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Dear Jean,

### **WINE ME UP, 7 Lewes Road BN2 3HP I445/3/2010/01324/LAPREN – application for variation of premises license**

As a ward councillor representing Lewes Road and surrounding area, I wish to make a representation with regard to the application for a variation of premises license for Wine Me Up, 7 Lewes Road. I am concerned that this application will have a detrimental impact upon the licensing objectives of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The application is for variation to sell alcohol up to 01.00 Sunday to Thursday, and to 02:00 on Friday and Saturday. The existing license is to open 7 days a week to 01:00, but for sale of alcohol only until 12:00 midnight.

Despite being a busy local transport corridor and local shopping area, Lewes Road between the Level and Vogue gyratory is predominantly a residential area. There are many residents living in flats above small shops, some houses front the road and in the adjacent terraced side streets there is a very high density of residential population.

This area already suffers from a considerable degree of night time noise and antisocial behaviour from those living within the area and those passing through. There are now very many licensed establishments along this stretch of Lewes Road, with an unbalancing proliferation in off-licenses in recent years. I am concerned that later opening and alcohol sales at Wine Me Up will have an additional detrimental impact on crime and disorder and public nuisance in the vicinity as late night revellers are drawn to the premises especially those dispersing from the city centre.

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (section 4.8) states an appropriate maximum terminal hour for 'residential' areas is 23.30, while for 'mixed' areas it suggests 02:00. For clarity, the policy cites North Laine and St James Street as examples of what is meant by a 'residential' area, whereas it defines East Street as a 'mixed' area.

The area around 7 Lewes Road, with its predominately residential and small retail composure, and out of centre location and nature, is more comparable with St James Street and North Laine. By contrast, Lewes Road bears little relation to the distinctly city centre make up of East Street, where high volume pubs, restaurants and the taxi rank dominate, the

night time scene. I would therefore suggest that it would be far more appropriate for a terminal hour of 23:30 to be applied to these premises than 02:00.

I have discussed the application at a meeting of the Triangle Community Group, which represents the area between Lewes Road and Upper Lewes Road, and members shared my concerns with the application.

I would request that a licensing panel determine the application, and by way of refusal of the application, continue to maintain the current hours of alcohol sales terminating at midnight on every night of the week.

Yours sincerely,

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