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FAO Planning Committee

Tesco Premises Licence Full Variation

I am writing on behalf of the University of Surrey to object to the application as submitted by Tesco Superstore for a 24 hour premises licence. As the committee will be aware, Tesco Superstore is located at the nexus of Stag Hill campus, Manor Park campus, Park Barn, and Southway; where there is a great concentration of students residing throughout term. Since the inception of the 2003 act, we have worked with Pubwatch and the late-night industry to promote responsible drinking practices to promote the objective of the prevention of public nuisance. The application from Tesco in its current form does not provide sufficient detail on how they will meet this objective other than to reference the mandatory condition of a Challenge 25 scheme. It remains an offence to sell alcohol to a customer who is drunk, and Tesco have not included any security safeguards that would be expected to prevent this offence. The only measure to meet the objective of prevention of public nuisance is a vague reference to a "good neighbour scheme".

We would like to request the committee require more stringent safeguards in the promotion of the licensing objectives to justify the extension of sales on such a large scale during the hours of midnight until 6am



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