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Dear Sirs,

**Ambaal Store 173 Streatham Road Mitcham Surrey CR4 2AG – Premises  
Licence No. LN/000001460**

**Application to Review a Premises Licence  
Licensing Act 2003**

On behalf of the Licensing Authority, as a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, I write to support the Police application for review of the premises licence, which authorises licensable activities at Ambaal Store 173 Streatham Road Mitcham Surrey CR4 2AG. The current premises licence (LN/000001460) authorises the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises as follows:

**Supply by Retail of Alcohol (off the premises only)  
Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00 hours  
Sunday 10:00 to 22:30 hours**

**Christmas Day from 12:00 to 15:00 hours and 19:00 to 22:30.  
Good Friday from 08:00 to 22:30 hours.**

Hours the premises are currently open to the public:

**Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00 hours  
Sunday 10:00 to 22:30 hours**

The review application submitted by the Police on the ground of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance sets out factual information as recorded on the evening of Friday 6 November 2015

relating to the sale by retail of alcohol beyond the permitted hours as authorised by the current premises licence. The review application states a plain clothes officer was deployed to the premises and was able to purchase four (4) cans of Kronenbourg 1664 (abv 5.5%) at 23:35 hours.

Officers of the Licensing Authority attended a public meeting on Monday 1 October 2015 with residents of Garden Avenue and other nearby roads, which was organised by the local MP Siobhain McDonagh and Councillor Linda Kirby. During this meeting residents told officers that Ambaal Store remained open and traded on a regular basis selling alcohol beyond the permitted hours. Furthermore, the selling of alcohol beyond permitted hours regularly contributed to groups of youths gathering outside the store, which has led to anti-social behaviour in the locality.

On Thursday 29 October 2015 a Licensing Officer and I visited Ambaal Store to check on the conditions of licence and to speak to the premises licence holder Mr Indralingam Janarthanan. At the time of our visit a lady was found to be working at the premises, and she unable to speak English. Having identified ourselves the lady made a telephone call to a colleague who also worked at the shop and I was asked to them on the telephone. During the telephone conversation the person did not identify themselves, but they were male and they assured me that the premises always closed at 23:00 hours and did not trade or sell alcohol beyond the hours as stated on their premises licence. Before leaving the premises I left my contact details and telephone number asking for them to be passed onto the owner, and for the owner to contact me urgently.

When I returned to my office on the afternoon of Thursday 29 October Mr Indralingam Janarthanan had called left a message for me. I called him back on the mobile telephone number provided, and I spoke to a person who confirmed they were the premises licence holder for Ambaal Store Mr Indralingam Janarthanan. During the telephone conversation Mr Indralingam Janarthanan stated his premises did not open, and no sales of alcohol were made beyond the permitted hours of his premises licence. I then asked if it were possible for me to return to the premises and to meet him, and view recorded footage of his internal CCTV system. Mr Indralingam Janarthanan agreed to this, but we were unable to agree a date before the Police test purchase operation.

It is the view of the Licensing Authority that the licence holder and their staff have failed to address the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance by not operating in accordance with the authority which has been given by the granting of a premises licence.

The Licensing Authority has no confidence in the operator complying with possible additional conditions or further restrictions, which could be imposed on the premises licence. Based on the information received from nearby local residents during the meeting which took place on Monday 1 October 2015, and the factual evidence obtained by the Police in connection with a sale of alcohol beyond the permitted hours, the premises licence holder has been found to be trading irresponsibly. I therefore seek and considered the revocation of the premises licence to be an appropriate measure on this occasion.

The Licensing Authority reserves the right to submit further supporting evidence in connection with this representation, and to assist in oral evidence to be given at any Licensing Sub-Committee hearing organised to determine this review application.



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