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## Safer Communities

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Dear Licensing Team

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Re: Licensing application Temptation Taste of Portugal,  
 1237 Bourges Boulevard - 124535**

The Safer Communities Service would like to formally comment on the above premises licence application in relation to the sales of alcohol for consumption on and off site.

The application relates to a premises located within the Millfield area of Peterborough which falls within the Cumulative Impact Policy area in relation to sales of alcohol. For a number of years it has been recognised that there is a problem with street drinking and associated anti-social behaviour along with other community safety concerns at this location and the surrounding area. The Cumulative Impact (CI) policy has been in place since April 2013 and has remained thereafter as the saturation of licensed premises cumulatively, contained to have a negative impact on all four of the licensing objectives. The CI policy was subject to review and consultation again in 2018 and 2020, 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 to suggest that there are compelling reason to depart from this policy. The 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 addition to the CIA, the Local Authority implemented a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for the Millfield, New England, Eastfield and Embankment area since 2017. The PSPO comprises conditions to enable Police and authorised council officers to disperse people from the order area for consumption of alcohol or being in possession of open containers of alcohol and for committing anti-social behaviour.

This premises is located within an area of Millfield known as 'The Triangle', an area that is already associated with anti-social behaviour. In previous years 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. There is concern that enabling further availability of alcohol in this area could

contribute further to crime and anti-social behaviour and impact negatively on the those who live and work in the area.

A recent public consultation was carried out from 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 on proposed public realm improvements in the nearby area of Lincoln Rd, between Searjeant Street and Windmill Street. 183 people were engaged with at public events and 310 surveys were completed. The feedback in relation to general ASB/safety included:

- Concerns around drinking/drug use
- General safety concerns
- Issues raised regarding the perceived prevalence of business alcohol and gambling licenses
- Issues raised regarding ASB and suggestions that a greater police presence is required
- Suggestions that there are too many gambling shops and off-licenses along the road (some commenting these exacerbate ASB issues)
- Suggestions that additional CCTV is required

The Safer Communities service does not support the premises licence application for sales of alcohol at this premises. The application, if granted would add to the availability of alcohol in an area that is already at saturation point and experiencing high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Yours sincerely

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Clair George  
Head of Safer Communities