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Thursday 4th August 2005

Dear Sir / Madam,

LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION - NOTICE OF POLICE REPRESENTATION.

Re:- Bear Inn, Swadlincote.

With reference to the above application, please take this letter as formal notification that it is the intention of the Police to make formal representations in respect of this application on the grounds that:

In its' current form it undermines the key Licensing objectives as indicated below:

1.	The Prevention of Crime & Disorder	\boxtimes
2.	Public Safety	\geq
3.	The prevention of Public Nuisance	\boxtimes
4.	The protection of children from harm	\boxtimes

A separate letter will be sent giving further explanation.

Alec Wallace

Yours faithfully

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POLICE REPRESENTATIONS TO LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION.

RE: Bear Inn, Swadlincote, Derbyshire.

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PLEASE NOTE:

The information contained in this letter does not form part of the 'Notice of Police representation'.

Please disclose to the Licensing Authority/ Licensing Committee and Applicants only at this stage.

Disclosure to other parties prior to hearing may prejudice any alternative dispute resolution process and subsequent committee hearing / court appeal.

The Bear Inn has asked to be allowed to serve alcohol 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The police feel that the time alcohol is available is excessive, especially given current concerns over the UK's binge drinking culture. The Swadlincote police section inspector has concerns that he may not have the resources to deal with incidents that might occur at the premises, due to the large geographical area covered by Swadlincote police section and the limited resources available.

We recognise and welcome what has been put forward by the licensee in section Q, especially with regard to the no entry or re-entry policy between midnight and 6am, however it only goes part way to addressing fears over potential drunken anti-social behaviour. For instance, how will the levels of drunkenness be monitored?

It is suggested that a terminal hour of midnight for weekdays (Sunday – Thursday), and 02:00hrs for Friday and Saturday would be more manageable for the police resources available.

Also as the bulk of the Bear inn's trade is from "wet" sales, the police want assurances that every possible step is being taken to protect children from harm, and at the very least would request that no children under 14 years of age will be allowed on the premises after 8pm (20:00hrs) each day.

If the application is amended to reflect the above, then the police will be in a position to withdraw the objection, thereby negating the need for a formal committee hearing.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Alec Wallace

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