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Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 7:01 PM

To: Licensing <licensing@westberks.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Alcohol License Application for Coriander Club Restaurant

To whomever this may concern,

I am writing to formally object to the alcohol license application submitted by the Coriander Club Restaurant, located at 98 Royal Avenue, Calcot, Reading, RG31 4UT. My objection is based on several valid concerns that pertain to the potential negative impact of granting this license, including noise disturbances, disruption to parking and road usage, and the likelihood of public nuisance occurrences.

1. **Noise Disturbances:** One of the primary concerns is the potential for excessive noise late at night, which is likely to result from the operation of a restaurant that serves alcohol. This could significantly disrupt the peaceful atmosphere of the residential neighborhood and negatively affect the quality of life for the local residents. Such noise disturbances may also contravene local noise regulations and guidelines.

Parking and Road Disruption: The vicinity of Coriander Club Restaurant already faces challenges related to parking availability and road congestion. Introducing a licensed establishment in the area is likely to exacerbate these problems, as patrons may struggle to find parking spaces and potentially resort to obstructive parking practices. This could lead to increased road congestion, impacting the convenience and safety of the neighbourhood.

Public Nuisance Occurrences: There is a legitimate concern that granting an alcohol license to this establishment may increase the likelihood of public nuisance occurrences. These occurrences may include public disturbances, unruly behaviour, and the potential for alcohol-related incidents that pose risks to the well-being of the community.

In light of these concerns, it is essential to consider the existing legislation and acts that regulate the issuance of alcohol licenses. The Licensing Act 2003 empowers licensing authorities to ensure that licensed premises do not undermine the licensing objectives, which include the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder, and the protection of public safety. Granting an alcohol license to Coriander Club Restaurant could potentially compromise these objectives.

Additionally, I would like to bring to your attention as previous case in the vicinity that serves as a cautionary tale regarding the negative effects of having a licensed establishment in a residential area. Murdoch's Pub, located in Calcot, closed down

due to a lack of customers, but not before causing significant nuisance to the local residents. This closure serves as a reminder that such businesses can adversely impact the community and lead to the demise of otherwise viable businesses in the area.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that granting an alcohol license to the Coriander Club Restaurant may result in a range of negative consequences for the local residents and community. I urge you to consider these valid concerns and the case study of Murdoch's Pub when evaluating the license application. It is imperative that the licensing authority prioritizes the well-being and quality of life of the community over commercial interests.

I kindly request that you take my objections into account when reviewing the license application for Coriander Club Restaurant. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that the licensing authority will make a decision that is in the best interest of the community.

Sincerely,

Samir Saeed