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Dear Sir

**Re:- Application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 -  
Convenience Store, Rowan Road Filling Station FS370, 7 Rowan Road, Merton.  
SW16 5JF**

On 27th July 2015 an application was received from Licensing Solutions on behalf of Motor Fuel Group Ltd for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application can be summarised as follows:-

Late Night Refreshment Monday to Sunday 2300-0500  
Supply of Alcohol Monday to Sunday 0600-2400  
Hours open to the Public Monday to Sunday 0000-2400

Police wish to make representations to this application on two of the four licensing objectives namely:-

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**  
**Public Nuisance**

This petrol station is situated on a busy road in close proximity to residential accommodation.

A search of Police crime indices for a period of 12 months between 18th August 2014 and 18th August 2015 has revealed fifty-four (54) allegations of crime. This search was limited to the above postal code of the above premises. These allegations can be broken down as follows:-

3 Assaults  
19 Thefts  
25 allegations of Making Off Without Payment  
3 Burglaries  
1 Public Order Offence  
2 Fraud related offences  
1 allegation of Indecent Exposure

It is highly probable that this figure will increase with the extension of opening hours and the inclusion of alcohol sales.

An increase in the hours of operation of the premises will have the potential of increasing anti-social behaviour by having undesirable groups loitering in the area later into the night.

## **Conclusion**

As far as I am aware this applicant is untested in the London Borough of Merton. The issue of 24 hour opening and extensive operating hours for the sale of alcohol is one not to be taken lightly. A number of options are therefore suggested as follows:-

### 1. Refuse the application

If the licence is granted a number of conditions are suggested:-

2. The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of a Metropolitan Police Crime Prevention Officer. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorized officer throughout the preceding 31 day period. The CCTV system should be updated and maintained according to police recommendations.

3. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be on the premises at all times when the premise is open to the public. This staff member must be able to show a Police or authorized council officer recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.

4. No super-strength beer, lagers or ciders of 5.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) or above shall be sold at the premises.

5. Outside of the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol, all alcohol within the trading area is to be secured behind locked grills, locked screens or locked cabinet doors so as to prevent access to the alcohol by both customers and staff.

6. A proof of age scheme, such as Challenge (21/25), shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are (recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence or passport / Holographically marked PASS scheme identification cards).

7. A log shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol. The log should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The log shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of the Council at all times whilst the premise is open.

8. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Council or the Police, which will record the following:

(a) all crimes reported to the venue

(b) all ejections of patrons

(c) any complaints received

(d) any incidents of disorder

(e) any faults in the CCTV system or searching equipment or scanning equipment

(f) any refusal of the sale of alcohol

(g) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

9. No less than 2 members of staff will be employed at the premises at all times.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Sparham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Sparham

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