

**WATFORD LICENSING AUTHORITY**  
**Licensing Act 2003.**

**REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES**

**Responsible Authority** (please delete as applicable):

Police - On behalf of The Chief Constable

<b>Your Name</b>	1162 Luke Mitchell
<b>Job Title</b>	Licensing Sergeant
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<b>Name of the premises you are making a representation about</b>	Watford Convenience Store
<b>Address of the premises you are making a representation about</b>	10 Market Street, Watford, Herts WD18 0PD

<b><i>Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?</i></b>	<b><i>Yes Or No</i></b>	<b><i>Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary</i></b>
<b>To prevent crime and disorder</b>	Yes	<p>An application has been received for a new Premises Licence by Watford Convenience Store, 10 Market Street, Watford for them <b>to sell alcohol from 09:00hrs – 00:00 Monday to Sunday and open from 07:00hrs – 00:00 Monday to Sunday.</b></p> <p>The premises is located within the Sensitive Licensing Area of the Council Licensing Policy (LP4) and is also part of a busy 'Family Friendly' Town Centre. Selling alcohol until 00:00hrs could increase the volume in customers seeking to pre-load with alcohol before going on to on-licensed premises. These customers could purchase convenient sized bottles that could then be taken in to other premises within the town. There is a risk of an increase in crime and disorder when there is an opportunity for members of the public to pre-load. It would also facilitate the possibility of persons leaving the town later on to purchase alcohol and continue drinking outside/on the way home resulting no doubt in crime, disorder or disruption to local residents in Cassio Road/Merton Road onwards.</p> <p>Market Street has had a historical problem with regards to street drinkers resulting in complaints from businesses and residents, daytime and evening, regarding Anti-Social Behaviour. This is a continued major concern for us, local residents and businesses at this present time. In this ASB hotspot this would be detrimental to what we are trying to achieve in the area. Together with the Council, we aim to alleviate current issues and not create more.</p> <p>A local business in Market Street has historically suffered in relation to street drinkers sitting outside on their steps, making it difficult and sometimes impossible for them to enter their place of work, and street drinkers causing associated ASB issues. Police have worked hard to improve this and other issues, and support local businesses positively to ensure variance of</p>
<b>Public Safety</b>	Yes	
<b>To prevent public nuisance</b>	Yes	

businesses remain in the town and do not suffer public nuisance.

Having looked at this application, the police were in a position to suggest alternative times and conditions, however the applicant was not in agreement with the below proposals, therefore I have had to submit this representation.

**Police Licensing Proposals are:**

- **Alc sales 09:00hrs – 21:00 Mon to Sun**
- **Opening hours 07:00hrs – 21:00 Mon to Sun**
  
- **No single cans or bottles of beer, lager or cider are to be sold at the premises. The minimum quantity which may be purchased at any time shall be a pack of 4.**
- **No super strength beers, lagers or ciders of more than 5.5% ABV shall be sold at the premises.**
- **No sales of miniature or quarter bottles of spirits of any kind.**
- **The Premises Licence holder shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system to the satisfaction of Hertfordshire Constabulary. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open to customers. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum of 31 days. Recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of police or an authorised officer of the council throughout the preceding 31 day period.**
- **A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premise is open to the public. This staff member shall be able to show police recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.**
- **At least one camera shall be installed and maintained to cover the rear yard of the premises.**
- **There shall be a personal licence holder on duty on the premises at all times when the premises are authorised to sell alcohol.**
- **The Premises Licence holder shall ensure all staff are trained to prevent underage sales of alcohol. All staff training shall be recorded and updated every six months and these records shall be readily available for inspection by any authorised officer of a responsible authority (as defined by the Licensing Act 2003).**
- **Staff training in the identification procedure will be carried out every six months.**
- **The Premises Licence holder shall keep a log of all refused sales of alcohol, and such records to be kept at the premises for at least twelve months and made immediately available for inspection by an authorised officer of a responsible authority. The register shall be inspected on a regular basis by the DPS, and signed to say the DPS has checked the**

register. At least 12 months' worth of refusal register details shall be retained and made available upon request by an authorised officer.

- There shall be no promotional sales of alcohol at the premises where alcohol is sold at a price lower than that at which the same or similar alcoholic drinks are sold, or usually sold, on the premises.
- Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and leave the area quietly.
- Challenge 25 policy is adopted on the premises at all times and signage shall be prominently displayed on the premises.
- Clearly visible signage is to be displayed at the entrances and at points of sale indicating it is illegal to sell alcohol to people under the age of 18.
- The premises holder and the DPS will work closely with the police to identify and restrict the sale of alcohol to street drinkers, or persons known to be intoxicated.
- There shall be no self-service of spirits on the premises.
- All sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only, and shall not be consumed on the premises.
- Prominent signage indicating the premises hours for the sale of alcohol shall be displayed so as to be visible before entering the premises, where alcohol is on public display, and at the point of sale.
- Outside of hours authorised for the sale of alcohol, all alcohol within the trading area is to be secured behind locked grills/screens or secured behind locked cabinet doors to the satisfaction of the police or licensing authority.
- Acceptable identification accepted by the premises licence holder, DPS or other staff member shall be a passport, photo driving licence or PASS accredited identity card.

In summary we feel if this were to be granted it would be detrimental to policing in Watford and the community in its entirety.

This therefore raises strong concerns of how this would impact the wider community in terms of increased Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime and Disorder.

The Constabulary have concerns regarding this application and accordingly on behalf of the Chief Constable I represent against it.

**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.**

Signed: PS 1162 Luke Mitchell

Date: 15/9/17

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](mailto:envhealth@watford.gov.uk)

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