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Re:- Application to vary Premises Licence at 17 Morden Court Parade (Morden Food Centre)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On 9th October 2017, the Metropolitan Police Service received an application from Mr Ismail Ulas in relation to the Premises Licence at Morden Food Centre, 17 Morden Court Parade, Morden.

The application can be summarised as follows:-

A mini supermarket / food store wishing to sell alcohol from 7am Mon-Saturday (currently 8am) and 8am on Sunday (currently 9am), until 2am Mon-Thu (currently Midnight) until 3am Fri/Sat (currently midnight) and until midnight on Sunday (currently 11pm).

Police wish to make representations to this application on two of the four of the licensing objectives namely:

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
The prevention of Public Nuisance

The proposed extension to the current alcohol hours on the licence is a huge jump. Morden Food Court is currently one of the latest opening Licensed Premises in Morden with only the Blue Junction bar/restaurant and RS Snooker club permitted to open later (1am and 1:30am respectively). The applicant wishes to extend his alcohol hours from Midnight to 3am on Friday and Saturday nights, and to 2am Mon-Thu. This would make Morden Food Centre the latest opening alcohol premises in Morden.

Morden town centre has a busy bus terminus and has an end-of-the-line underground station. Morden town centre is on the very edge of a huge residential area. Morden's night time economy effectively closes at Midnight with only a few Late Night Refreshment outlets remaining open to cater for people returning home from central London.

With the introduction of the "night tube", people are able to stay out later in Central London as they can now travel home later. The overnight underground services were introduced to provide safe transport home from Central London at the end of the evening.

Clearly, the applicant's proposals are to cater for people returning home on the night tube as they come to the end of the line in Morden before their final leg home.

If the application is granted, people passing through Morden will be able to purchase alcohol until 3am in the morning and continue drinking, possibly to excess. They will loiter in Morden town centre, clash in fast food outlets, and make noise walking through the adjacent residential streets.

So far this year, there have been 3 assaults, including 1 GBH, 3 Public Order Crimes, and a Criminal Damage all recorded in Morden Town Centre, close to Morden Food Centre, between the hours of Midnight and 2am. This does not include any crimes at Morden Underground Station.

The applicant is a responsible retailer, during the day, selling only normal strength beer and ciders, and has recently signed up to a Responsible Retailer's Agreement to restrict Alcohol sales. But, the applicant has not offered any additional measures to deal with the impact of selling alcohol to 3am in the morning.

After Midnight, it is highly likely that most customers entering the shop will be intoxicated. If someone is drunk and attempts to purchase more alcohol, then staff must have the strength and confidence to refuse the sale. This can be very difficult when minimum staffing levels are necessary to make staying open late, financially viable.

I have visited Morden Food Centre during the consultation period but found the applicant, who is also the Designated Premises Supervisor to be out of the country.

The Metropolitan Police advise that this application is rejected.

If the Premises Licence is approved, I strongly recommend that the following conditions are imposed:

1. There must be a minimum of 2 members of staff on duty and present in the shop between midnight and 2am Mon-Thursday, and 3 members of staff from Midnight – 3am Friday and Saturday.
2. There must be at least one Personal Licence holder on duty and present in the shop when the premises is open after Midnight.

Yours Faithfully



Russ Stevens PC 852VW 191701

Licensing Officer