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Sent: 13 September 2022 18:07

To: Parminder Seyan <Parminder.Seyan@watford.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Objection re. Application for a new alcohol licence for SSSFood & Drinks 98 Queens Rd WD17 2NX - address to be confirmed

Dear Parminder

Re Amended Licence Application - 98 Queens Road, Watford

In regard to the changes to the application and the proposed 19 Police conditions, my original objections still stand and I would be grateful that my objections be considered in full including the following.

The previous café at 98 Queens Rd, usually closed early evening. I do not think any families/residents living nearby would be happy with a new business staying open till 11pm, creating extra traffic and noise.

Regarding Police conditions 8 and 9. I am not convinced that the shop staff would be able to enforce them.

Over recent years street drinkers continued to openly and noisily consume alcohol in Derby Rd despite there being official signage a few feet away from them banning drinking in that area.

On another note. I am not aware if there has been an amended plan of the premises put forward.

Are the original toilet and hand washing facilities still going to be available for staff use to maintain a level of hygiene, or are they being removed? If not the plan and measurements are incorrect.

If they are correct, this is still an extremely small area from which to run an internet and off sales business from without constantly being restocked.

Regards

Stanley Road WD17 2QU

----- Original Message -----

From: "Parminder Seyan" <Parminder.Seyan@watford.gov.uk>

To: >

Sent: Thursday, 8 Sep, 2022 At 16:54

Subject: RE: Objection re. Application for a new alcohol licence for SSSFood & Drinks 98 Queens Rd WD17 2NX - address to be confirmed

Dear

Thank you for confirming the address, this validates your representations and will be forwarding to Mr Mercer the legal representative.

I am not sure whether you have gone through the amended hours and the 19 Police conditions agreed by the applicant and would like to know whether these amended hours and police conditions mitigate your concerns and would appreciate if you could let us know the status of your objections before the 14 September 2022.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Parminder Seyan

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From]

Sent: 08 September 2022 16:06

To: Parminder Seyan <Parminder.Seyan@watford.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Objection re. Application for a new alcohol licence for SSSFood & Drinks 98 Queens Rd WD17 2NX - address to be confirmed

Parminder

My apologies and thanks for the reminder.

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Will this suffice or do you require my address to be added to original objection and resent?

Kind regards

On 8 Sep 2022, at 15:32, Parminder Seyan <Parminder.Seyan@watford.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear

I write further to my email of 26 August 2022.

As mentioned earlier 'Other Persons' cannot make representations anonymously and it is important before I forward your objections to the applicant's legal representative, that they are provided with an opportunity to address comments raised by yourselves. Licensing Authority needs to be satisfied that the person making the representations is not being frivolous or vexatious.

In addition to the above, as you have expressed an interest in the above application, I just wanted to update yourselves with regards to this application.

We have received an email from the legal representative for Sheetal Mohammad of SSS Food & Drinks Ltd confirming that the client has made some further amendments to their premises licence application as follows:

Opening hours 08:00 – 23:00 hours Monday – Sunday

Off sale of alcohol 08:00 – 23:00 hours Monday – Sunday

The internet business will be 24 hours a day for order & delivery.

Any deliveries after these hours will be dealt with by their existing premises license at Yellow Box in Ascot Road Watford

Furthermore, please note, there shall be no public access at the premises SSS Food & Drinks between the hours of 23:00 – 08:00 hours and that all despatching and deliveries of alcohol will be from an existing licensed premises at Yellow Box (Storage in Ascot Road) between 23:00 hours - 08:00 hours.

The applicant has also agreed to the 19 conditions proposed by the Police (see attached) and also agreed the hours that members of the public can enter the premises i.e. between the hours of 08:00 – 23:00 Monday - Sunday. Please note, the attached conditions will form part of any licence if granted.

As objections have been received, I am in the process of arranging a Licensing Sub Committee hearing to determine this application. I will be in contact at a later date to confirm the details of this hearing. In the meantime, if you feel that the attached conditions and the amended hours do address your concerns satisfactorily, please let me know in writing. If you feel that your concerns have not been addressed and your objections still stand, I would be grateful if you could confirm

your address and allow us to identify as to who made the representations, in writing before the 14.9.2022 and this would then validate your objections.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself as shown.

Kind Regards

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From: Parminder Seyan

Sent: 26 August 2022 10:54

To: '

Subject: RE: Objection re. Application for a new alcohol licence for SSSFood & Drinks 98 Queens Rd WD17 2NX

Dear

I acknowledge receipt of your objections with regards to the above premises licence application. As they are valid objections I will be forwarding them to Mr Mercer the legal representative for the above premises licence application.

I have noticed that you have not provided us with your address details. It is a requirement under the Licensing Act 2003 for local authorities to provide to the applicant the copies of all representations/objections made in relation to an application, therefore the content of any objection you may choose to make, including the name and address, will be disclosed. Furthermore your details will also be included within any public report to a Licensing Sub Committee which is arranged to hear this application, except in very specific circumstances where there could be intimidation or violence (refer below 9.26 – 9.30). If you believe there are exceptional circumstances which justify your personal details being withheld from the applicant please advise the licensing section of this at your earliest convenience.

