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Sent: 05 May 2020 16:24

To: Licensing

Cc: Subject: Objection to application for variation of premises licence: Fantastic Morley's Chicken, 307 Stanstead

Dear Crime, Enforcement and Regulation Service,

Re: Fantastic Morley's Chicken, 307 Stanstead Road – my objection to their application to add alcohol sales for delivery, collection and take away.

I strongly object to the shop's application for a variation of licence to sell alcohol during Sunday-Thursday 1100-0200 and Friday-Saturday 1100-0300. Granting this licence would be a huge detriment to my personal safety, health and wellbeing (and that of other local residents) and undermine the Council's aims to promote the four licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- the protection of children from harm

as follows: The shop is the middle of a family-orientated, diverse, residential area which includes vulnerable groups such as older people, people living with disabilities, single residents and families with young children. I live on my own and am hugely concerned about prevention of crime and disorder to keep myself safe. The granting of an alcohol license, particularly late at night, will increase to the area late night revellers, result in inebriated customers, and so lead to greater propensity for crime and disorder, which puts my personal safety and wellbeing at risk. Living on my own, the prospect makes me feel very vulnerable.

The Stansted Road end of Ravensbourne Road already has multiple public health and safety problems (e.g. fly-tipping, low level drug dealing and overflowing bins). I am deeply concerned that by granting the licence, this would get even worse. As co-chair of our local community group (Blythe Hill Action Group), I have personally worked hard to make the area cleaner, greener and safer for vulnerable residents through community clean-up days, by raising funds for tree planting and combating nuisance behaviour. Granting the application would undermine what I am trying to do for our community. It would be a source of new and additional public nuisance (such as littering, noise and anti-social behaviour) up until 2am weekdays and 3am on the weekend. As a single person and woman, I would not feel safe to challenge such behaviour and worry deeply about the effect this would have on my/community safety, the quality of my sleep and my overall mental wellbeing. I am a hard working public servant whose performance depends on good sleep, a safe home and a welcoming, safe, neighbourhood.

Already, there are ample problems in the immediate vicinity of the chicken shop. I have found syringes, drinking and drugs paraphernalia in its vicinity. The street corner (Ravensbourne / Stansted Road) is believed to be a site of night time drug dealing, which our councillors are also trying to get under control with public health measures. A late night alcohol license would undoubtedly undermine this; it would further facilitate nuisance to me, increase crime and endanger my and other residents', including children's, safety.

The area around Stansted Road/Ravensbourne Road is a historically deprived area with the active involvement of multiple stakeholders to improve it. We have a good primary school, a children's book shop, a post office, grocers and a fantastic friendly local pub that closes at proper hours. There is no need for the chicken shop to start selling alcohol – in my view, it'd add no value whatsoever to the area; rather, would cause nothing but problems for residents such as myself and add ill-affordable cost from our council tax contributions to policing and already stretched council services. Please do not grant this licence.

Thank you for taking points into consideration and with my best wishes,