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Full Variation – The British Flag, 56 West Street, Harwich, CO12 3DD

Dear Sirs

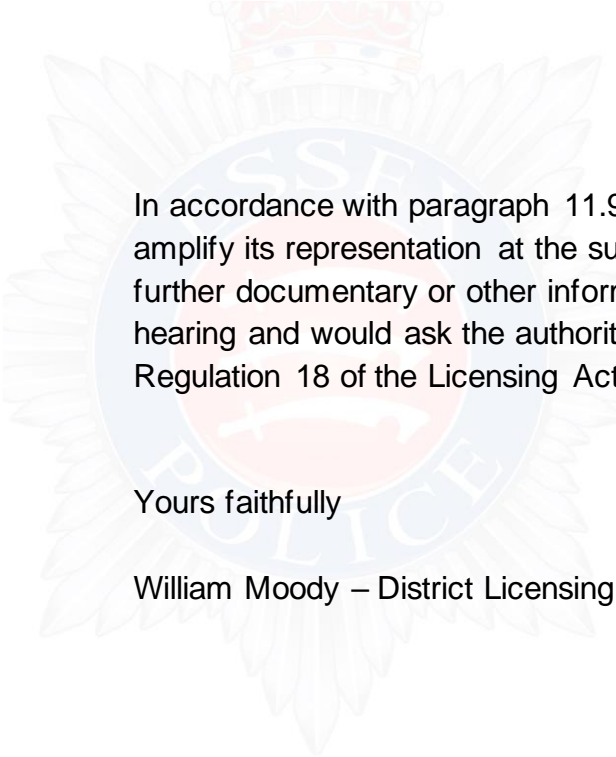
On behalf of the chief officer of Essex Police, I wish to object to this variation to increase the hours of the sale of alcohol on the basis of Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance. Should this variation be granted, the premises will be able to sell alcohol until midnight Monday to Thursday, 2AM Friday to Saturday and 11:30PM on Sunday.

At current, almost all licensed premises in the Harwich area can sell alcohol no later than 1AM. The British Flag is surrounded on all four sides by residential properties and Essex Police believe that an increased footfall, particularly past 1AM may have a significant impact on those living nearby.

It is also likely that the pub will become a 'destination venue' whereby patrons from other parts of Harwich move to the location before the pub stops allowing new customers in. This is likely to create a pinch point in West Street and add further risk of public nuisance and disorder.

The granting of this variation will signal to other venues that they will also be able to apply for extensions to their licence, perhaps even later than 2AM. Essex Police believe that this poses an unacceptable risk of nuisance and disorder to the residents of Old Harwich, which is densely populated with both licensed premises and residential properties.

For the reasons above, Essex Police will ask that this variation is rejected.



In accordance with paragraph 11.9 of the Statutory Guidance Essex Police may amplify its representation at the subsequent hearing. Essex Police may also produce further documentary or other information in support of this application ahead of the hearing and would ask the authority to take this into account as it may do under Regulation 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

Yours faithfully

William Moody – District Licensing Officer