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Licensing
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Dear Licensing Team

Re: Licensing application, 2 St Martins Street – 078636

The Prevention and Enforcement Service would like to formally object to the premises licence application for an off licence at 2 St Martins Street. The application requests the off sale of alcohol from 8am to 23.00 Monday to Sunday.

The application relates to a premises located within the Can-Do Cumulative Impact (CI) area of Peterborough. The CI has been in place since April 2013, it was reviewed and retained in 2015 as the saturation of licensed premises cumulatively, continued to have a negative impact on all four of the licensing objectives.

The CI policy was recently subject to review and consultation in 2018, where it was determined to retain the policy and publish a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) statement, detailing the evidence for its retention. The CIA includes the statement that the licensing authority considers that the number of premises in the defined boundary is such, that it is likely that the granting of further licenses would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to promote the licensing objectives.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the CIA does not remove the licensing authority's discretion to grant a licence where it considers it appropriate, there is nothing in the application or operating schedule to suggest that there are compelling reasons to depart from the policy. The application does not address or even acknowledge that the premises is located within the CI boundary, therefore has failed to demonstrate that they would not add to the identified problems.

This application, if granted, would add to the availability of off sales of alcohol and exacerbate the negative impact on all the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance, directly affecting the health and wellbeing of residents and businesses in the area as evidenced in the CIA statement.

In January 2017 a public consultation was launched to replace the existing DPPOs in Millfield and New England to Public Space Protection Orders. Responses received were in favour of the conditions proposed including using the PSPO to control anti-social behaviour from people who

have been consuming alcohol. Following on from consultation the PSPO which covers the Millfield and New England area was implemented in June 2017.

Over the years there have been a number of alcohol related incidents reported to the police. Anti-social behaviour incidents can include but is not limited to; Causing harassment, Alarm and distress, urination and defecation; littering, noise, excessive consumption of alcohol can also be contributing factors to criminal damage, begging and public order offences.

The Prevention and Enforcement Service has responded to the following alcohol related ASB issues in the area:

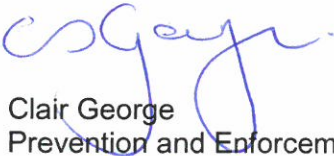
- The historical Clock Tower near the Triangle was boarded up following complaints to ward Councillors, police and the council concerning people congregating and drinking, urinating, defecating within the recesses of the clock tower.
- Complaints have been received by the Salvation Army charity shop in Lincoln in relation to staff and customers being accosted by drunks congregating in the bus shelter outside the store as well as entering the store being abusive and inappropriate in their behaviour towards staff.
- Resident and ward councillors regularly report that area around Gladstone Park is being misuse by drinkers and drug user
- Residents and ward councillors have previously raised issued in relation to street drinking in Victoria Gardens and Century Square.

Other factors to consider

- From anecdotal information the service is aware that issues concerning alcohol-relating ASB are still occurring within the Millfield and New England area, but there is significant under reporting.
- The frequency of cleansing for streets and open spaces in the area is significantly higher in comparison to other areas of the city. This is partly attributable to the amount of alcohol related litter (bottles, cans) which pose a safety risk and degrade the area.

It is recommendation of the Prevention and Enforcement Service that this licence is not granted for the reasons outline in this objection.

Yours sincerely



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