

Austen Young

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Sent: 24 February 2014 15:36

To: Austen Young

Subject: Variation application by D&S Food and Wine 2 Market street

Austen, on reviewing the application for a variation to the current off license operated under by D& S Food and Wine , I have grave concerns as to the lifting of the prohibition preventing single sales of, beer ,larger, cider, by single cans or bottles and the requested variation by the D &S Food and Wine to sell quarter bottles and 'miniatures' containing intoxicating spirits.

My concerns are based on the evidence gathered from the historical interventions needed to be undertaken by the local authority and police in this location ('market street' Watford) to tackle the previous upsurge of high visibility street drinking and associated intoxicated ABS, fuelled by the ability of street drinkers access to single unit and quarter bottles, of alcohol, their preferred method of consumption.

To go against this effective preventative measure (of no single sales and no quarter miniature sprits) would be to my mind mind to go against the licensing objectives, as it would almost immediately lead to street drinkers becoming aware of the outlets unusual business practice and would, in my experience of dealing with such issues, be the cartelist for an upturn in ASB and alcohol related crime and disorder.

In relation to the additional request for the business to attain extend hours , I have no objection.

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