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Licensing
Harlow District Council
Civi Centre
The Water Gardens
College Square
Harlow
CM20 1WG

**Objection to Premises Licence Application;
Marquis of Granby Public House, 2 Fore Street, Harlow, Essex, CM17 0AA**

Dear Licensing,

Essex Police were made aware of the Premises Licence Application on 11th September 2023. Essex Police spoke to the applicant and addressed concerns regarding the times in which the premises wanted to sell alcohol. The applicant advised that the premises would reduce the hours to:

Sundays 12-10:30pm.

Mondays – Thursdays 12:00-11pm.

Fridays & Saturdays 12:00-11:30pm.

However the applicant said these hours would not be reduced until after the consultation period ends.

Therefore Essex Police object to the new premises licence application in its current form under the licensing objective crime and disorder. Essex Police feel that the premises will become a destination venue due to the late timings it can sell alcohol (as proposed on the application). Other premises are in very close proximity and close earlier than the proposed venue and there is no condition preventing people from entering the premises after they have already been consuming alcohol in another venue.

Furthermore, The premises is in a quiet part of Old Harlow with very limited transportation and in very close to local residents.

Essex Police would like to add that they have agreed a number of conditions with the applicant but these conditions still do not satisfy Essex Police that the crime and disorder licensing objective will be fully upheld.

The case of East Lindsey District Council v Abu Hanif (Trading as Zara's Restaurant and Takeaway), [2016] EWHC 1265 (Admin) reaffirmed the principle that responsible authorities need not wait for the licensing objectives to actually be undermined, that crucially in



considering whether the crime prevention objective has been engaged a prospective consideration (i.e. what is likely to happen in the future) of what is warranted is a key factor.

It should be noted however, that Essex Police will consider the withdrawal of this objection should the application be amended regarding the times in which the premises can sell alcohol. The times are detailed at the beginning of this letter.

The Chief Officer of Police invites the authority (section 120(7) Licensing Act 2003) to hold a hearing to consider this notice and reject the application because it is appropriate to do so for the promotion of the crime prevention objective.

Yours faithfully,

Kelsey Dott
Essex Police Licensing Officer