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Wednesday 21st September 2011

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Dear Adrian,

Re: Laxton Square

On behalf of the Constabulary, I am identifying ways of reducing crime and disorder in the city, especially those relating to alcohol. I appreciate that the desire to drive down alcohol related crime and disorder is a partnership priority and with the increasing pressures on our resources, we need to ensure that attention is focussed on high impact areas.

We have ascertained that the presence of two licensed premises, namely City Kebabs and the 'on street' fast food van, 'This City', provide a focal point for people leaving clubs in the area, whereupon they remain in the area, queuing to order and consume food. As a result, there are conflicts and disturbances at the location.

In the 12 months September 2010 to September 2011, the police have received 59 calls for service relating to Laxton Square. The calls recorded are between 7pm and 7am and this compares to a total of 5 calls received regarding this location during daylight hours.

Many of the calls relate to antisocial behaviour and allegations of violence and we have recorded 57 crimes at this location in the same period. Our records show a 79% detection rate which is a good indication that the offenders were either known to the victim or the offenders were arrested at the scene.

I understand that the Authority has the ability to grant 'on street' trading on Laxton Square, and I would strongly urge the Authority to consider whether this is appropriate in respect of supporting the licensing objective of crime and disorder and consider withdrawing this location as a suitable on street trading location, particularly to the late night economy.

I am sure that you are aware of the policing commitment in the city centre, and our initiative to ensure that all licensable activity is truly focussed on the objectives, especially that of crime and disorder. I would suggest that the more appropriate way to tackle this

issue would be through the Miscellaneous Provisions Act, rather than through the licensing review process.

Yours faithfully,

Matt Newman
Licensing Inspector
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