

Licensing rep

From: Bacon, Amy

Sent: 25 October 2013 15:52

To: Van Beukelen, Jennifer

Subject: RE: Sammy's Kebab & Steak House, 56 Wellington Street, Luton - 131859

Thank you for your representation. I will attach it to the record and inform you of the date of the panel hearing. If you want to provide any evidence in relation to your representation, this must be served prior to the panel date.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards

Amy Bacon

Senior Licensing Officer

From: Van Beukelen, Jennifer

Sent: 25 October 2013 15:39

To: Bacon, Amy

Subject: Sammy's Kebab & Steak House, 56 Wellington Street, Luton

Amy

We write concerning the application for the variation of the licence for Sammy's Kebab & Steak House, 56 Wellington Street, Luton to include alcohol. As a Responsible Authority, we wish to submit a representation to you, objecting to this application requesting complete refusal.

The grounds for the representation are made in accordance with the Licensing Objectives, prevention of crime & disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

Due to the history of the premises, Licensing as a Responsible Authority has concerns over the selling of alcohol in the premises and the likely effect if the variation is granted. In 2009 Luton Borough Council prosecuted the Sammy's Kebab & Steak House for the offences of:

- Unauthorised licensable activities
- Keeping alcohol on premises for unauthorised sale
- Failing to show traceability of food

Once seized by Bedfordshire Police and sent for analysis by Luton Borough Council Trading Standards, it was found that the alcohol being supplied for the 'special coffees' contained ethanol. This being extremely harmful to a persons' health and in particular, a person's eyesight.

In addition, when liaising with other Responsible Authorities, Licensing are of the understanding that 'Sammy's' intention is to appeal to families as a restaurant and not a late night takeaway as previously known, however, the hours applied for are not representative of this suggestion.

The final concern is that due to the hours applied for to sell alcohol, the premises will be providing a late night drinking venue for already intoxicated persons in the town, again this does not seem to be the 'restaurant vibe' that 'Sammy's' are aiming for and may create nuisance in the town late at night such as an increase in alcohol fuelled incidences.

In summary, Licensing as a Responsible Authority are concerned that the premises has previously sold liquids purporting to be alcohol being fully aware that a licence was required as they had been granted a premises licence for Late Night Refreshment. The existing premises licence holder and the staff appear to have very little regard for authority or members of the public which has been proved by their previous actions.

Reducing hours or imposing stringent conditions relating to the sale of alcohol may not be suitable as the applicant had previously admitted that they were aware a licence was required, our concern would be would they adhere to the panels' decision.

Regards

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