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Dear Sir,

**GUPLA00574 – Guildford Charcoal Grill
Representation to Variation Application to increase hours of trading**

Guildford Borough Council, the Licensing Authority, acting as its capacity as a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 are making representation in support of the objection made by Surrey Police to the variation application to extend the opening hours of the above premises licence under reasons of crime and disorder and public safety.

Whilst not associated with the current licence holder, the premises has a chequered history and the Council, and I am sure the licence holder, do not wish to see a return to the disorder associated with the premises which culminated in the revocation of the previous licence in 2013.

As the Police's representation sets out, dispersal from the town is not just an important priority for the Police, but also wider partners including the Council as it seeks to reduce incidents of crime and disorder through a number of mechanisms, including the Purple Flag award and Safer Guildford Partnership.

Through its licensing policy, the Council sets out at paragraph 4.1 that any individual has the right to make an application to undertake activities, and have their application considered on its merits.

The policy also sets out at paragraphs 6.4 and 6.5 that it is important that applications properly address the four licensing objectives by providing as much detail as possible on the application form, and that the application must be supported by a comprehensive operating schedule. This schedule must specify the steps which the applicant proposes to take in order to promote each of the licensing objectives.

The applicant wishes to extend the hours of operation as they experience customers trying to gain access to the premises after they have closed and believe that staying open for longer will alleviate the situation. They also do not propose any other conditions, over what is currently detailed on the licence in order to promote the licensing objectives.

The current conditions attached to the premises licence include:

- Records of all staff training will be maintained. The records must include details of the name of the member of staff, the date of the training, the name of the individual providing the training and a summary of its contents. The records will be accessible on the premises and produced for inspection by an authorised officer from a Responsible Authority upon request. Each record will be kept on the premises for a minimum period of two years.



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- A refusals log containing details of each refused sale or delivery of alcohol will be maintained at the premises. The log will include as a minimum the date and time of the refusal, the name of the member of staff who refused the sale or delivery, a description of the person who attempted to purchase the alcohol (or the address in the case of delivery orders) and the reason for the refusal. The DPS or a nominated person will monitor the entries in the refusals log at least once per month and sign and date the log to indicate they have done so. The refusals log will be kept on the premises and be available for inspection by an authorised officer from a Responsible Authority upon request.
- The SIA security staff employed at the premises shall be responsible for maintaining order and minimising noise to the front of the premises.
- Door staff shall proactively encourage customers to leave the area after being served.

The most recent licensing inspection of the premises on 23 February 2019 showed the conditions relating to staff training and refusals were not being complied with, as records were not available on the premises for inspection. Whilst the licence has been transferred since this visit, it has transferred from a company, Kasimpasa Ltd, of which Mr Temur was the sole director, to Mr Temur as an individual. As such there has been no change in management at the premises since the visit.

Furthermore, as the Police objection sets out, there have been concerns about current door staff actively managing the area at the front of the premises to ensure order, including occasions where door staff have not managed the area in front of the premises as required by licence conditions and a number of recent, serious incidents and assaults.

Late night take-aways are traditionally well known flash points for incidents after bars and clubs close and extending the hours of operation is likely to lead to potentially increased numbers of customers from the neighbouring night club (33 Hertz) and other Bridge Street venues trying to gain access to the premises, and being present at the front of the premises as they either wait for access, consume their food or wait for transportation home.

However in making this application, Mr Temur has not included any detail in his operating schedule about how he intends to manage the situation of having increased number of patrons and increased potential for disorder. Whilst the current concerns of how the applicant manages his licence are normally the subject of a review application, Mr Temur does not retain the full confidence of the Police or Licensing Authority in being able to manage the current conditions attached to his licence. In light of this, and by providing no detail in his application about how he intends to manage a potential increase in disorder through opening later for the crowds leaving late night venues, the Licensing Authority supports the Police's representation that there is likely to be increased disorder through granting this variation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the me.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Smith
Licensing Team Leader