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Dear Mr Streeter

Application to vary the premises licence for Bootleggers, 76 Prince of Wales Road Norwich

I can confirm that we have received an application for Bootleggers, 76 Prince of Wales Road Norwich to vary the premises licence to extend the hours of opening to 4am Monday-Thursday and Sunday and for the premises to be able to have an alcohol delivery facility.

The Police wish to make representation to this variation following concerns in relation to crime and disorder at and in the vicinity of the premises. The shop is located in the heart of the night time economy zone where incidents occur and by opening later will encourage patrons to purchase more alcohol rather than dispersing.

It is acknowledged that the premises currently has a 4am licence on Friday and Saturdays however a SIA doorstaff are currently employed from 2300 hrs until finish and the area is policed with Public Order patrols. Statements from Public Order inspectors and officers will support the fact that the area becomes a flashpoint in the early hours of the morning.

Following discussions with the applicant, it is apparent that he does not feel it necessary for SIA door staff to be employed on other nights except Friday and Saturday mainly due to costs however this is when the potential risk for incidents to occur increases due to no visible Public order Police presence during this extension.

It is felt that the extension of hours requested would undermine the licensing objectives in that evidentially there is a significant likelihood of an increase in crime and disorder beyond the hours of 3am.

It is important to highlight an incident that occurred at 0212 hrs on the 23rd June 2012. An officer observed an extremely intoxicated male who was unable to stand up straight about to exit the shop in possession of a carrier bag full of alcohol. The male was later seen to stagger down Cathedral Street bouncing off several parked cars. The Police Officer highlighted the offence of selling to an intoxicated person to the shop assistant and SIA door supervisor and the door supervisor replied **"What do you expect; there are bars and clubs along here. People are drunk"**.

The shop assistant denied that the male appeared intoxicated during the purchase and the door supervisor continued to be rude and intimidating to the Police Officer even after the incident.

This incident supports the fact that the staff at the premises show a lack of understanding in relation to the Licensing Act and have been complacent with selling to intoxicated persons. There are concerns that this extension would increase crime and disorder if granted due to the potential risk of the premises selling to intoxicated persons.

Further intervention and advice is required before any extension of licence is given in order to ensure that the Police are satisfied that the premises is operating in accordance with the law.

The Police request the following:

- **The licensable hours and opening hours are to remain the same as the current premises licence**
- **Staff will be trained in relation to the sale of alcohol and a record of this training will be available on site to Police or Licensing Officer on request.**
- **Challenge 21 Policy will be in use.**
- **A CCTV system shall be installed and operating at all times when the premises is open for business and maintained in good working order. CCTV Footage will be recorded and stored for 28 days and be available on request to Police or Licensing Authority.**
- **There will be one SIA door supervisor employed from 2200 hrs until close on Friday and Saturday nights.**
- **A record of the SIA door supervisor's name, badge number, date and tour of duty will be kept on the premises and available to Police or Licensing Authority on request.**
- **Alcohol will not be supplied to public places – an address must be provided at all times**
- **Names, addresses and contact numbers of customers will be taken before delivery**
- **Anyone who receives a delivery of alcohol and appears to be intoxicated by alcohol or drugs or unable to confirm with ID that they are over 18 will be refused alcohol.**

With these proposals agreed, Police will have no objections.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Bartram
Licensing Officer