To whom it may concern:

Re: Costcutter, 257-259 Southwark Park Road, London SE16 3TP

As Director of Public Health for Southwark (a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003) I wish to make representation in respect of the above.

The representation is made in respect of the following licensing objective(s):

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Public safety

General Comments

The applicant requests an off-license to sell alcohol from the premises between the hours of 0730 and 2330 for Monday through to Saturday, and between 0800 and 2330 on Sundays. I have concerns regarding the hours of alcohol sales requested, and the types of alcohol to be sold from the premises.

I would like a later start time of alcohol sales. Early-morning alcohol purchasers are more likely to be alcohol misusers and may thereby contribute to antisocial behaviour such as street drinking. Furthermore, increased hours of alcohol sales are associated with an increase in alcohol-related harm. This point also supports my opposition to the very late closing times requested. I would like the end time of alcohol sales to be 2300, as is recommended in the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2020. In addition to long hours of alcohol sales being associated with an increase in alcohol-related harm, research shows that those people who buy alcohol at later times during a night are more likely to drink in excess that night.
The applicant has made no mention of the types of alcohol that will be stocked in the store. I would like some restriction on high-strength beers, lagers, and ciders, given that many purchasers of these drinks are alcohol misusers.

**Recommendation**

I recommend that the start time of alcohol sales be changed to 1100 for all days of the week.  
I recommend that the end time of alcohol sales be 2300 for all days of the week.  
I recommend that no beers, lagers, ciders or similar alcohols to be sold in cans with an Alcohol By Volume (ABV) in excess of 5% or in bottles larger than 750ml with an ABV in excess of 5%.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Ruth Wallis BM FFPH  
Director of Public Health - Lambeth and Southwark

PLEASE RETURN ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO:
MEMO: Environmental Protection Team

To Regen.licensing; Date 24 February 2016
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Subject 257-259 SouthwarkPark Road APP 826841 Responsible Authority (EPRA) representation

EPRA have considered a premises licence application for the above address, and would like to make representation under the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives.

Costcutter is located in close proximity to residents and to the Market place. The Market place is an open, easily assessable area with benches that can encourage patrons to congregate and consume alcohol.

The application is for the supply of alcohol off the premises between 7:00-1:00 Monday-Thursday and Sundays and 07:00-03:00 HRS on Fridays and Saturdays.

EPRA consider that the proposed opening hours is too late in particular on Fridays and Saturdays. The reasons are the hours applied for is not in keeping with the Council’s Licensing policy that suggested a 2300 finish times and because of its proximity to the Market place there is a likelihood that patrons can use this area that potentially can cause noise disturbance and public nuisance.

Taking the above into consideration EPRA would ask the applicant to consider an earlier closing time in particular on Fridays and Saturdays.

Ken Andrews - Principal Environmental Health Officer
MEMO: Licensing Unit

To Licensing Unit  Date 24 February 2016

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From Jayne Tear  Telephone [REDACTED]  Fax [REDACTED]

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Subject Re: Costcutter, 257-259 Southwark Park Road, London, SE16 3TP – Application for a premises Licence.

I write with regards to the above application for the grant of a premises licence to Mr Farwad Karimi under the Licensing Act 2003 which seeks the following licensable activities:

- The supply of alcohol off the premises on Sunday to Thursday from 07:00 to 01:00 on the following day, Friday and Saturday from 07:00 to 03:00 on the following day.
- Opening times shall be from Monday to Sunday from 00:00 to 00:00.

This premises falls within The Blue, Local Town Centre. Under the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – 2020 the recommended appropriate closing time for off-licences and alcohol sales in grocers and supermarkets is 23:00 hours daily.

The operation of the premises and of people arriving and leaving the premises late at night could impact upon local residents living nearby and in the surrounding streets. The management would have no control of patrons that have left the premises/or those that may congregate outside the premises and the possible impact of any rowdy and anti-social behaviour or crime and disorder.

Given this I would wish to make a representation under the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance licensing objectives.

If the applicant is able to reduce the hours applied for, to bring them in line with what is recommended in the licensing policy to address the licensing objectives, then I may be in a position to withdraw my representation.

Southwark’s Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – 2020 can be found on the following link:


Jayne Tear
Principal Licensing officer
In the capacity of the Licensing Responsible Authority