

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Licensing Act 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

Responsible Authority (please tick as applicable):

Police	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Protection (Children's Services)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health & Safety (Environmental Health)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weights & Measures (Trading Standards)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Officer Details

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Premises Details

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	JJ Food Store
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	1 High Town Road Luton LU2 0BW

Which of the licensing objectives does your representation relate to?	Tick all that apply	Please give further details of the grounds for this representation (Please use additional sheets where necessary)
Prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Public safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Prevention of public nuisance	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Further information you would like the Licensing Panel to take into account:

Our objection comes from the Prevention of Crime and Disorder section of the Licensing Objectives defined in the Licensing Act 2003.

High Town Road is a main street situated in the High Town area of Luton. It is a road that runs from Midland Road in to a small high street with shops and surrounding residential streets. It is close to Luton Train Station.

High Town is used by women working in the sex trade, High Town Road and some of the side streets leading off High Town Road are associated with this illegal activity. In 2013 the Police had to take a proactive response to the kerb crawlers in this area. A Police Operation, which is still on-going, was set up to focus on the area to tackle this problem of sex workers and anti-social behaviour. Since January 2013 there have been 193 men detained for kerb crawling. A further 98 have been arrested for other offences. During the winter months residents' complaints have dropped to approx 7 a month, however in the warmer months Police were receiving up to 34 complaints a month. We have received 4 phone calls in the last month reporting Anti-social behaviour, 2 of which related to Sex Workers in High Town.

The Police are working with Luton Borough Council and the Health service to put a 5 year strategy in place to deal with the sex trade in Luton.

The granting of a alcohol licence for the shop from 6am until 2am could be significant in attracting more sex workers into the area as they may loiter near to the shop and approach customers who go to the shop late at night.

Whilst the Police understand that JJ Food Store are wanting to run a business the crime that it could encourage late at night is of a concern. We wish to prevent further offences of anti-social behaviour and the sex trade by requesting that a licence for 6am until 2am is refused. There are no other shops in the direct vicinity open this late, the off licence near to this shop has a licence until 23:00 hours.

The hours on the current licence for the premises are acceptable. The applicant has given consideration to Challenge 25, CCTV however we are keen to promote that CCTV is kept for 31 days instead of the 28 which is on the application. All applications are treated separately, but using the statistics available to Police at this current time the Police operation and health service operation in the area have been making a difference in reducing anti-social behaviour and want this to be able to continue. A licence that goes into the night could affect the work committed to the area.

<p>Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to alleviate your concerns, or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Panel to consider:</p> <p>(Please use additional sheets where necessary)</p>	<p>(See a list of conditions attached suggested which Police would consider acceptable should an agreement be reached with opening hours that would encourage the prevention of Crime and Disorder Licence be granted)</p>
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Signed:

Date:

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to:

Licensing Service
Luton Borough Council
Town Hall Extension
Gordon Street
Luton
LU1 2BQ

or by email to lbcerlicensing@luton.gov.uk

This form must be returned before the end of the Statutory Period.

For more details please contact the Licensing Service on 01582 546040.