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Police Representation - Premises licence application - Lakers Chicken Unit 2a, 2-4 Eastern Road Romford RM1 3PJ

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of a Premises licence application for Lakers Chicken Unit 2a, 2-4 Eastern Road Romford RM1 3PJ which we received on the 10th November 2023.

The application states the venue wish to carry out **Late night refreshment** on:-

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Sunday between 1100 - 0200 hours & Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1100 - 0500 hours.

On behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, consideration has been given to this application and Police object to the application in its current format under the following licensing objectives:-

Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety & the Prevention of Public Nuisance

Police have concerns that a venue operating until 0500 hours will result in crime and disorder, risk to public safety and anti-social behaviour (ASB).

The application doesn't appear to address the fact that the venue will be within the Romford Town cumulative impact zone (CIZ) and the terminal times in the application are beyond Havering Council's Licensing policy of 0100 hours. No research appears to have been completed by the applicant around these issues and no engagement with the Police was carried out by the applicant prior to the application being submitted.

Romford Town Centre has the biggest day and night time economy in Havering & the venue will be situated in the town centre opposite Romford train station which is used by large amounts of people either attending Romford or travelling into London for work & leisure purposes. The venue will also be in close proximity to other licensed venues.

Having a venue operating until 0500 hours will attract customers after all other licensed venues have closed and will lead to large alcohol fuelled crowds to congregate and loiter in a small area which will likely cause disturbances & crime and disorder. This will in turn cause the safety of the public to be at risk because of violent crime and the injuries associated with such offences. Over recent years Police have experienced issues with crowds and disorder, which has involved persons intoxicated and becoming violent as a result.

In addition a venue opening until 0500 hours will result in alcohol fuelled customers loitering around the venue and resulting anti-social behaviour will cause a public nuisance for example to those arriving or leaving Romford Rail station around 0500 hours for work.

Romford Town has a dedicated Town Centre Team who are very proactive in tackling crime and disorder. Having a venue open till 0500 hours will, without doubt, place an even bigger responsibility on Police around the time of dispersal of another venue nearby.

In conclusion, Police believe a venue with a terminal time of 0500 hours will lead to crime and disorder, risk to public safety & public nuisance and at this time cannot support this application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Stockman'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

PC Chris Stockman - East Area Licensing Team