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**Re:- Big Town Restaurants, 302 Walworth Road, London, SE17 2TE**

Dear Sir/Madam

Police are in receipt of an application from the above for a variation to the current premises licence. The hours applied for are considerably outside that recommended within the South Statement of licensing policy.

The current licence application contains minimal in the way of conditions to negate the extra Impact 24 hour opening will have on the area. 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 must be precise and enforceable which the application fails to do.

We object to the granting of the licence on the grounds of Public nuisance, Crime and disorder.

Other premises in the area that have a 24 hour opening for the sale of late night refreshments have attracted crowds, anti social behaviour and serious violence.

The Closing time for Restaurants and Cafes within the policy is Sunday to Thursday is 00:00 hours and for Friday and Saturday is 01:00 hours. I do not see any circumstances to deviate from this.

The Following is submitted for your consideration, Police would welcome the opportunity to conciliate with the applicant should the need arise.

Yours Sincerely

**PC Graham White 288MD**  
Licensing Officer  
Southwark Police Licensing Unit

# MEMO: Licensing Unit

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To	Licensing Unit	Date	22 March 2021
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Subject Re: Big Town Restaurants, 302 Walworth Road, London, SE17 2TE

- Application to vary a premises licence

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

- To add Late night refreshment (indoors & outdoors) on Monday to Sunday from 23:00 to 05:00 the following day
- To extend the supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Monday to Sunday from 22:30 to 23:00
- Overall opening times shall be on Monday to Sunday from 00:00 to 00:00 (24hrs) (was previously Monday to Sunday from 07:00 to 23:00)

The variation is described within the application as '*Extension of hours during which the premises will be open to the public FROM 07:00 – 23:00 Monday – Sunday TO 00:00 – 00:00 (24hrs) Monday – Sunday. Extension of hours for the sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises FROM 10:00hrs – 22:30 Monday – Sunday TO 10:00 – 23:00 Monday – Sunday. Provision of late-night refreshment for take-away and consumption on the premises from 23:00 – 05:00 Monday – Sunday. No regulated entertainment of any kind. No playing of live or recorded music of any kind*'.

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 2021 – 2026.

The premises is situated in The Elephant and Castle Major Town Centre Area and under the Southwark Statement of Licensing policy 2021 - 2026 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 provision of late night refreshment 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
- Late night refreshment to cease on Sunday to Thursday at 00:00 and on Friday and Saturday at 01:00

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 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>

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