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Dear Sirs,

**Mitcham News 25 Upper Green East Mitcham CR4 2PE – New Premises
Licence Application No.**

Licensing Act 2003

On behalf of the Licensing Authority, as a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, I write to object to the application to new premises licence application for Mitcham News at 25 Upper Green East Mitcham CR4 2PE.

The new premises licence application seeks the following licensable activities:

**Sale by Retail of Alcohol (for consumption off the premises only).
Sunday to Saturday 09:00 to 23:00 hours**

**Hours premises open to the public.
Sunday to Saturday 06:00 to 23:00 hours.**

These premises are situated within the Mitcham Town Centre and Surrounding Area cumulative impact zone (CIZ) covering the sale by retail of alcohol for consumption off the premises only. The current Statement of Licensing Policy for the London Borough of Merton dated 6 January 2016 at points 7.1 to 7.16 sets out the Council's reasons for imposing three CIZ's within the Borough. In particular there is a separate paragraph for Mitcham Town Centre and the Surrounding Area, which states the following:

Mitcham Town Centre and the Surrounding Area

There has been a significant increase in the number and scale of licensed premises in Mitcham Town Centre over recent years. This has

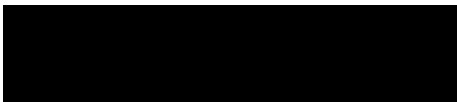
resulted in a significant number of alcohol related crimes and of complaints being made to the Council and/or Police concerning disorder and nuisance involving street drinkers, litter, urination in the street, and the proliferation of alcohol off licence premises. The Police have provided evidence regarding alcohol related crime and disorder and the connection between the offences and licensed premises. The Public Health Team has also undertaken research on these issues by way of a survey which supports a special policy. This special policy has been approved and adopted by the Council to cover sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises (off sales) only.

The Licensing Authority has concerns with this application, in particular the applicant failure to address the Council's special policy.

To support the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy dated 6 January 2016 and the CIZ's contained within, the Licensing Authority requests the Licensing Sub-Committee to refuse this application in its entirety to uphold the Crime and Disorder as well as the Public Nuisance Licensing Objectives.

The Licensing Authority reserves the right to submit further supporting evidence in connection with this representation, and to assist in oral evidence to be given at any Licensing Sub-Committee hearing organised to determine this variation application.

Yours faithfully,



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