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To the Licensing Committee,

Pizzaman Premises License Application

I write on behalf of the University of Surrey with reference to the above new premises licence application which we understand is to offer late night refreshment. The University objects to this application on the grounds of public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

Public safety

We note that the Applicant intends to rely on the University's Security Team to attend to any incidents or disorder.

The University's small and dedicated Security Team provide security and front line medical support to several thousand staff and residential students on a 24hr basis. It is vital that they are available to attend to any number of situations and liaise with the emergency services. Given the incidents in the past from when Pizzaman was open late, we object to this application on the grounds that the University Security Team are not there to support the Applicant's operation nor their licensing objectives. Given that the location of the premises is situated underneath the popular Rubix nightclub; the University would expect the Applicant to obtain contracted SIA security as Rubix do for their door staff. University Security will not be supporting this premises as stated in the application.

Extending the opening hours until 0500 will position Pizzaman as the only fast food outlet open that late in the whole of Guildford. This will increase the risk of non-University individuals coming onto campus after hours and the potential for crime and disorder that would bring. This would apply additional pressure to our Security Team. We also note that the applicant has included the University CCTV system as an additional mitigation for their obligations in regard to prevention of crime and disorder. The University CCTV system is not available to the applicant, and we do not provide a monitoring service for the applicant, this comment on the application should therefore be disregarded.

Public Nuisance

Granting this application to operate after hours will also adversely impact our cleaning teams and the local environment on Stag Hill. The Cleaning, Grounds and Logistics teams are all responsible for different elements of litter picking and collection and do so from early morning throughout the day. These teams are already working at capacity based on current littering and have increased the number of bins to help with this. There are in excess of 55 litter bins on the Stage Hill campus, which are a challenge to keep on top of, particularly when there are extended events around Students Union.



There would be a significant increase in the University's operational costs if this application were to be granted. There is no budget for this increase this year or next based on the current financials. Pizzaman does not currently provide their own bins nor make their own waste collection arrangements, we therefore fail to see what the quoted "sufficient measures" are that are quoted in the application.

The additional litter (and specifically food litter) that occurs from opening after 11pm with no litter control measures in place will have an impact on the wildlife on campus and is highly likely to bring an increase in mice and / or rat infestation.

We therefore would request a refusal of this application, or should the application be granted – sufficient mandatory conditions placed on the license to mitigate the concerns contained within.

Yours faithfully



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