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Re:- Application for Premises Licence at 6, Hartfield Road, Wimbledon (SUBWAY)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On 30th May 2017 an application was received from Mr Kadir of VPSP Ltd for a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The application was summarised as follows:-

A Fast Food Restaurant requesting authority to provide Late Night Refreshment on Friday and Saturday evenings from 11pm to 2am. Specifically "Selling Hot Sandwich".

I made representations on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police. The application was rejected at a Licensing Hearing on 17th July 2017.

On 25th May 2018, an application was received from Mr Kadir for a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application makes exactly the same requests as before, for Late Night Refreshment on Friday and Saturday evenings until 2am. The only variation to the previous application is the additional comment that "We will recruit SIA securities for our premises"

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 SUBWAY brand is a global chain of Submarine Sandwich Restaurants offering Fast Food in the form of hot sandwich rolls, to eat on and off the premises. Every store is an independently owned Franchise. The individual owners are solely responsible for the operation of their businesses, and obtaining all necessary authorities, licences and insurance.

To serve hot food (above ambient temperature) after 11pm and until 5am, a premises must hold a Premises Licence for the provision of Late Night Refreshment.

Fast Food takeaways operating after 11pm can have an obvious impact on crime and anti-social behaviour levels in the vicinity. Hot food Takeaways offering LNR are often situated very close to alcohol premises to supply demand from people who are often heavily intoxicated, as they leave pubs and clubs at the end of an evening out.

Wimbledon Subway at 6, Hartfield Road is no exception, situated between The Prince of Wales PH and Garratt & Gauge PH.

Wimbledon Town Centre has a vibrant and lively Night Time Economy, with so many premises selling alcohol that it has now become a Cumulative Impact Zone. This CIZ includes Late Night Refreshment outlets.

There are two main concentrations of pubs and clubs in Wimbledon Town Centre. One is close to Wimbledon BR Station and includes 601 Queens Road, Prince of Wales, Suburban, and Garratt & Gauge. Subway is inside this concentration. The other concentration is a 5 minute walk along the Broadway to O'Neills, The Old Frizzle, Wibbas, Smash and The Pod Bar.

At around Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays the NTE footfall is high as Garratt & Gauge and Prince of Wales close for the evening. Most patrons leaving these two bars in Hartfield Road walk past Subway en route to the later opening bars, or to the train station that is diagonally opposite.

Wimbledon Subway's closest rival and direct competition is Burger King at 2 The Broadway. Burger King is also next door to The Prince of Wales PH but on the other side.

Burger King has a Premises Licence to provide Late Night Refreshment to 2am, and out of necessity, they employ uniformed security guards from 9pm.

The risk around Burger King requires constant management.

Experience shows that the risk of alcohol related Crime and Disorder, and Anti-Social Behaviour is greatly reduced when people go straight home after an evening drinking. Most incidents of alcohol related violence in Wimbledon Town Centre occur towards the end of the evening when people are intoxicated. Many of these incidents involve people having just left alcohol premises. At around midnight on a Friday and Saturday night, the town centre can become an arena for drunken violent clashes.

Fast Food Outlets provide a facility to those who wish to linger. Disputes arise between hungry intoxicated customers, and fights occur. Many drunk people are drawn to Fast Food outlets rather than going home.

Fast Food Outlets slow down the dispersal rate dramatically and cause extra strain on Policing.

If a licence to provide Late Night Refreshment is granted for Subway, the risk of alcohol related violence will substantially increase. There is also the obvious risk of increased litter.

I mentioned in my previous representations that Mr Kadir's original application failed to address any of the four Licensing Objectives. The only comments on Part M of the new application mention "SIA securites will be available" and that "there are no musical instruments, no sound pollution, no extra lighting. At night time, there is no children in the store"

This application does not adequately address the Licensing Objectives.

The premises are inside a Cumulative Impact Zone that includes LNR outlets as well as alcohol premises.

There have been no incidents directly connected to Subway since January 2017.

Unfortunately the picture different when researching crime figures for the immediate vicinity, including Burger King, two doors along from the premsies, and Prince of Wales PH next door.

Research:

09/06/2018 - 22:35hrs Berties Wine Bar,(Prince of Wales) – AFFRAY
13/05/2018 00:45hrs Burger King - Public Order Offence S4A POA 86
27/04/2018 00:25hrs Burger King -Racially/religious Agg harassment
16/03/2018 -23:40hrs Prince of Wales, - Robbery of Personal Property
28/02/2018 23:30hrs Prince of Wales- Common Assault
24/02/2018 19:00hrs O/S, Burger King - GBH/Serious Wounding.
17/02/2018 - 22:30hrs Burger King – Criminal Damage
31/10/2017 18:30hrs Burger King - Common Assault
02/06/2017 00:01hrs O/S Burger King - Racially/religious Agg Assault
19/11/2017 01:36hrs O/S, Prince of Wales GBH / WOUNDING
03/11/2017 22:08hrs Berties Wine Bar (Prince of Wales) – GBH / Wounding

During the last 12 months there have been the following crimes recorded in a small section of Wimbledon Town Centre surrounding Subway..

AFTER 11PM (2300) (Vast majority on Friday and Saturday nights)

GBH = **8**

PUBLIC ORDER S4 = **5**

RACIAL HARASSMENT-PUBLIC ORDER = **1**

AFFRAY=**1**

ASSAULT / COMMON ASSAULT = **5**

ASSAULT POLICE = **1**

ABH = **3**

SEXUAL ASSAULT = **1**

TOTAL = **25**

BETWEEN 7PM AND 10PM (19.00-22.00) (On different days, not just weekend)

GBH = **3**

ABH = **3**

COMMON ASSAULT = **2**

RACIAL AGG ASSAULT = **1**

TOTAL = **9**

The Metropolitan Police strongly advise that this application is rejected.

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

1. There will be a minimum of 2 uniformed security guards on the premises or immediately outside when the premises is open beyond 2300hrs.
2. A good quality digital CCTV will be in operation at all times that the premises is open to the public. Recorded footage will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and will be supplied to Police when requested with the absolute minimum of delay.

Yours Faithfully

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