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The Divisional Licensing Officer,  
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11<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Dear Mrs Anthony

**Police Representation to 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: Premier Stores  
9 Dillwyn Street  
Swansea  
SA1 4AE

The above premises has submitted an application for a New Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Convenience store will be situated in the city centre with many shops, residential flats and houses in very close proximity to the applicant.

Convenience Stores have historically attracted an element of anti-social behaviour as they tend to be a congregational area, due to selling alcohol and Tabacco products.



## Appendix D

Concerns in relation to this application is anti-social behaviour that South Wales Police are currently experiencing in this vicinity due to street drinking plus violent crime. This involves persons congregating on Dillwyn Street and continuing to nearby streets and the bus station.

Local convenience stores in the near vicinity have experienced problems of a similar nature which has become a problem for the city centre and neighbouring premises. Persons become aggressive and intimidating towards members of the public and cause disorder by fighting amongst themselves.

South Wales Police is fully aware that every application should be looked at on its own merit, however it is feared that should the applicant be granted a 2am close that this will Severely impact on disorderly behaviour and continued street drinking.

This would also impact on noise pollution for the nearby streets and crime levels.

South Wales Police have put together a Team to tackle the issues which include Street Drinking, Begging, Thefts, and disorder which typically lead to persons fighting amongst their own groups. The Team have gone along way to tackle the issues for the surrounding premises however they are still drinking and causing problems in Picton Lane close by to the application for the new premises.

It is feared that if the 2am close is granted that this will instigate the return of these issues to Dillwyn Street and surrounding area.

Most of the nearby convenience stores are closed at 11pm due to not wishing to add to existing ongoing problems.

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.

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 holder will be responsible for the safety of the public and any issues that could potentially arise in relation to the said premises which in turn would undermine the four Licensing Objectives.



## Appendix D

If the Licence is granted South Wales Police would request that a reasonable closing time should be 11pm and the following two conditions are added to the Premises Licence which would address all concerns: -

- 1. No alcohol to be sold via a single can sale with an alcohol ABV over 6.5%.**
- 2. Personal Licence holder to be on duty at all times when the premises is open for the purpose of selling alcohol.**

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.

Yours sincerely,

*Nicola Evans*

Police Licensing Officer  
(On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police)

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