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**Date:** 18 May 2016

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 suspended for three months following a previous hearing before the Licensing Sub-Committee on 2 February 2016) 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 26 March 2016 and the 15 April 2016 relating to the display and storage of alcohol.

On Friday 15 April 2016 I visited the premises with Sgt Paoli with the intension to check if alcohol was being offered for sale by retail despite the suspension of the premises licence being in place. As we drove down Streatham Road towards the premises I observed between eight or nine youths standing outside the premises gathered under the awning of Ambaal Store. Sgt Paoli parked the car on Garden Avenue and we both made our way to the shop on foot. When we arrived at Ambaal Store the youths I had seen standing outside the shop had dispersed and were nowhere to be seen.

As we entered Ambaal Store we were met by a young Asian male who confirmed he was working in the shop. The male told us alcohol was not being sold and while Sgt Paoli made his way towards the rear of the premises I looked on the shelves in the public part of the shop to check for alcohol on display. At the time of the visit I did not see any alcohol on display. However, Sgt Paoli, who has powers under the Licensing Act 2003 to search premises where there is suspicion alcohol may be being sold without the authorisation of a premises licence, found an extensive amount of alcohol stored at the rear of the shop. Sgt Paoli's asked me to assist him in noting details of what alcohol was found stored at the rear of the premises. From what I could see the alcohol was stored in an open store room and in clear view from the public part of the shop.

Following the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing on the 2 February 2016 a letter was sent by the Licensing Authority to the premises licence holder confirming the date the suspension of licence was due to start. The letter also advised the premises licence holder to remove all storage of alcohol from the premises and not to display alcohol with intent to supply during the suspension period. A copy of the letter sent to the premises licence holder is attached to this letter of representation for reference.

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.

Yours faithfully,

*Barry Croft*

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