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Dear Sir

Nithiyakumar Thangavelautham

Best One Mini Market, 153 Streatham Rd, Mitcham, CR4 2AG

I have received a copy of an application for a premises licence review under the Licensing Act 2003 dated 5th September 2016 from Russ Stevens The Police Licensing Officer.

London Borough of Merton's Trading Standards Section (local weights and measures authority) is a responsible authority under the Act.

Alcohol misuse by young people is a strong contributory factor in a wide range of anti-social behaviour and criminal offences affecting our community. Such behaviour can include public order offences (often anti-social in nature, these can involve disorderly groups of young people who can be rowdy, threatening and abusive to residents), criminal damage and minor and serious assaults. The Trading Standards Service is committed to preventing the sale of age restricted products to young people and fully supports this review application on the basis of the following licensing objectives-

- a. The prevention of crime and disorder
- b. The prevention of public nuisance, and
- c. The protection children from harm.

The Licensing Sub-Committee may wish to consider whether or not it is appropriate for all staff serving alcohol in the shop to attend an accredited 'Do You Pass' training course that provides practical advice and guidance on how to prevent the sale of age restricted products to young people. The Trading Standards Service provides such a course free of charge to local businesses. Additionally it may also be considered appropriate for the DPS or a personal licence holder to be on duty at the serving counter of the shop at all times that

alcohol is available for sale.

I hope that this representation will assist the Sub-Committee when considering this matter.

Yours faithfully

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Stewart Fletcher  
Fair Trading Officer (Trading Standards)