License Review: Express Supersave, 115 Blackfriars Road, 848364

As Director of Public Health for Southwark (a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003) I wish to make representation in support of the review of the license in respect to Express Supersave premises at 115 Blackfriars Road, SE1 8HW.

The representation relates to the following licensing objective(s):
- The prevention of crime and disorder (Review)
- Public safety (evidence from public health)
- The prevention of public nuisance (evidence from public health)
- Protection of Children from harm (Review)

This representation is being made on the grounds that the off license premises is situated within the Borough and Bankside Cumulative Impact Zone and as such it is already recognized that there is a significant impact of alcohol related harm within the saturation zone. As the license holders have been found to have broken conditions on the license designed to mitigate its impact, [Failure to train staff as required (Think 25); Failure to maintain register of refused sales; No personal license holder on premises], and uphold licensing objectives I feel that the license holders are adding to the cumulative impact in a way that a responsible retailer would not.
The case for cumulative impact has been made in this area already, however; the data indicates a continuing significant impact from alcohol on crime and disorder, public safety and public nuisance:

- London Ambulance Service attended 77 alcohol related callouts to those aged under 26s within 500m of the premises in the year to March 2015 and recorded 65 assaults within 500m of the premises in the year to March 2015.
- 15 Head injuries – which are often a proxy for alcohol related violence – were recorded within 500m of the premises in the year to March 2015.
- 41 Least serious injuries – which are often used as a proxy for alcohol related violence – were recorded within 500m of the premises in the year to March 2015.
- Transport for London reported 81 incidents of Anti-social behavior within 500m of the premises in the year to March 2015.
- In the last year Cathedrals ward ranked: (a rank of 1 suggests a higher number of incidents)
  - 1/21 wards for violence against ambulance crew, thefts from person, metropolitan police ranked Anti-social behaviour, and night time violent disorder
  - 2/21 wards for personal robbery.
  - 3/21 wards for assaults, weapon injuries, and criminal damage
  - 4/21 wards for rape, and violence

Based on the evidence summarized above and the policy basis for the saturation zone I believe that the off licence potentially adds to the impact of alcohol on crime and disorder, public safety and public nuisance. I feel that failure to uphold license conditions to train staff, have a personal license holder on premises and maintain a register of refused sales potentially leads to a failure to protect children from harm.

Based on the information provided above we would like to see the following conditions:

- License to be revoked
- If License is to be retained
  - The opening hours are restricted to 10am – to 11pm opening rather than 24hours currently held.
  - Conditions that have been broken are maintained henceforth
Yours sincerely

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