

LICENSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION

Dear Rachel,

I write with regard to the application by Murat Alma for a variation of the current premises licence issued in respect of the premises known as Way 2 Save at 147 Ripple Road, Barking, IG11 7PW, seeking to extend the licensed hours for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises to allow sales to take place between the hours of 07.00 to 02.00 seven days a week.

Please note that I wish to lodge a representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority under the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance

The representation is made in the knowledge that:

- Mr Alma has held a premises licence in respect of these premises for a number of years
- In February 2017 Mr Alma was granted a variation of that licence which provided 24/7 licensed operation
- In January 2018 that licence was subject of a summary review lodged by the Commissioner of Police on the grounds of serious crime and / or disorder and this resulted in the licensed hours of the premises being reduced to end at 23.00
- In November 2018 an application to vary the licensed hours back up until 02.00 was refused by the Council's Licensing Sub-Committee

This latest application to extend the premises licensed operating hours makes little attempt to address how the premises intend to avoid a repeat of the circumstances that led to the late night licensed operation of the premises being curtailed back in 2018. It offers only that 3 members of staff will be on duty after 23.00 and that one will be given a role to ensure people are not loitering or drinking outside the premises.

While, as far as I am aware, the premises have operated free from incident since the reduction of hours and that the designated premises supervisor named on the licence changed in 2018, a return to late night licensed operation impacts upon the nature of the business and the issues that the premises staff may need to deal with. The premises evidently had problems when it last operated in this way and I would wish to be assured and have evidence that the premises current management have properly reviewed and risk-assessed the situation and identified how they can prevent a reprise of previous concerns.

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