In the public interest of transparency and openness, a copy of the objection is sent to the applicant, as the applicant should be fully aware of the person who has made the objections to the application. I would like you to refer to the following Sections of the Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 which clearly states:

Disclosure of personal details making representations:

9.26 Where a notice of a hearing is given to an applicant, the licensing authority is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations that have been made.

9.27 In exceptional circumstances, persons making representations to the licensing authority may be reluctant to do so because of fears of intimidation or violence if their personal details, such as name and address, are divulged to the applicant.

9.28 Where licensing authorities consider that the person has a genuine and well-founded fear of intimidation and may be deterred from making a representation on this basis, they may wish to consider alternative approaches.

9.29 For instance, they could advise the persons to provide the relevant responsible authority with details of how they consider that the licensing objectives are being undermined so that the responsible authority can make representations if appropriate and justified.

9.30 The licensing authority may also decide to withhold some or all of the person's personal details from the applicant, giving only minimal details (such as street name or general location within a street). However, withholding such details should only be considered where the circumstances justify such action.

The consultation for this application closes on 14 September 2022. If you do wish to object and for your objections to be accepted, please let me have your details i.e. address by this date and no later. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the licensing team.

Kind Regards

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From

Sent: 25 August 2022 16:46

To: Licensing (Watford) <licensing@watford.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection re. Application for a new alcohol licence for SSSFood & Drinks 98 Queens Rd
WD17 2NX

**Re: Application for a new licence for SSS Food & Drinks, 98 Queens Road, Watford
WD17 2NX**

I wish to lodge my strong objection to the granting of a licence to the above premises.

This area of Central Watford for many years has witnessed problems deriving from alcohol and drug misuse. There is no need for yet another shop that would make it easier for people to access alcohol when they are trying their hardest to give it up.

There are more than enough licenced premises in this part of The Broadway and Queens Rd.

Crime and Disorder.

Opening yet another establishment that provides off sale alcohol in Queens Road will only exacerbate the anti-social and criminal behaviour local residents experience on a regular occurrence. In particular an off licence that is only closed for 2 hours Fri and Sat nights. and 5 hours on Sun to Thurs nights. ‘.....walk in customers 06.00 to 01.00 Sunday to Thursday and 06.00 to 04.00 Friday & Saturdays.’ Section 17, p 10)

Public Safety.

There are double yellow line road and kerb markings (no loading or unloading at any time) along the stretch of road outside shop which is sited on a very busy and sometimes dangerous 4-way junction.

Large and small vehicles will ignore these yellow lines and park outside to make stock deliveries to, and pick up orders from shop.

If motor cycles were to be used for deliveries, it is possible that they would mount and cross the pavement to park next to the shop due to the yellow lines on the road.

Parking in front of and near this shop will increase the danger to pedestrians and road users.

Drinkers in the area may congregate outside shop next door, making use of raised platform next to pavement as a seating and drinking area. Any noisy, boisterous anti-social behaviour may possibly cause pedestrians, including children on route to school to step into the road to avoid people drinking on narrow pavement.

Public Nuisance

Drinkers in the area may congregate outside shop next door, making use of raised platform as a seating and drinking area causing nuisance/disturbance to the residents of Tantivy Court (comprising approx. 22 flats) opposite, Victoria Court (comprising 9 flats) diagonally opposite and the residents above shops at 96, 98, 100 and the semi dettached house at 102 Queens Rd.

Pedestrians, including children on route to school may step into the road to avoid people drinking on the pavement near 98 Queens Rd.

In the application, it states. ‘*The long hours requested reflect the potential needs of the business, The website will be operational 24/7.*’

Delivery vehicles, however small, parking outside the shop, loading and then leaving, 24 hrs a day. will cause nuisance to the many neighbours near this shop. It would be more

appropriate for a 24hr delivery service to be situated on an industrial estate, not in a densely populated residential area.

The proposed hours of opening for walk in customers would be disturbing for neighbours. *'The intention is the shop is only open to walk in customers 06.00 to 01.00 Sunday to Thursday and 06.00 to 04.00 Friday & Saturdays.'* Section 17, p 10)

Poses Harm to children

Pedestrians, including children on route to school or town may have to step off the narrow pavement and into the busy road to avoid people congregating and drinking on the pavement outside or near 98 Queens Rd.

As a matter of interest, the basic plan attached to the application does not show the existing toilet area, is this going to be removed? If so, what will staff use?

On a serious note, I would like to bring your attention to the false claim and misrepresentation made in this application that, *'The shop is very isolated. with few residential neighbours.'* Section 18, p.11 This is untrue and if this licence were to be granted a large number of local residents would be affected.