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Licensing, York House, 91 Granby Street, Leicester, LE1 6FB

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Licencing application to sell alcohol at 39 Tudor Road, Leicester

I would like to formally object to the licencing application requesting a license to sell alcohol from the property at 39 Tudor Road. The reasons for this objection are as follows:

- 1. There are four small establishments within 5 to 10 minutes' walk of the above property including 2 off-licences on Tudor Road, an off-licence on Bosworth Street and a public house on the corner of Tewksbury Street. This is in addition to a Tesco supermarket on Braunstone Gate, Leicester. Therefore I do not believe the neighbourhood would be benefitted by yet another establishment that sells alcohol.
- 2. There is currently an issue with low level antisocial behaviour often fuelled by alcohol use and there is concern that this behaviour will increase as a result of yet another off-licence opening in close proximity to current outlets thereby causing a risk to public safety. There has been at least one incident in recent weeks where a female resident has been accosted by someone under the influence of alcohol causing a risk to their safety and welfare.
- 3. There is potential for residents living in close proximity to the establishment to be subjected to rowdy behaviour, increased noise, intimidation and threats to their safety and welfare from groups of individuals congregating outside their homes drinking alcohol. This is a particular issue given the style of terraced homes which open immediately onto the street.
- 4. Increased amount of footfall to this establishment particularly late in the evening is likely to create a significant noise nuisance for residents along with an increase in the level of litter (beer cans etc) and potential damage to property when their behaviour becomes rowdy. There have been recent incidents of doors being banged and kicked and windows being banged by passers-by who are under the influence of alcohol.
- 5. Tudor Road is currently a very busy road with a significant amount of congestion. Due to parking on both sides, the road is reduced to a single carriage way causing significant traffic congestion as cars wait for an opportunity to move up and down the road. The increase in cars driving to and from the shop and wanting to park within close proximity of it will exacerbate this issue; it is likely to increase the level of noise and pollution from cars and risk to pedestrians.
- A potential increase in incidents of aggressive behaviour from motorists/pedestrians, particularly late at night causing disturbance and potential risk to safety for the local residents.

On a personal note it is a real concern that the current low level alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour experienced by the residents along Tudor Road is likely to increase with the provision of yet another outlet where alcohol can be purchased and this will not improve the environment for the residents who live in the area and may put the safety and welfare of residents, particularly vulnerable single parents, children and elderly residents at risk as they go about their daily activities.

Regards

