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Your ref: Premises License Variation, Hot &  
Tasty Chicken

Date: 17/02/2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Objection to Premises License variation – Hot & Tasty Chicken**

Police acknowledge receipt of an application for a premises licence variation for Hot & Tasty Chicken 140 SOUTH STREET, ROMFORD, RM1 1TE, received on 21/12/2022. The applicant is Mr Ali DEMIR, their license number is: 18839.

They are seeking to extend the hours in which they can carry out the 2 licensable activities within their license, these are: Late Night Refreshments and Recorded music.

The current times to these are as follows:

Recorded music

Monday to Wednesday - 11:00 to 01:00

Thursday to Saturday - 11:00 to 02:00

Sunday - 11:00 to 00:00

On Sundays preceding bank holiday Mondays, Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve - 11:00 to 02:00

Late night refreshment

Monday to Wednesday - 23:00 to 01:00

Thursday to Saturday - 23:00 to 02:00

Sunday - 23:00 to 00:00

On Sundays preceding bank holiday Mondays, Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve - 23:00 to 02:00

**The hours they are applying to extend their licensable activities to are as follows:**

Late Night Refreshment:

Thursday to Saturday from 23:00 to 05:00

Monday to Wednesday from 23:00 to 03:00

Sunday from 23:00 to 01:00

Recorded Music and Opening Hours:

Thursday to Saturday from 11:00 to 05:00

Monday to Wednesday from 11:00 to 03:00

Sunday from 11:00 to 01:00

In relation to the application received **Metropolitan Police** would like to object to the application. The licensing objectives that Police are objecting under are as follows: Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Romford Town Centre has the biggest day and night time economy in Havering. The venue is situated in the centre of the main transport hub for the borough where there is Romford train station, numerous bus stops and areas for people to congregate. There is also a large cab office in the same row of shops which is open 24 hours ferrying people from the clubs and bars home. This transport hub can be the busiest part of South Street as it attracts hundreds of commuters whether for business or leisure.

There have been a large number of incidents in the last few months in or around the venue later in the evening and in the early hours of the morning, these are:

**CAD 6639 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 - 2010 hours**

Caller stating a group of about 20 children were refusing to leave Hot & Tasty. The children were giving hand gestures of "I am going to kill you" towards staff. Police earlier attended and the group left later on.

**CAD 8025 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 2224 hours**

Caller stating a customer was threatening staff and had something hidden whilst saying he was going to staff. Police attended and was a civil dispute over free food. Area search carried out for the male involved.

**CAD 201 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - 0040 hours**

Caller stating two people were fighting outside Hot & Tasty with one of them holding something in his hand. Police attended and area search completed but no trace of the males fighting.

**CAD 8265 & 5412043/22 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - 2333 hours**

Police attended outside Hot & Tasty to a call stating a male had threatened a lady with a baby. Suspect was stopped and was very drunk and was swearing and being loud. He had earlier been racially abusive to a member of the public and was arrested.

**5415260/22 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 - 2340 hours**

Police attended outside Hot & Tasty and the venue next door where a verbal argument was taking place. Parties involved were dispersed and one suspect began being aggressive and started to shout and swear causing a disturbance. Arrested for being drunk and disorderly due to his behaviour and him being highly intoxicated. Later issued with a penalty notice.

**CAD 7620 & 5416790/22 on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 - 2210 hours**

Caller stating there was a boy kicking off in Hot & Tasty and had blood on his hands and was giving abuse and had been physical by smashing glass. Police attended the venue and spoke with staff who advised that he just hit the window and not smashed it. Male later arrested for a public order offence.

**5417283/22 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 - 2200 hours**

Police were called to o/s Hot & Tasty to a fight involving three males. Some of those involved left the scene and others were given a dispersal order.

**CAD 281 & 5418356/22 on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - 0103 hours**

A loud verbal altercation could be heard by an officer on crime scene and an employee of Hot & Tasty approached stating that two different groups had an altercation inside the chicken shop and as a result a wooden internal door had become damaged.

Given the times of the above incidents, keeping this venue open later and attracting custom after all the pubs and clubs in close proximity have closed will cause large alcohol fuelled crowds to congregate and loiter in a small area which will likely cause disturbances, crime and disorder. Which will in turn cause the safety of the public to be at risk because of violent crime and injuries that often come with violent crime. Over recent years, the council and the Metropolitan Police have worked closely with McDonald's, which is situated around 50 metres from Hot & Tasty Chicken, whereby they were having issues with crowds and disorder, due to being open after Atik nightclub had shut. They volunteered to close earlier than Atik, avoiding people loitering in the area and there was a considerable decrease in disorder along South Street and Romford Town Centre.

The venue is also situated beneath a block of flats, therefore staying open until 5am at the weekends and 3am on weekdays will cause a public nuisance to residents above. This being members of the public in the early hours of the morning, after consuming alcohol shouting and being generally anti social.

Police ask the sub committee to reject this application.

Yours Sincerely,

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