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Cc: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Objection to licence application for Vera's Flavours (PREM/05394/001)

Hi Lucy and co.

Just before the deadline, could I submit an objection to the application for Vera's Flavours (ref PREM/05394/001)?

I appreciate every application needs to be judged on its own merit, but I think we need to talk about the fact that applications come in on repeat with assurances about being a "small grocery store" or similar, then proceed by default to being cheap filling stations for anti-social and unhealthy local drinking.

We already have 10+ off licences, with long hours, within very close proximity of this store.

The local area is beset by antisocial behaviour, crime, and public nuisance related to high-volume drinking: this is well documented by WY Police and LASBT.

We recently approved another off-licence (Eden Supermarket), and they stressed that they were going to be a "traditional ethnic grocery store with a limited alcohol offer" or something like that – but they are nothing of the sort: they are a garish high-volume alcohol retailer above all else. We (LCC) were hoodwinked.

Furthermore, our community is overshadowed by the health and social impacts of over-consumption of alcohol.

During a previous licence dispute, Sam Longfellow sent me these, as possible conditions.

Could we consider these for here?

1. The display of alcohol shall be in a designated area of the premises which is capable of being supervised from the counter area.
2. The display of spirits shall be in an area accessible only by staff.
3. There shall be no sale of beer, cider, lager and perry of 7.5% alcohol by volume or above.

4. The display of high-strength beers, ciders, perrys and lagers of 7.5% alcohol by volume and above shall be in an area accessible only by staff.
5. There shall be no sale of beer, cider, lager and perry of 7.5% alcohol by volume and above in containers holding a capacity of 1 or more litres.
6. Alcohol shall not be displayed next to the public entrance/exit of the premises.
7. The name of the premises shall not contain reference to alcohol.
8. There shall be no advertisement of alcohol external to the premises including window displays.
9. Customers shall be discouraged from drinking alcohol outside the premises.
10. No sale or supply of alcohol shall be made to any customer unless that customer purchases, at the same time and in the same transaction, non-tobacco and non-alcoholic goods to the value of no less than £10.

Also, I'd like us to push for 9am start time.

In line with Eden Supermarket.

Finally, bring on the CIA.

Thank you. Ed

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