



**Details of person making objection**

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**Details of premises representation is about**

Name of Premises:	Kwik E Mart
Address of premises:	68 Lower Stone Street Maidstone ME15 6NA
Date application received by police	06/11/2015
Date representation sent to Licensing Authority	01/12/2015
<i>Must be within 28 days of receipt – The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005, Part 4 Reg. 22.</i>	

**The Chief Officer of Police has received an application for the grant of a premises licence made under the provisions of Section 17 Licensing Act 2003, and under Section 18 of that Act, asks the Licensing Authority to consider these representations in respect of: -**

*Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that the representation relates to:*

Prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Is this a representation regarding the Designation of Premises Supervisor under S18 (9) Licensing Act 2003? NO**

If yes, complete the following statement: -

The relevant representation within the meaning of S.18(6) of the Licensing Act satisfy the requirements of S.18(9) of that Act and are as follows:  
Due to the exceptional circumstances of this case, I am satisfied that the designation of the person concerned as the premises supervisor under the premises licence would undermine the crime prevention objective because ....

*Please use separate sheets where necessary*

The relevant representations within the meaning of S.18(6) of the Licensing Act satisfy the requirements of S.18(7) of that Act and are as follows:

**Please give the reason for the representation and detail the evidence supporting it:**

Please see attached sheet

Please use separate sheets where necessary

**Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the representation or other suggestions the Licensing Sub Committee may take into account:**

*Please use separate sheets where necessary. Consider s106 Licensing Act 2003.*

Please see attached sheet.

Signed:



Date: 01/12/2015

Print name: .....PC Neil Barnes.

Force Number: 10051

pp Chief Officer of Police for the Police Area in which the licensed premises are situated

Representation may be made at any time during the 28 consecutive days starting on the day after the day on which the application to which it relates was given to the authority by the applicant. Please return this form along with any additional sheets to the Licensing Authority. This form must be returned within the Statutory Period.

**Please give the reason for the representation and detail the evidence supporting it:**

Kent Police make these representations in respect of an application for a premises licence to be granted at 68 Lower Stone Street, Maidstone ME15 6NA. The application requests only one licensable activity, the sale of alcohol for the consumption off premises and asks for this to be allowed all day, seven days a week.

The premises are situated within the Maidstone Town Centre Alcohol Control Zone and therefore it has already been shown that alcohol has a detrimental impact in the area.

The premises are located in an area which already suffers heavily with incidents of alcohol fuelled disorder. Around 80% of the ASB/disturbance calls to the Police in that area are linked to one or more parties being under the influence of alcohol. Easier access to alcohol will make that problem worse.

The specific location of the premises makes the matter worse for three reasons

1) It is located on one of the main egress routes from the town centre for people using the night time economy (NTE). Most of the people who use Maidstone's NTE consume alcohol as part of their night out and generally speaking when they leave town they have already consumed enough alcohol. Unfortunately by the very nature of alcohol, persons under its influence, often want even more alcohol and can be quite determined to get it. If the premises are allowed to sell alcohol after midnight it will be a very big draw for drunk people trying to get more alcohol.

2) It is located on the corner of a busy junction (Lower Stone Street and Knightrider Street) therefore there is the very real risk that late at night there will be drunk people gathering outside potentially causing interference with the cars at the junction.

3) The premises are only a few yards from Lily Smith House in Knightrider Street. Lily Smith House is part of the Riverside organisation who provide supported housing. Their building in Knightrider Street has 42 residents and from speaking to Chris Bishop at the venue he states that around 50% of the residents have alcohol issues. He states that alcohol does have an impact on their daily business, however at the moment the staff have noticed that things do quieten down around 22:00hrs and they put this down to the fact that alcohol is more difficult to obtain after this time. Mr Bishop told the Police that the premises have recently gone down to single staffing on the night shift and has concerns that if residents can obtain alcohol 24 hours a day there may be more problems at night and that the staff will need to call the Police more often.

Therefore Kent Police believe that this premises, will negatively impact the Licensing Objectives in the following ways:

*Prevention of crime and disorder*

Drunk people will obtain alcohol at the premises, they will go on and cause fights and disorder. They will fight with each other and with the staff, if staff try to refuse service. They may well become involved in arguments with the occupants of cars as they wait at for the traffic lights at the junction.

*Prevention of public nuisance*

This will become a gathering point for those leaving the town centre. They will make noise which will affect local residents and they will leave litter. On warm nights this will simply become an outside drinking area.

*Public safety*

As well as the risk of people being assaulted, there is a risk that people gathering outside may congregate in the road.

*Protection of children from harm.*

Nearly all off licences suffer from people underage trying to obtain alcohol either by direct purchase or by proxy sale.

Because of this Kent Police wish the licence to be restricted for the sale of alcohol to be between 07:00hrs and midnight each day. They also wish that certain conditions be added to the licence to protect the licensing objectives. (Please see below).

**Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the representation or other suggestions the licensing sub committee may take into account:**

CCTV to be fitted to a standard agreed by the Police that complies with the CCTV Codes of Practice (Latest edition) as produced by the information Commissioners Office. Coverage shall include all public areas.

The CCTV system shall be maintained and serviced on a regular basis and records kept to that effect.

The CCTV system shall be operational at all times that the premises are open for trading.

Images shall be retained on the system for at least 30 days. A copy of CCTV images will be provided to the Police or local authority within 48hrs of any reasonable request

The premises will become a member of the "MaidSAFE" scheme and a member of staff on site will monitor the radio system at all times that they are open for trading.

A refusal recording system will be in operation at the premises, all staff involved in the sale of alcohol will be fully trained in the system and it will record the following:

Date & Time of refusal,  
Item refused,  
Name or description of the person refused,  
Reason refused  
Name of staff member making the refusal.

The refusal system will be available for inspection by any Police Officer, Local authority Licensing Officer or Trading Standards Officer at any reasonable time.

A Challenge 25 Scheme will be adopted at the premises, all staff involved in sale or supply of alcohol will be trained in the scheme and such training will be recorded. Such records will be made available to the Police or other responsible authority upon request.