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To: Licensing
Cc: Councillor Charlie Chirico; Councillor Abdul Latif; Councillor James Holmes;
Subject: New Premises Licence Application WK/201711465–Objection

Dear Sir or Madam

We wish to strongly object to the new above-reference new premises application, which is in relation to “Smash” on 82 The Broadway.

We live at 18 Kings Road, not far from the premises in question. The area surrounding the premises towards the north (Kings Road and South Park Road) is almost exclusively residential. Not infrequently in the past, we and other residents have experienced disruption from individuals leaving the various bars and clubs on The Broadway and elsewhere in the Town Centre, including late-night noise and dropping of rubbish. We had felt that these issues were becoming less acute of late. Approving this application as it stands, however, would represent a serious step backwards.

As you are no doubt aware, the premises are located in a cumulative impact zone. There is a high concentration of premises in the area, many of which serve alcohol until quite late in the evening. We understand that the area is a destination for evening entertainment, but licensing of premises for such activity must take into account the interests of local residents as well.

The above-referenced application would extend hours for the supply of alcohol and live music until well into the early hours of the morning seven days a week. We believe these hours run far past what should be permitted at the premises because they would not serve the four main licensing objectives. In particular:

—Prevention of crime and disorder. Alcohol would be served until 3 am at weekends and 2 am most other days, well past the operating hours of any public transport out of the area. Moreover, unless there is something more detailed in the application that we cannot see in the public register, there is absolutely no proposal to provide any security personnel or any responsibility on the part of the applicant to move guests of the business out of the area. The inevitable result will be increased disorder and potential for crime on this stretch of The Broadway and in the surrounding area.

—Public safety. The very late operating proposed operating hours will increase the likelihood that patrons under the influence of alcohol will attempt to use automobiles to return home.

—Prevention of Public Nuisance. As mentioned above, there is a history of disruption in the surrounding area that granting this licence would only perpetuate. Also, it is difficult to believe that live music at such late hours would not create excessive noise for surrounding residents

—Protection of children from harm. The business has previously distributed fliers encouraging local families to bring their children there to use the table tennis tables earlier in the day. How is

this proposed use (which we support) compatible with a premises whose real business is serving alcohol until early morning hours every day?

We therefore urge you to reject the application as it stands, and to impose much tighter restrictions on licensed hours as well as the standard conditions that are applied to all licensed premises of this type, including adequate levels of security and monitoring, noise prevention, etc.

Yours faithfully,

Kristian Wiggert