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Dear Sirs

RE: New Premises Licence in respect of Stripes Pizza, 30 South Street, Exeter "EX2 9DR"

We would like to make a formal objection to the above application. There are four residential flats above the premises, and we have two children, 14 and 8 years old.

Firstly, we would like to point out that we believe the application is invalid as it does not meet the conditions provided for in Regulation 26(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005. Regulation 26(b) of these Regulations states that the postal address of the premises must be included in the advertisement. The postcode given in the application is incorrect. It should be EX1 1EB but has been wrongly stated on the application as EX2 9DR. It is our view that this deficiency will likely have caused anyone looking for any applications being made at the true postcode to ignore this application and therefore the advertising requirements provided for in the above Regulations have not been met. This must surely mean that this application should be entirely rejected.

In the alternative, if it is found for any reason that the application is still valid notwithstanding the above point, then we would like the following points to be taken into account when the application is considered.

The café has previously been a daytime café, closing at 5.00pm. If this application were to be successful, it will increase the noise and drunkenness in the immediate area when everyone comes out of the nearby bars and restaurants to get a late-night pizza. It will also increase the number of takeaway delivery drivers and cyclists in the area.

There is a noisy extractor fan at the rear of the café in the enclosed communal entrance area to the flats above. The constant noise of this fan until 3am in the morning would be unacceptable. The noise caused by the staff working in the café, opening doors, throwing rubbish in the bins etc is distracting and would cause us and our children difficulty sleeping if it were to be allowed to continue into the early hours of the morning.

It has also been noticed by one of the residents of the flats that the security door to the rear entrance is left open for delivery drivers. This is compromising the security of the flats, and again is totally unacceptable.

The granting of this application (if deemed to be valid) is certain to cause an unacceptable nuisance to the occupiers of the flats above the premises and is likely to have a significant negative impact on the property values of the flats due to difficulties obtaining a mortgage.

Yours faithfully

Marc and Rachel Bennett