence has been made for Diamonds & Strings (formerly Beavers), 9 Market Street, Watford to extend their closing times on Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays for the Performance of Live Music, Recorded Music, Late Night Refreshment (and open an hour earlier as well for these performances) requesting closing time until 04:00hrs, and alcohol sales until 03:30hrs on those days.</p> <p>The current Premises Licence states their closing times are 03:00 except for Mondays and Tuesdays which is 02:30hrs.</p> <p>Our concerns relate to the extension of the existing operating hours and the problems this would undoubtedly generate increasing crime and disorder. Members of the public leaving other night time economy venues will potentially wish to extend their evening by entering Diamonds & Strings to continue drinking alcohol.</p> <p>An increase in customers due to the potential of late night drinking will create issues at 04:00hrs. Police officers will then have two venues at conflicting ends of the town centre closing at this time. This will seriously influence the ability of the police to ensure the safe dispersal of the public away from the town centre.</p> <p>Extended alcohol sales until 03:30hrs would turn Diamonds and Strings into the latest alcohol sales venue in the town centre. We see elongating the evening in this manner with the premises being away from our cluster of NTE venues as nothing other than an unrequired strain and police resources.</p> <p>If the requested extensions were to be agreed, members of the public would begin to see Diamonds and Strings as a late night</p>
Public Nuisance	Yes	
Public Safety	Yes	

	<p>drinking establishment instead of a SEV. This premises SEV ethos would be weakened by the public's perception and effectively become another late night bar. An overall increase in the lateness of our NTE and setting later night closing precedence's would increase ASB and criminality and begin to deviate from the Police and local authorities priorities.</p> <p>This application also falls outside of the Licensing Objectives for the Council.</p> <p>Hertfordshire Constabulary currently provide considerable police resources to preventing crime and disorder in the town centre on Friday and Saturday evenings as well as specific events and some Mondays and an extension would mean we have to provide additional resources to manage those in the town and this would affect our ability to effectively tackle crime and disorder.</p> <p>We also have to consider services which support the Night Time Economy (NTE). Good dispersal from an NTE is vital to prevent disorder.</p> <p>In summary we feel if this were to be granted it would be detrimental to policing in Watford and the community in its entirety.</p> <p>This therefore raises strong concerns of how this would impact the wider community in terms of increased Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Disorder.</p> <p>The Constabulary have concerns regarding this application and accordingly on behalf of the Chief Constable I represent against it.</p>
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<p>Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary and refer to checklist.</p>	
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Signed: PS 1952 Mason

Date: 29th Dec 2014

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to: Watford Licensing Authority, Town Hall, Watford, Herts WD17 3EX, or email to envhealth@watford.gov.uk

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