28 April 2015

Dear Sirs

Review of license: Presco Food and Wine Shop, 67 Stockwell Road, 15/00138/PRMREV – Prem566

As Director of Public Health for the London Borough of Lambeth (a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003) I wish to make representation in support of the review of license Presco Food and Wine, 67 Stockwell Road.

The representation is made under/relates to the following licensing objectives

- Public safety
- Crime and disorder
- Public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

1) In addition to the information provided in the request to review all of which gives a picture of a licensee not able to uphold the licensing objectives and promote a responsible approach to the supply of alcohol, including preventing under-age sales. In addition the current license holder appears to facilitate, possibly inadvertently, street drinkers and drug takers in the immediate area of the shop’s premises. Additional data which Public Health have access to shows high levels of disorder and violence in the immediate area (see section 2).
I therefore support the request to revoke the license in order to reduce the level of crime and disorder in the area, prevent public nuisance, promote public safety and protect children from harm.

2) Evidence provided to support the representation:

- London Ambulance Service recorded 87 assaults within 500 metres of the premises in the last year;
- Head injuries – which are often used as a proxy for alcohol related violence – 18 were recorded within 500 meters of the premises in the last year;
- Least serious injuries – which are often used as a proxy for alcohol related violence – 49 were recorded within 500 meters of the premises in the last year;
- London Ambulance Service attended 30 alcohol related call-outs (under 26 years of age) within 500 meters of the premises in the last year.

3) Based on the information provided we would like to see the following:
   Revocation of license.

Yours sincerely

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