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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re:-Waterloo Food and Wine 187 Waterloo road SE1 8UX**

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a Full Variation to their licence to extend the licensable hours for the supply of alcohol off sales. The venue operates as an off licence and off sales currently cease at 0000hrs.

The premises are situated in the Borough and Bankside Cumulative impact area (CIA) as designated by Southwark council. The hours requested far exceed those recommended within the Southwark statement of licensing policy which are closing 0000hrs. The hours requested are as follows

Open to the public

Sun-Thurs-0630hrs-0100hrs

Fri-Sat-0630hrs-0300hrs

Supply of Alcohol for sale by retail

Sun-Thurs-0800hrs-0100hrs

Fri-Sat-0800hrs-0300hrs

The High Court approval of Cumulative impact policies came in Westminster City Council v Middlesex Crown Court. In brief, it stated 'A licence could be refused on the sole ground that the area was already saturated with licensed premises'.

The local area has for a number of years been subject to problems with street drinking, alcohol abuse and the associated crime and disorder.

The applicant has offered no mitigating reasons to support such an application in the cumulative impact area and has also opted not to provide any additional control measures to address all four licensing objectives.

The Home office guidance issued under Sec 182 of the licensing Act 2003 'General principles' state that it is important in setting the parameters within which the premises may operate. Conditions precise and enforceable.

The metropolitan police object to the granting of this variation as the hours requested far exceed those recommended within the Southwark statement of licensing policy, this is without taking into account the fact the premises is situated in the cumulative impact area . The applicant has not provided any mitigating circumstances to support the application and also not attempted to provide any additional control measures to address the licensing objectives in particular that of prevention of crime and disorder.

Submitted for your consideration.  
Yours Sincerely

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