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Sent: 07 March 2022 11:18
To: Hopson, Lisa <lisa.hopson@gravesham.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: New Premises Licence Milton Convenience Store 29-30 Milton Road Gravesend

Dear Lisa

Regarding this Licence variation.

we are concerned that the significant extension to the premise's hours would cause an increased risk of noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour (ASB) to local residents. There is already prone to a seasonal ASB occurrence and we would therefore object on these grounds to the hours requested in the application.

We recommend that they stick to the Current opening hours 06:00 – 00:00 daily, as this is closely matches similar types of shops in the area. We also recommend that they stick with the serving of alcohol hours of 06:00 – 23:00 as this also reflects similar types of shops in the area.

Kind Regards,

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From: Card, Matthew <Matthew.Card@gravesham.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 March 2022 11:24
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Dear Lisa,

We are concerned that the significant extension to the premise's hours would cause an increased risk of noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour to local residents. We would therefore object on these grounds to the hours submitted on the application.

Having spoken to members of the EP team regarding this, they mentioned that there has been a number of ASB reports in the area over the past few years. From this I contacted the Community Safety Unit CSU who stated.

The area is prone to “seasonal” ASB occurrence. Due to 24h sale of alcohol at the petrol station, during warmer months, and customers tend to consume alcohol and often be loud. They also said sometimes they are rowdy at the end of the petrol station, on the little fences, very late at night. Local residents had raised complaints on few occasions last year as well as the owner of the neighbouring pub. They also stated the pattern is historic.

CSU also stated, On both sides you have two stores (Mila Groceries and Milano Grocery) that were identified as two of 8 stores in Gravesend selling illegal cigarettes and tobacco (last year's operation Puggie). There is a lot of ASB associated with these stores. Now, CSU together with KP is in process of putting a case in court.

I researched the opening ours for Milton Food and Wine. This is a shop is on the same row of buildings and appears to be the same type of shop and is next to TJ's pub. The opening

hours for Milton Food and Wine are less than the hours already permitted to the applicant. Due to the fact that it appears the 24hr license at the petrol garage has increased the ASB in the area, it would be irresponsible to allow a second shop to have a 24hr license. I believe that as the current hours are slightly more than that of Milton Food and Wine which is a similar type of shop, they should not be allowed to extend their hours any further.

Kind regards

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