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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Morocco Bound 1A Morocco Street SE1 3HB

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a variation the premises licence to extend the opening hours and remove conditions .The venues application describes it as boutique retail merchant and community hub, specialising in books, coffee and local craft beers.

The venue is situated in a residential area and The Southwark statement of licensing policy recommends a closing time of 2300hours for such a venue however the venue has requested the following terminal hours

Opening to the Public
Mon-Fri-830hrs-2330hrs
Sat-Sun-0900hrs-2330hrs

Supply of alcohol off sales
Mon-Sun-0900hrs-2300hrs

Films
Mon-Sun-1200hrs-2300hrs

The hours requested are outside those recommended within the policy for a residential area.

The venue has a narrow footpath immediately outside which borders a road and If used for the consumption of alcohol would either force pedestrians into the road or lead to patrons using the road to consume alcohol either of which is a concern for public safety. The applicant has asked to remove certain conditions to allow consumption of alcohol immediately outside the premises and replace them with new conditions that are vague and do not control the use of the outside area, there is no mention within the conditions that alcohol would only be consumed by persons

seated outside and also suggests that persons leaving the venue to smoke would also be able to take alcohol with them allowing for vertical drinking outside.

The Metropolitan Police object to the granting of this licence variation as the removal of conditions 343 and 350 and those new conditions offered do not address the licensing objectives in particular that of prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and prevention of nuisance.

Submitted for your consideration.
Yours Sincerely

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