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Subject: Objection to License Variation at 8 Minories (One Stop Food & Wine)
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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello there,

I am the license holder at ■ Minories which is just ■ doors away from One Stop Food & Wine. I run a licensed venue which runs as a restaurant bar and club. I recently noticed the variation application at One Stop Food & Wine.

I'd like my objection to this closing time changes noted for the following reasons;

There is very little footfall between the hours of midnight and 4am on minories. Being in a business district, there is hardly anyone looking to purchase alcohol at that time of the night. The footfall that does exist is from patrons to late night venues like ourselves.

I believe granting of this variation license would;

Create or increase the risk of crime and disorder as people leaving our premises will be able to purchase alcohol and potentially be more of a nuisance on leaving our premises. It is for this very reason we don't have a license to sell off premises, and our dispersal plan includes stopping alcohol sales an hour before closure. This aids the prevention of public nuisance by patrons leaving our venue. If they have easy access to alcohol right at our doorstep on leaving the premises, all the work we put into dispersal is undermined.

As we have a duty of care to our patrons, we try our best to monitor how much alcohol they consume before they enter and while in the premises. Anyone intoxicated is not allowed on site, as they become a risk factor once in. If there is a late night off license next door, immediately we would have patrons who have consumed a lot of alcohol recently but are not intoxicated on entry. This would further undermine our commitment to promoting the licensing objectives.

In summary, I believe granting this extended licensing to the late license next door would put our license at risk.

Regards,
Folabi Ogunkoya