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Dear Ms Stock,

Licensing Act 2003 – New Premises Licence Application, Main Stage, 36 Castle Street, Swansea, SA1 1HZ.

The Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority makes the following representation to the grant of the above-mentioned premises licence.

The premises is described as a *coffee shop and meeting place for the LGBTQ+ community during the day and a cabaret bar by night with little residential use in the area*. The premises is in close proximity to Wind Street and is situated within the Cumulative Impact Assessment area adopted by the Council in July 2023, having first been introduced in 2013 (Referenced at 6.7 of the Statement of Licensing Policy).

Cumulative impact is the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area e.g. the potential impact on crime and disorder or public nuisance.

As the premises is located within the Cumulative Impact Assessment area, it is felt by the Licensing Authority that the applicant has not provided sufficient information as to why the premises licence application should be granted nor has the applicant sufficiently demonstrated how the licensing objectives will be promoted. The Cumulative Impact Assessment states at paragraph 5.11 that should the applicant not be able to demonstrate that their operation will not add to the cumulative impact, a licence should be refused.

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The application proposes trading Monday to Sunday 1000 to 0130 with licensable activities terminating at 0100. Furthermore, the application proposes additional non-standard timings for an additional hour on a Sunday prior to Bank Holiday Monday and an extension of hours to 0300 on New Years Eve.

The applicant has stated within the description of the premises that there is little residential use in the area. This is not the case. There are residential units at 15-20 Castle Street as well as residential units within Castle Arcade at 32 Castle Street. Whilst the applicant has stated SIA registered door staff will be employed at the premises and that the door staff will supervise queues to enter the premises, as per condition 5 and 13 of the operating schedule, the applicant makes no reference to how noise from the premises will be managed. The Licensing Authority, acting as Responsible Authority, would suggest additional conditions be considered should the licence be granted to ensure noise levels from the premises when regulated entertainment is taking place, will not become a public nuisance and therefore undermine the licensing objectives.

Should the committee be minded to grant the application, the Licensing Authority acting as Responsible Authority suggests the following conditions:

All windows and doors to be kept closed whilst regulated entertainment takes place and any use of the P.A system is in use.

Loudspeakers shall not be located in the entrance lobby or outside the premises building.

Notices shall be prominently displayed at the exit and any area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and to use and leave the area quietly.

SIA door staff to actively monitor and control any queues outside of the premises in order to minimise any disturbance to local residents.

The Licensing Authority has considered the application in line with paragraph 5.3 of the Cumulative Impact Assessment and whilst it proposes to sell alcohol and provide entertainment with different styles and characteristics in Swansea, the applicants have not demonstrated how the premises would not add to the existing cumulative impact.

The Licensing Authority acting as Responsible Authority suggest the following conditions, should the licence be granted, in order to promote the licensing objectives:

The premises will promote a QR code table service system.

Where customers are unable to use the QR Code Ordering Service, waiter/waitress service will be provided.

No service is to be provided directly to customers from the bar when regulated entertainment is taking place or when the P.A system is in use.

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I submit this as a representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority acting as a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, as I consider that the applicant has not demonstrated how the premises will promote the licensing objectives and therefore, not add to the Cumulative Impact Assessment.

Kind Regards

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