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Police Representations in relation to an application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

I am in receipt of the above application made under the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 for the below mentioned premises.

Premises: 3S Convenience Store, 95, Carnglas Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9BN

The above premises has applied for a New Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003. South Wales Police to object to the application on the following grounds.

The application has specified that the proposed opening hours are Monday to Sunday 06:00 – 00:00 hours.

The property is situated in the centre of Tycoch Square and the area is a mix of commercial and private residential properties.

Convenience stores and shops have historically attracted an element of anti-social behaviour as they tend to be a congregational area.

There are other stores within the area which close at 22:00 and 23:00 hours and there are concerns in relation to the opening hours until midnight.

This will attract members of the public driving into the area due to the convenience store being open until midnight.

This would create not only a high level of noise with vehicle but also persons talking and potential disorder due to persons having already consumed alcohol and wish to continue.

There are many families and elderly people living in this area which should the closing time of midnight be granted, this would have a detrimental effect on school children, members of the working public and the elderly.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to meet the four Licensing Objectives under the Licensing Act 2003, namely The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, The Prevention of Public Nuisance and The Protection of children from Harm.

I would suggest that on the balance of probabilities that having checked all the other premises in the Sketty area with their closing times being 22:00 and 23:00 hours that this convenience store will attract members of the public not only within the locality but outside the area.

This could cause anti-social behaviour, further alcohol issues and disturbances in the street due to public wanting to continue consuming alcohol at such a late hour.

The role of a Premises Licence holder requires a high level of responsibility and the ability to manage a licence premises to a competent and high standard on a day-to-day basis.

The Licence holder will be responsible for the safety of the public and any issues that could potentially arise in respect of the convenience store which would undermine the four Licensing Objectives.

South Wales Police submit that this is a reasonable and proportionate response to this application and the above information is submitted for your information and consideration.