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Dear Sir / Madam,

Rasa Food & Wine, 20 Station Lane, Hornchurch, RM12 6NJ

I object to the premises licence application for above shop. I have been living on the High Street for many years, and the situation in the area has noticeably worsened over time. I live extremely close to the proposed premises, and I genuinely believe that granting another alcohol licence here will only increase the problems that residents are already struggling with. I kindly ask the Licensing Committee to refuse this application as it conflicts with the main licensing objectives.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Hornchurch High Street and Station Lane have become increasingly unsafe, particularly during the evenings. Groups of individuals regularly gather around existing shops, bus stops, and alleyways, often leading to shouting, arguments and anti-social behaviour. Alcohol is usually a factor in these disturbances, which makes the general environment tense and unpredictable.

Over the years, I have witnessed multiple worrying incidents. Fights, aggressive behaviour and late-night confrontations have become more common. Even early in the evening, the atmosphere can feel uneasy, especially for families and residents returning home from work. Adding another off-licence is likely to attract more late-night groups and worsen conditions that already make many residents feel unsafe.

Personal Safety Concerns for My Family

My concerns are strongly linked to the safety of my household. My wife is a new mother, and she frequently uses the nearby bus stop while carrying our newborn baby. She has often told me that she feels uncomfortable walking past groups standing outside certain shops sometimes intoxicated or behaving unpredictably.

As someone living only a few steps away from these busy areas, the idea of more people gathering, especially late at night, increases our worries. The thought of my wife and newborn being close to disorderly behaviour is extremely distressing. We already feel cautious using these streets in the evenings, and another off-licence would only heighten that fear.

Public Nuisance

The area already struggles with noise, littering and general disturbance. Broken bottles, discarded cans and rubbish are often found along the pavement in the mornings. People frequently stand outside smoking, vaping, shouting and blocking the walkway. Weekends are particularly difficult, with some individuals even urinating on the street, creating a very unpleasant and unsafe environment.

Residents should feel comfortable walking along their own street, but the current issues already make this challenging. Adding another place selling alcohol will only bring more late-night noise, more groups standing outside and more disruptions to daily life.

Protection of Children and Families

Station Lane and the High Street are used daily by schoolchildren, college students, parents with prams and families travelling to and from public transport. The proposed premises is extremely close to a busy bus stop, meaning young people and vulnerable individuals would be walking past it throughout the day.

More alcohol being sold so close to a busy pedestrian area increases risks, including exposure to intoxicated behaviour, peer pressure from older groups and general discomfort for families and passengers who rely on that route. As a household with a newborn baby, this is of particular concern to us.

There are already several premises in the local area selling alcohol. The High Street and Station Lane are saturated with similar businesses, and residents are already dealing with noise, disorder and anti-social behaviour. Adding another off-licence will increase these problems, place further pressure on emergency services and make the area even more challenging to live in.

For all these reasons, I strongly believe this licence should not be granted. The High Street is already under significant strain from alcohol-related issues, and introducing another off-licence will further compromise public safety and reduce the quality of life for local residents.

I respectfully ask the Licensing Committee to reject the application for Rasa Food & Wine.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Sokol toci

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