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Dear Sir/Madam

Re:- Blessing Pokuah (Abundent Blessing Kithen Ltd) 213 Walworth Road
SE171RL

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol on the premises, the provision of regulated entertainment by way of recorded music and for late night refreshment as detailed below.

Premises open to the public
Mon-Sun 24hrs

Sale of Alcohol (On)
Mon-Sun 1100 to 0200

Late Night Refreshment
Mon-Sun 1100 to 0500

Recorded Music
Mon-Sun 1100 to 0200

The premises is described as a restaurant café offering a take away service of food and alcohol for consumption away from the premises. Within the operating schedule the applicant only appears to have requested on sales of alcohol.
This matter needs clarification.

This premises is situated within the major town centre of Walworth Road as detailed within Southwark's statement of licensing policy. The recommended closing times for both Restaurants and Take Away venues is Midnight Sunday to Thursday and 1am Friday and Saturday.

This application relates to a premises wishing to open 24hrs a day with takeaway sales of food and alcohol until 5am and if understood correctly the on sales of alcohol until 2am and off sales until 5am.

This is substantially greater those the hours recommended in Southwark's statement of licensing policy. The Policy has been written in support of the licensing objectives, applicants for new premises licences and variations are asked to take this policy into consideration when making their applications.

Whilst this premises is located on a busy main road in what is deemed as a major town centre, it is also in close proximity to a number of residential dwellings. A premises open to the public 24hrs a day with the availability of food and alcohol until 5am is likely to have a negative impact on the amenities of local residents, and carries the strong possibility of having a negative impact on the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective.

The applicant has offered a number of control measures to support the licensing objectives, but no additional evidence as to why the licensing sub-committee should consider a considerable deviation from their written policy.

It is for these reasons that I object to this application.

Police welcome the opportunity to enter into conversation with the applicant to reduce the hours of operation in line with those published in Southwark's statement of licensing policy.

The Following is submitted for your consideration.
Yours Sincerely

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MEMO: Licensing Unit

To	Licensing Unit	Date	11 August 2020
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Subject Re: Abundant Blessing Kitchen, 213 Walworth Road, London, SE17 1RL
- Application for a premises licence

I write with regards to the above application for a premises licence submitted by Abundant Blessing Kitchen Limited under the Licensing Act 2003, which seeks the following licensable activities:

- Recorded music (indoors) on Monday to Sunday from 23:00 to 02:00 the following day
- Late night refreshment (indoors & outdoors) on Monday to Sunday from 23:00 to 05:00 the following day
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Monday to Sunday from 11:00 to 02:00 the following day
- Overall opening times shall be on Monday to Sunday from 00:00 to 00:00 (24hrs)

The premises is described as *'To trade as a restaurant and takeaway venue offering hot food for consumption on and off the premises, (via takeaway. Alcohol is to be available with the purchase of a substantial table meal on for on and off sales consumption'*.

My representation is submitted under the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives and has regard to the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 - 2021

The premises is situated in The Elephant and Castle Major Town Centre Area and under the Southwark Statement of Licensing policy 2019 - 2021 the appropriate closing times for public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments on Sunday to Thursday is 23:00 hours and on Friday and Saturday 00:00 hours. Closing times for restaurants and cafes on Sunday to Thursday is 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday is 01:00 hours. Closing times for take-away establishment on Sunday to Thursday is 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday is 01:00 hours

This application is seeking opening hours in excess of that which is recommended for a restaurant or takeaway establishment within the policy in this area and the application provide any reasons to convince the Licensing sub-committee to divert from the opening hours recommended in the licensing policy.

Therefore to promote the licensing objectives I ask the applicant to consider bringing the closing times in line with the hours as appropriate within the licensing policy and in turn the licensable activities as follows:

If the premises wish to operate as a restaurant and takeaway:

- Opening times to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 00:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 01:00
- Supply of alcohol (on the premises) to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 23:30 and on Friday and Saturday at 00:30 (this will allow for half an hour drinking up time)
- Recorded music (indoors) to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 00:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 01:00
- Late night refreshment to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 00:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 01:00

To avoid any ambiguity as to whether the premises is operating as a restaurant, I would also propose the following condition to address the licensing objectives and ensure that premises retains its nature as a restaurant:

- Intoxicating liquor shall not be sold or supplied on the premises otherwise than to persons taking a substantial table meal and by consumption of such persons as an ancillary to their meal

Furthermore, due to the limited information on the application form and to promote the licensing objectives I also ask the applicant to provide the following information:

- An accommodation limit for the premises (to be conditioned)
- To provide a written dispersal policy for the premises. (to be conditioned)

I have further concerns regarding this application as the the premises holds an existing licence (No. 9086) and known as Malata Supermarket. That premises licence has been suspended for some time, but the licence has not been surrendered. To avoid any confusion in the future with regards which licence the premises is operating, should officers visit to inspect the premises, in the further interest of promoting the licensing objectives I would request the following condition to be added to the operating schedule:

- When this licence is used to provide licensable activities and the licence summary is displayed on the premises, the licence summary of any other premises licence will not be displayed at the same time.

I therefore submit this representation and welcome any discussion with the applicant.

Southward's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 – 2021 can be found on the following link:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/business-premises-licensing/licensing-and-gambling-act-policy>

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In the capacity of the Licensing Responsible Authority