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

Dear Amy

I am contacting you to confirm that the Police wish to object to the proposed variation to the licence for Sammy Kebab & Steak house to sell alcohol on the premises.

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

If we are required to represent our concerns we can evidence these with statistics found on the police systems. We have the following concerns:

- Late night refreshment is a common practice enjoyed by members of the public at the end of a night out, majority of customers during this time are intoxicated.
- It is a town centre location and police would not support the promotion of drinking after the local night clubs/bars have closed.
- Incidents that occurred prior to the hearing in 2009 were of a large amount of crime, alcohol related, at the location. That was during the period when Sammy's were selling alcohol on the premises without a licence. Since the hearing and Sammy's stopped serving alcohol the police have attended less incidents at the location, which is a positive indicator in the prevent of crime.
- Police are concerned that if alcohol was to be sold on the premises again during the hours requested of 17:00-04:00 hours Mon to Thurs and 17:00-06:00hours Fri-Sat we will see an increase in alcohol related crime inside and outside the premises. Bedfordshire Police are keen to promote our force priorities to protect the public. We feel it would be a hard task for Sammy's Kebab to monitor the sale of alcohol in a responsible way.

Sammy's Kebab & Steak House are a premise for Late Night Refreshment. The Police want to completely reject the application to serve alcohol.

We feel this is an unnecessary licensable activity that would not suit the licensing objective.

Kind Regards

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