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Station Road Upminster RM14 2SJ
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Subject: ACE Coffee & Bagel 1 Station Road Upminster RM14 2SJ

Dear Licensing Authority

In relation to the application received by Police on 27/04/2020 for **ACE Coffee & Bagel 1 Station Road Upminster RM14 2SJ**, Police would like to object to this application, the licensing objectives that Police are objecting under are Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Section 5 of the application states that the venue will be a café/Pizzeria.

Section 18 of the application proposes no condition further to alcohol supplies being restricted as ancillary to a table meal. We might therefore find that if the application is granted as submitted the premises could immediately operate as public house providing alcohol for vertical consumption.

Violent crime in Havering occurs disproportionately during the 10pm-2am period, during and following a Friday and Saturday night. This includes almost 1 in 4 assault with injury offences (Actual Bodily Harm) and a third of serious assaults (Grievous Bodily Harm). Furthermore, 1 in 5 sexual offences occur during this period. A disproportionate amount of violent crime and disorder within Havering continues to take place over the weekend from 9pm-3am (74%). Ultimately, if they continue with the application as it is and the condition of alcohol supplies will be ancillary to a table meal is not added how will the venue Police any issues as there is no mention of SIA trained door staff or any security measures barring CCTV. The Police fully understand that the applicant will argue the venue is simply a café/Pizzeria but if the license is granted, as is proposed the applicant can trade as a vertical drinking establishment with no security therefore causing further concerns with it comes to crime and disorder.

Correspondence was sent to the applicant's assigned licensing consultant on the 27/04/2020 stating:

"After looking through the application the attached the form describes the premises as a 'Café/pizzeria'; however, your client has declined to propose a condition whereby alcohol supplies will be ancillary to a

table meal. Additionally, the application requires on and off alcohol supplies, can these two points be addressed and clarified please?"

Police received no response to this the email raising concerns that his was ignored to allow the venue to operate as a public house. The area the applicant wishes to trade in already has a number of Public Houses in a small space and this could potentially add to further anti-social behaviour and violent crime in the area.

If the license is granted, as it is the Police feel that this could lead to the venue and surrounding pedestrian area becoming over-crowded, for example, drinkers waiting to gain entry or at the end of the evening members of the public waiting for taxis outside could force pedestrians to walk in the road. In addition, large numbers of already intoxicated people congregating could easily lead to Anti-social behaviour and an increase in violent crime.

The location of the venue is in the middle of Upminster town centre with a number of other licensed venues very close. A busy transport hub and large busy train station are only a short distance from the venue. The fact that the applicant appears to have placed minimal thought around the issue of Public nuisance, shows that the applicant does not appear to have much knowledge or experience around the licensed trade, the licensing objectives or the area they are proposing to trade in.

They have not demonstrated that by granting of the proposed license the venue will not negatively affect the licensing objectives namely Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance. I would be objecting to the application under these objectives.

The application has not addressed the following possible issues, measures to minimise the noise caused by patrons outside the premises, details of dispersal policies, will there be an area for patrons to use whilst waiting for taxis? If the operation of the venue will attract additional litter such as food cartons or publicity flyers, what measures will be put in place to deal with this?

I also have concerns with regards to noise nuisance as the premises is located in an area where there are some residential properties and dispersal of patrons at the terminal hours of the application could lead to noise disturbances.

Nothing in the application so far gives me confidence that the above-mentioned concerns have been addressed or even taken into consideration.

The Police at this time do not have confidence that the venue will run efficiently in accordance with the requested licence conditions.

Yours sincerely,



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