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Police Representation - Premises Licence Variation Application - McKlunky's, 185b High Street, Hornchurch, RM11 3XS

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of a Premises Licence Variation Application for McKlunky's, 185b High Street, Hornchurch, RM11 3XS which we received on the 4th June 2024.

The application states the venue wish to extend the hours for **Late night refreshment** on:-

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Mondays on public holidays, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from its current time of 01:00 hours to 02:00 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 0200 hours serving alcohol fuelled customers 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 is within the Hornchurch Town cumulative impact zone (CIZ) and the terminal times in the application are beyond Havering Council's Licensing policy of 0100 hours for take away establishments.

Hornchurch Town Centre has a busy night time economy & the venue is situated in close proximity to other licensed establishments meaning intoxicated patrons from them will be attracted to the venue.

Having a venue operating until 0200 hours will attract customers after other licensed premises have closed and will lead to large intoxicated crowds to gather and loiter in a small area which will likely lead to 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 February 2023 a verbal altercation between parties occurred at the venue and continued afterwards outside where the victim was slashed across the neck causing injuries consistent with grievous bodily harm (GBH). This offence occurred at 0146 hours.

Police conducted enquiries including viewing CCTV and identified a number of breaches of the venue's premises licence including the fact that the victim and suspects entered the venue after 0100 hrs along with other customers when the venue should have been closed. The venue was issued with a warning letter (attached) on that occasion but shows that an incident of crime and disorder has occurred at a time whereby the venue would be open if the variation was to be granted.

In addition a venue opening until 0200 hours will result in alcohol fuelled customers some perhaps using foul language due to intoxication loitering around the venue and resulting anti-social behaviour will cause a public nuisance for residents residing above the parade of shops the venue is located in and impact their quality of life.

In conclusion, Police believe the venue operating till 0200 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, flowing style.

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