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Police Representation

Premises Licence Application
Roseland News, 69 Farnham Road Romford RM3 8XA

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of a Premises Licence Application for Roseland News, 69 Farnham Road Romford RM3 8XA which we received by email on the 20th of July 2026.

The application states that the premises seeks authorisation for the supply of alcohol during the following hours:-

Monday to Friday: 06:00 to 21:00 hours
Saturday: 07:00 to 21:00 hours
Sunday: 07:00 to 17:00 hours

The proposed opening hours of the premises are the same as those requested for the supply of alcohol.

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

The prevention of crime and disorder & public nuisance

The venue is located within the Hildene shopping centre in Harold Hill, Romford, a well-established suburban area which is predominantly residential, supported by a range of local amenities including retail premises, and community services.

Having reviewed the application Police do not raise any concerns in relation to the proposed licensing hours. The hours sought are not, in themselves, considered excessive or likely to undermine the licensing objectives.

However, Police concerns relate to the location of the premises within the Cumulative Impact Zone, the nature of the application for an off-licence, and the absence of sufficient measures to mitigate the risks associated with street drinking, alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and cumulative impact.

As already stated, the premises is located within the Council's designated Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ), an area identified as experiencing elevated levels of crime, disorder and nuisance associated with licensed premises and the consumption of alcohol.

The Licensing Authority's Cumulative Impact Policy creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences within the CIZ will normally be refused where relevant representations are received, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the operation of the premises will not add to the existing cumulative impact experienced within the area.

It is acknowledged that the applicant has previously held a premises licence within the CIZ, but that licence is historic and this application must be considered on its own merits against the current Statement of Licensing Policy, the existing Cumulative Impact Policy and the prevailing circumstances within the locality.

During the consultation period, Police sought to engage with the applicant and proposed a number of conditions which were considered necessary, appropriate and proportionate to mitigate the risks associated with the sale of alcohol from an off-licensed premises within the CIZ. These conditions included measures aimed at reducing street drinking, alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and congregation in the area. These being:-

- 1. All reasonable steps shall be taken by the venue to prevent customers congregating outside the premises.**
- 2. Beers, lagers, stout and ciders sold at the premises should not exceed 6% alcohol volume.**
- 3. Beers, lagers, stout, ciders and alcopops shall be sold in packs of no less than four.**

The applicant has declined to accept the proposed conditions, with the exception of Condition 1. However, the applicant has indicated that Condition 1 would require rewording before it could be accepted.

Police remain concerned that the grant of a further off-licence within the CIZ, without the benefit of the proposed controls, has the potential to contribute to the cumulative impact already experienced within the area. The sale of high-strength alcohol and single containers is widely recognised as being attractive to street drinkers and individuals engaged in alcohol-related anti-social behaviour. In the absence of suitable restrictions, there is an increased risk that the operation of the premises could undermine the licensing objectives.

Furthermore, the local policing team is aware of ongoing concerns relating to street drinking and associated anti-social behaviour within the wider locality. A supporting witness statement will be submitted by the team, outlining any relevant experiences, observations, and evidence, including incidents of street drinking, alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, the congregation of individuals causing nuisance or disorder, and any pertinent enforcement activity within the area.

Police respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-Committee gives due consideration to this evidence when determining the application.

In conclusion, in view of the premises' location within the CIZ, the applicant's refusal to accept proposed conditions, and the ongoing concerns regarding street drinking and alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in the area, Police submit that the applicant has failed to demonstrate that the grant of the licence will not add to the existing cumulative impact.

Accordingly, the Police respectfully request that the application be refused. Alternatively, should the Sub-Committee be minded to grant the application, the Police request that the conditions set out above be attached to any licence issued.

Submitted respectfully,



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