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**Representation Objecting to the Premises Licence Application
Licensing Act 2003**

Premises: Dosti Restaurant and Bar
Address: 2B Uppingham Road, Leicester

To: Leicester City Council Licensing Sub-Committee

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a formal representation objecting to the premises licence application for Dosti Restaurant and Bar, 2B Uppingham Road, Leicester, on the grounds that the application fails to adequately promote the following licensing objectives:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Protection of Children from Harm

My objection is based on existing conditions within the locality, observations reported by local residents, and concerns regarding the likely impact of granting a licence permitting the sale of alcohol until 2.00 am.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The surrounding area already experiences issues associated with the availability and consumption of alcohol. There are a number of premises within close proximity that sell alcohol, and local residents have observed regular groups of intoxicated individuals congregating outside nearby off-licences, particularly Dosti Paan House and Shiv Shakti.

Residents report that these gatherings are often accompanied by loud conversations, disorderly behaviour, and conduct associated with excessive alcohol consumption. Whilst not every individual present causes problems, the cumulative effect is that the area experiences ongoing alcohol-related issues which negatively affect the local environment and residents' sense of security.

Particular concern has been raised regarding Dosti Paan House, where residents have reported occasions where individuals appeared to be consuming alcohol within the premises and in upstairs areas despite the premises operating under an off-licence. Whilst it is for the relevant authorities to investigate and determine any licence compliance matters, such reports have contributed to local concerns that alcohol-related controls are not always being effectively observed in the immediate vicinity.

The Licensing Authority must consider not only the impact of this application in isolation but also the cumulative effect of adding another licensed premises into an area where residents already experience alcohol-related disorder. Extending alcohol availability until 2.00 am is likely to increase opportunities for late-night drinking and congregation, thereby increasing the risk of crime and disorder occurring in the locality.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Residents already experience regular disturbances linked to people gathering outside alcohol-selling premises in the area. Concerns include:

- Raised voices and shouting in the street.
- Late-night noise from groups congregating outside shops.
- Anti-social behaviour associated with alcohol consumption.
- Littering of public spaces.

These issues are particularly concerning during evening and night-time hours when surrounding residential properties can reasonably expect a greater degree of peace and quiet.

The application proposes alcohol sales until 2.00 am. Such an extension would significantly increase the likelihood of late-night activity, customer dispersal issues, noise from patrons arriving and leaving, and the potential for individuals to remain in the area after consuming alcohol.

Whilst conditions may be offered by the applicant, residents have legitimate concerns that the addition of another late-night licensed venue would intensify existing nuisance issues rather than alleviate them. The Sub-Committee should therefore carefully consider whether the proposed operating schedule provides sufficient evidence that the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance can be adequately promoted.

Protection of Children from Harm

A particular concern relates to the impact of alcohol-related activity on children and young families living within the locality.

Residents have observed alcohol cans, bottles and broken glass being discarded in the vicinity of a children's play area opposite the premises. Regardless of who is responsible for this litter, its presence demonstrates that alcohol-related waste is already creating an environment that poses potential risks to children using local recreational facilities.

Parents and families have reported feeling increasingly uncomfortable with the level of alcohol-related activity occurring in the area and are concerned about children being exposed to intoxicated behaviour, anti-social conduct, and alcohol-related litter when travelling to and from local amenities.

The Licensing Act requires consideration of children's welfare and protection from harm. Increasing the availability of alcohol until 2.00 am within an area already experiencing alcohol-related issues risks further normalising such behaviour and increasing children's exposure to environments affected by excessive drinking and disorder.

Cumulative Impact and Local Experience

Many local residents will recall that a previous alcohol licence application in the locality attracted significant public concern regarding the potential consequences of increasing alcohol availability in the area. At the time, predictions were made regarding increased nuisance, anti-social behaviour, littering, and public drinking.

Residents now believe that many of those concerns have materialised. The existing problems being experienced locally should therefore be given considerable weight when assessing whether an additional premises licence, particularly one permitting alcohol sales until 2.00 am, is appropriate.

The Licensing Act requires decisions to be made on the evidence available and with regard to the promotion of the licensing objectives. In this case, local experience indicates that the area is already experiencing difficulties associated with alcohol availability and consumption. Granting an additional licence with extended hours would be likely to exacerbate those problems rather than improve them.

Conclusion

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully submit that the application, as currently proposed, does not adequately promote the licensing objectives of:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder;
- Prevention of Public Nuisance; and
- Protection of Children from Harm.

The existing conditions within the locality, together with the proposed sale of alcohol until 2.00 am, create a significant risk of worsening the problems already experienced by local residents and families.

I therefore respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-Committee refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

