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Subject: My objections
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To whom it may concern at the licensing department,

I want to register my opposition to a premises licence that may be granted to SS Enterprise Stores Limited, for the sale of alcohol between the hours 0800-to 2300 7 days a week.

The 2 main grounds for objection are based on the likely public nuisance and public safety.

The Stonehouse public house is in an unusual location. It is situated right on the corner of a busy four-way junction where two main roads intersect. The usual shape of this junction makes this area particularly dangerous, whilst this may be primarily a planning matter, the inability to guarantee the public's safety whilst access the premises, cannot be ignored.

Furthermore, the current building is situated on an end of terraced street. Available parking is scarce and there is no car park anywhere near these premises. The absence of any such parking will inevitably cause a public danger and nuisance. This is due to those accessing the establishment parking around the residential area throughout the day and well into the night.

In recent years there has been a shift in where alcohol is being consumed, with more than two thirds of all alcohol now sold through the off trade.

Because health issues related to alcohol are high allowing easier access to alcohol will only serve to worsen the issue. You may believe this is not a licencing issue but as a public body, CCBC should be conscious of social issues. Considering this area already has five premises selling alcohol near each other this will only add to alcohol availability especially as the licensee applicant is aiming to be open for alcohol sales from 0800 to 2300 throughout the week. This is clearly excessive and irresponsibly ignores the health harms and any antisocial behaviours linked to alcohol including domestic abuse.

As for the idea of healthy competition, because there are several alcohol sales near there is no call further competition.

Further from the idea of a licence for such extended times, leads to the likely public nuisance that will ensue near and around the local residences. This is a not just a factor of the lack of safe available parking, access to the

premises, but the increased potential for noise especially towards the evening and late into the night.

Further to the objection of the licence, I like to ask 2 questions. I note the applicant has just withdrawn a planning application to convert the public house into a convenience store yet is still seeking a premises licence for off sales of alcohol. This seems contrary to information provided to us, **so, the residents near the area and I would like to know what is the premises licence is needed for?**

Is the plan for the Stonehouse Inn to re-open as a public house or is the applicants aim, despite suggesting otherwise, to convert it to a convenience store/ off licence?

Kind regards

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