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91 Granby Street  
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Application for No 103 Uppingham Road LE5 3TB

We write in connection with this application, currently advertised by public notices around the premises. We invite the Licensing Authority to take note of these factors while deciding the application.

1. Community aspects. The local community here is very ethnic, comprising mostly families of Muslim or Hindu extraction. None of these families has the need to buy alcohol at this corner shop. The intended customers therefore are people who come from out of the immediate area.

2. Availability of Alcohol. Within a few minutes walk of these premises there are already established several shops selling alcohol, which are :

Tony's Wine Store at 55 Uppingham Road

Premier Convenience Store 106/110 Uppingham Road (Opp Kitchener Rd)

Today's NISA at 31/29 Uppingham Road

And the COOP store some 500 yards further east.

Of these, the first two are a mere 100 yards from these premises.

We can see no reason to have yet another source of Alcohol.

3. State of premises. The owners of the premises have undertaken some very strange alterations to the structures. The back yard has been given a make-over in the tradition of slum building in Calcutta. One rumour has suggested that this will become the 'beer garden' for consumption of alcohol. The front door at No 103 has been augmented with a distinct DIY flavour which adds nothing to the area. It is unlikely that planning permission has been sought for either of these excrescences.

In the event of grant of Licence, what further modifications will be applied?

4. Neighbourhood Aspects. The area already suffers from being a car park for many outside visitors. In this Holy month of Ramadan there is significant traffic to the Mosque in Duxbury Road. The recently opened Launderette at 107 Uppingham Road has brought extra people loaded with large bags of laundry, seeking to park near the shop. The double yellow lines at the north end of Duxbury Road are routinely ignored in the scramble for parking. The AA Furniture shop at No 105, festoons the pavement with its goods in an extension to its show area. With licensing hours proposed from 07.00 to 22.00 every day of the week, the extra noise and bustle could become intolerable.