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Dear Sir/Madam

Re Application for a Premise Licence – Brookmans Wines

An application for a Premises Licence in respect of 95 Bradmore Green, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, AL9 7QT has been submitted by Miss Kiranjot Kaur.

I have reviewed the proposed application for this premise and acting on behalf of The Chief Constable of Hertfordshire Constabulary under his delegated authority I wish to make representations against the grant of the licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

The grounds of the representations are that the application undermines the Licensing Objectives of

- the promotion of the prevention of crime (under age sales)
- public nuisance (noise)
- the protection of children from harm (consumption of alcohol by under 18s. It is generally accepted that consumption of alcohol by those under 18 years of age makes them more likely to be the victim of crime).

The premise is located in a small parade of shops in the Brookmans Park area of Hatfield. It is known that in the recent past that the shop has operated beyond the licencing hours, then 23:00. This may well have initiated this application. The application for the premises to be operating till 04:00 will make the premises subject to anti-social behaviour as it will be the only licenced premises open. A nearby premise, Brookmans, is open Monday – Thursday till 23:00; Friday to Saturday till 00:00 and Sunday to 22:30. Opening till 04:00 may cause a nuisance to local residents both with youth gathering near or around the shop. It is also envisaged that the local youths will attempt to purchase alcohol which may well put local residents and staff in the premises at risk of harm. The applicant describes steps which she intends to take to promote the licensing objectives; however it is the view of the police that they fall short of what is needed in this case.

The police have been in contact with the applicant by phone and email both prior to and after the application was received. The applicant is in agreement that in order that the licensing objectives are promoted that the following condition be attached to the premise licence.

- Reduction of hours to 01:00 Monday – Saturday and 00:00 Sunday.

It is the view of the police that the proposed conditions are proportionate, necessary and enforceable. Should the Licensing Authority attach the proposed conditions to the Premise Licence the police will withdraw these representations.

Yours sincerely

Rob Gurney