

WATFORD LICENSING AUTHORITY
Licensing Act 2003.

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

Responsible Authority (please delete as applicable):

Police - On behalf of The Chief Constable

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Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Seu Café
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	26 Vicarage Road, Watford, WD18 0EH

<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	An application has been received for a new Premises Licence for Seu Café, 26 Vicarage Road, Watford requesting both On and Off sales of alcohol.
To prevent public nuisance	Yes	We have spoken to the applicant and informed them that we do not oppose the sale of alcohol between 12:00 – 22:00, close at 23:00 for On sales of alcohol. However, we have informed the applicant that we shall be submitting a representation against those hours for Off sales of alcohol.
Public safety	Yes	<p>If a Pavement Licence is granted for this premises our concerns would be with regards to the drinking of alcohol in a pavement area which has many issues relating to Street Drinkers causing Anti-Social Behaviour. This is a residential and business area which has constant foot traffic, and therefore it is not a suitable location for alcohol to be consumed outside as it has the potential to increase Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance.</p> <p>In this precinct there is street furniture already in place which is one of the places where the current and historical street drinkers sit, to have alcohol consumed at Seu Café's exterior table and chairs would make it difficult to further manage and may cause an increase in challenging behaviour between the street drinkers and members of the public eating and drinking outside the premises, causing businesses in the area to rely on the police to defuse and resolve these incidences.</p> <p>We support the council's intention to apply for a PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) for the churchyard and allowing the Off Sales of alcohol from Seu Café would undermine the work we are trying to achieve by supporting joint partnerships and working with other agencies to combat ASB.</p>

	<p>We can evidence ASB reports which are related to the surrounding roads around Vicarage Road. The following roads are all within a short distance from each other and generate a large amount of predominantly ASB incidents; Vicarage Road, Cassio Road, Whippendell Road, Park Ave, Harwoods Road, Farraline Road, Addiscombe Road/Fearnley Street & Victoria Passage. On interrogating our systems there are a total of 1,131 calls made to police since 2013 and a large amount of these are ASB related crimes. The location is also within a short distance from a local homeless shelter.</p> <p>The Seu Café becoming an On/Off sales premises would change the character of the premises and make it similar to a bar/café which is not in keeping with the increasing issues in the area. In this ASB hotspot this would be detrimental to what we are trying to achieve within the local area. Together with the Council we are trying to alleviate current issues and not create more.</p> <p>On match days visiting fans could gain the impression that Seu Café is a bar where they can purchase alcohol and use the precinct as a beer garden, causing litter and noise issues. On the issue of noise, allowing people to drink in any pavement licence area may mean that people stay there for longer, therefore increasing the potential for noise and nuisance. If they have to remain inside to consume the alcohol with their meal then the noise is contained inside the premises.</p> <p>By allowing alcohol to be sold and consumed off these premises, any business that replaces Seu Café in the future will inherit this licence and although each application is considered on its own merits, in this area with its current problems this is of a major concern to us.</p> <p>Management at the Seu café were spoken to recently with regards to the possibility that they have sold alcohol without any licence since Christmas.</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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