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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Ref: Mr Alexander Savescu 60-61 New Road Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0AD notice of application for a grant of premise licence**

I am writing to make a representation to the above application for the grant of a new premises licence.

The representation is related to the prevention of public safety.

We have had a family run business on Darnley Road for more than 20 years and were one of the first shops in the area to have a license. We have seen recently this number increase steadily over the years. Along with this we have seen the problems related to drinking increase also.

We feel that there is already too many off licences in the area, we have counted more than 10 within a 1-mile radius from our shop including Tesco, Asda, B&M, Icelands, Lithuanca, Central News, Punjabi Meat Market, T S Das and Sons, Royals, MD Wine, East West Stores and Savers Store.

We feel due to the current pandemic we are in; business is more difficult to carry out in an overcrowded market place. This leads to competitive pricing allowing customers to purchase alcohol at the lower rate, which can also lead to street drinking and anti-social behaviour issues.

When there is any drinking related problems in the area, this is soon followed by a visit by the local police or PCO to request CCTV.

Only recently we have had police visit the store in regards to drinking issues going on in the area and how new regulations are being brought in to make this whole Town Centre a non-drinking zone. We therefore feel that this doesn't justify giving another business an Off Licence.

We hope this letter is put forward for consideration and if you require any other details please do contact us.

Kind regards