

## New Premises Licence – Adana Premier Store, Unit D Adana Building

Please accept this as my objection to the above-mentioned application.

### **Introduction**

1. Under section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing authority is a 'responsible authority' and is entitled to make a relevant representation regarding an application for a new premises licence.
2. Under section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing authority must have regard to the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (The Guidance), when carrying out its functions.
3. I have had regard to paragraphs 9.13 to 9.19 of the Guidance and can confirm that I am acting for the responsible authority, and I have not discussed the merits of this application with those involved in making the determination of this premises licence application, or with the officer handling the application.
4. Acting as the responsibility authority, I have considered the Licensing Act 2003 and the associated regulations, the Council's licensing policy, and The Guidance when assessing the application and the supporting documents given by Inpavaran Tharmalingham (the applicant).

### **Application for a New premises licence**

5. If this application is granted, the applicant proposes to operate as follows:

#### Alcohol (Off sales)

06:00 – 23:00 Monday - Sunday

### **Observations**

6. The application site is a ground floor unit within a mixed use development, facing out on to a square which is banked on all sides by residential apartments. There is concern in regards to potential public nuisance as well as crime and disorder (from anti-social behaviour), especially during the early morning hours given the close proximity to residential dwellings.
7. Whilst the Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-2025 designates Lewisham as a Town Centre, it is my consideration that this particular site should be classed as *residential* for the purposes of preferred hours (section 15.7).
8. Taking into account the preferred hours set out within the framework it is suggested that there should be no sales of alcohol between 11pm and 11am at this location. The current application is for alcohol sales between 6am and 11pm every day.

9. The applicant has offered a list of conditions in part M of the application form however it is my opinion that these are insufficient and that additional conditions are required, to uphold the licensing objectives.
10. Please see the list of conditions attached we feel are appropriate and proportionate in addition to (or reworded versions of) the ones offered with the application. Many of these conditions mirror those suggested to the applicant by Police, which I have highlighted in BLUE. For ease of reference, I have highlighted all additional suggested conditions in RED.
11. If this application is granted as requested, we are concerned that the licensing objectives may not be met.