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Police Representation - Premises Licence Variation Application - Drill Brentwood Road Romford RM25TD

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of a Premises Licence Variation Application for the Drill Brentwood Road Romford RM25TD which we received by email on the 25th September 2025.

The application states the venue wish to extend the hours for **regulated entertainment & the supply of alcohol** to:- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday till 0000 hours & Friday & Saturday till 0100 hours**

The applicants states the **opening hours** will be:- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 0800 - 0020 hours & Friday & Saturday 0800 - 0120 hours**

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

The prevention of public nuisance & the prevention of crime and disorder

The Drill Public House is located within a predominantly residential area, surrounded by private dwellings & small local businesses. The premises currently benefits from a licence permitting the supply of alcohol & regulated entertainment until 2300 hours Monday to Thursday, midnight Friday & Saturday & 2230 hours on Sunday. These hours are consistent with other similar premises located in residential areas & reflect the area's quiet, residential character.

Whilst the premises is generally well managed, Police have concerns that an extension of trading hours to 0120 hours is likely to have an adverse impact on the local community and undermine the above licensing objectives.

Extending the supply of alcohol until 0100 hours will extend the consumption period and may lead to increased levels of intoxication potentially resulting in disturbances & crime & disorder. This will in turn cause the safety of the public to be at risk because of violent crime & the injuries associated with such offences. Intoxication, particularly from alcohol, is frequently associated with violent crime.

Previous experience in Policing has established drunkenness can reduce inhibitions, impair judgment, and increase aggression, making individuals becoming more violent likely.

At around 0015 hours on Christmas Day in 2022 patrons from the venue were involved in a large scale physical altercation in the street (**report 5422534/22 refers & attached as appendix I**). Whilst Police acknowledge this isn't a regular occurrence it does none the less demonstrate that violent offences involving intoxicated patrons have occurred at such hours.

The area surrounding The Drill is not a late night economy zone and lacks the infrastructure such as permanent door staff presence, external CCTV coverage & taxi ranks to safely support premises operating until 0120 hours.

The proposed extension will likely result in increased disturbance to local residents, including noise from customers leaving late at night with some possibly loitering in the area, patrons waiting for taxis, car doors slamming & raised voices. An increase in toxication can result in patrons becoming louder, some using foul language which may cause a nuisance to nearby residents.

Later hours can increase the likelihood of incidents involving intoxicated persons especially when patrons disperse into quiet residential streets. The Police are concerned that operating until 0120 hours could place additional demands on emergency services during a period of reduced staffing and coverage.

If the sub-committee were minded to grant the application Police would seek additional conditions around a requirement for permanent SIA-licensed door supervisors to be employed & the use of an ID scan machine to prevent crime & disorder from occurring.

In conclusion The Drill Public House is situated in a residential location that is not designed to support late-night premises. The proposed extension of regulated entertainment & the supply of alcohol until 0100 hours would likely lead to increased noise, nuisance, and disorder, and is therefore not considered appropriate for the setting.

Police believe that maintaining current hours strikes a fair balance between the interests of the business and the rights of residents to quiet enjoyment of their homes.

Accordingly, the Police cannot support the application & respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-Committee refuse the application.

Submitted respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Stockman', written in a cursive style.

PC Chris Stockman - East Area Licensing Team