**LETTER OF OBJECTION**

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Date:

The Secretary

XX District Licensing Committee

XX Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Application for Off-licence:

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| Premise Name :  |  |
| Address of the premise:  |  |
| Type of licence:  | Off-licence |

On the following basis, I/we wish to confirm that I/we have an interest in this application which is greater than the public generally:

[*please explain why you have interest in this application that is greater than the public generally – examples are provided*]

I/We live within XX metres/kms of the proposed new premises. I/We have lived in the area for XX years.

I/We own/operate a business within XX metres/kms of the premises.

I am a principal/teacher/staff member at the local school.

I don’t live in the area but I work within XX metres/kms of the proposed premises.

My/our children often walk past the premises on the way to and home from [*school/library/shops/parks/public transport*].

**Reasons for objection:**

**The proposed off-licence is inconsistent with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain why you think the granting of the licence will not minimise the harm from the excessive and inappropriate consumption of alcohol – an example is provided]*

I am writing to make an objection against the granting of an off-licence for this premises. The granting of this licence will do nothing to minimise the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol. The granting of this licence is very unlikely to minimise crime, damage, death, disease, disorderly behaviour, illness, or injury, to the community resulting from the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol.

**Suitability**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain why you think the applicant is not suitable to hold an alcohol licence – examples are provided]*

*[Check the licence application to see if the applicant has ever been found to breach the law – e.g. selling to intoxicated persons, selling to minors, breaching noise limits, breaching street trading bylaws, breaching signage requirements, drink driving convictions, etc.]*

As a community we know [*little/something/a lot*] about the applicant and their suitability to hold a licence. I/We wish to question the suitability of the applicant.

We do not believe that the applicant has the required skills, experience, and understanding of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. [*Explain why*]

We would like to know if the applicant has a current manager’s certificate.

We are aware of other premises that are operated by the applicant and do not believe that they have a good track record with compliance. We understand that the applicant has previously sold alcohol to an [*intoxicated person/underage person*].

**Local Alcohol Policy**

[*Check to see if your local Council has adopted a Local Alcohol Policy. If it has, explain how the Local Alcohol Policy affects this application*]

Our community has a local alcohol policy. This states that new licensed premises must be more than 100m from a sensitive site. Surrounding this premises is a primary school and health centre.

**Trading hours**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain if you are concerned about the proposed trading hours in the application – examples provided]*

I/we are concerned about the late hours being applied for at this premises. We are concerned that the later the premises are open, the more noise and nuisance will be a problem for us, our neighbours, and other members of the community. We are particularly concerned about violence, drink-driving, and safety. We recommend that if the licence is granted, that the closing hour is restricted to [*8pm/9pm/10pm*].

I/we are concerned about the early opening hour being applied for at this premises. We are concerned that children and young people on the way to school will be exposed to people selling alcohol and consuming it nearby. We are also concerned that having an off-licence open so early puts heavy dependent drinkers and recovering drinkers at risk. We recommend that if the licence is granted, that the opening hour is delayed to [*10am/11am/12pm*].

**Design and Layout**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain if you are concerned about the design and layout of the premises – examples provided]*

I/We are concerned about the design and layout of the premises. It looks quite dark and dingy. The visibility inside the premises from outside is obscured, and the premises may be more vulnerable to criminal activity given the poor sightlines to and from the premises. There appear to be several blind spots in the premises which staff may be unable to monitor.

**Other goods and services**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain if you are concerned about other goods and services being sold from the premises – this includes tobacco products, gambling products, inadequate food options etc.]*

I/We are concerned about the proposed presence of [*tobacco products*] in the premises. We are also concerned that there are likely to be very few, if any, adequate food options available.

**Amenity and Good Order of our neighbourhood**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain why you think this premises might affect the amenity and good order of the community – produce evidence where you can]*

I/We are concerned that the amenity and good order of our neighbourhood will be reduced by more than a minor extent if the proposed licence is granted. There are already a number of off-licences in the area near the proposed premises. We already deal with the nuisance of alcohol-related noise, litter, urine, and vomit, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights. We are worried about increased vandalism in our neighbourhood.

There are a number of sensitive sites in the area that are not compatible with an additional off-licence – these include [*Childcare centres / schools / playgrounds / marae / churches / medical centres / rehabilitation centres / social housing*].

**Systems, staff, and training**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please describe if you think the applicant has suitable systems, staff and training in place]*

I/We are concerned that the applicant may not have appropriate experience and training to implement the systems required and recruit and train appropriately qualified and experienced staff. It is very important if the proposed licence is granted, that the premises operates within the law and abides by conditions imposed on the licence. I/We believe that additional qualified duty managers are required to manage the premises throughout the week.

I/We are concerned that the applicant has not specified that any security personnel will be available to provide security for staff and for patrons visiting the premises. We believe that security is needed for this proposed establishment.

**Matters arising from the licensing inspector’s report**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please describe any issues you would like to raise from the Council licensing inspectors report]*

I/We are concerned about issues raised in the licensing inspectors report. This includes…

**Matters arising from the Medical Officer of Health’s report**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please describe any issues you would like to raise from the Public Health report]*

I/We are concerned about issues raised in the Medical Officer of Health’s report. This includes…

**Matters arising from the Police report**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please describe any issues you would like to raise from the Police report]*

I/We are concerned about issues raised in the Police report. This includes…

For all of the above reasons, we believe that the granting of this off-licence will reduce the amenity and good order of our community by more than a minor extent, in both the short-term and long-term. This in turn may lead to increased alcohol-related harm and hence works against achieving the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Should the licence be granted, we respectfully request the District Licensing Committee to impose the following conditions:

*[Please insert a list of conditions you would like to ask the District Licensing Committee to impose – e.g. no single sales of beer or RTDs of 500ml or less, no sales to persons in school uniform, no external free-standing advertising signs, RTDs not to be displayed near principal entrance to store or within 3 metres of window frontage, external advertising of alcohol to limited to no more than 50% of shop frontage, advertising limited to trading name and two poster displays on shop frontage smaller than A1 size ]*

I [*wish/do not wish*] to appear should a formal hearing of this application be held.

Yours sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_