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APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE, REF. NO. 16/00998/LAPRE

As residents of Hadlow Close, we wish to object to the above application on the following grounds:

(a) The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The application is for a licence for alcohol to be served from 12 noon to 12 midnight every day and for food to be served between 23.00 hrs and 23.59 hrs every evening, and on New Years eve until 02.00 on New Years day.

We believe there is no justification for such a wide and far-reaching license. Currently, the College is closed on Saturdays and Sundays during term-time and is closed during vacations. We believe this should be taken into account, and if the license is granted it should be restricted to term-time only and finish at 23.00 hrs, as is usual with public houses. New Years Eve falls within normal College vacation times, therefore it seems strange that the license should include New Years Eve at all. We believe that granting of the license will give rise to public nuisance in terms of noise, especially in relation to outdoor events, illegal parking (already a problem in this area), disorderly behavior and rowdiness in what is now a residential area. There are also some issues of litter at both the entrances of the complex and throughout the area- this license will only exacerbate this further we feel.

The application is also for the showing of films indoors and live and recorded music, both indoors and out, from 09.00 to 23.59 seven days a week, plus any other entertainment of a similar description. We object to this on the grounds of

- (i) noise arising, especially with regard to outdoor events (which will include provision of alcohol), thus possibly creating a public nuisance
- (ii) car parking problems, again causing a public nuisance.
- (iii) Litter caused by extended hours of opening, there is already a litter issue in the grounds.

(b) Public Safety and protection of children

The residents of this Close are mainly families with young children, we have 2 young children and our daughter attends the nearby St Francis Primary school. Our route

to school includes the road which passes the premises in question as does our route to our son's nursery school. This road is already hazardous, and the combination of young drivers, alcohol and a greatly extended use of the roadway, including weekends and evenings (not currently a problem) could well create a threat to public safety more than currently present.

Furthermore, there are three secondary schools in the area, all of which disgorge pupils from 15.00, Monday to Friday. These unaccompanied children may also face additional hazard.

We believe that if this application is granted, the Licensing Authority should consider adding restrictions on the number of days in any calendar year when such a license can be used; we do not believe that the applicant has taken into account the fact that they are situated very close to several residential areas, and we believe that the granting of this application without any restrictive conditions will create considerable public nuisance and will have a detrimental effect on public safety.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K and G Rolland', with a stylized, cursive script.

K and G Rolland