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West Mercia Police are in receipt of an application to vary the premises licence for a premises called Munchies, Commercial Road, Hereford. This premises is licensed for late night refreshment and is licensed to operate until 0330hrs. The application is to extend these hours to the maximum of 0500hrs.

West Mercia Police OBJECT to this application.

The location of this premises is within an area that forms part of the special cumulative impact policy contained in the licensing policy of Herefordshire Council. The reasons for this policy are contained with the council licensing policy and the rationale for having such a policy is contained with the guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The grounds for the police objection will be supplied in greater detail if this matter progresses to a licensing hearing, however at this time the police stance is as follows (not exclusively) :

- 1.To grant these extend hours will undermine the special policy and therefore will impact in a negative way with regards to the promotion of the licensing objectives and in particular that of the prevention of crime and disorder.
2. There is recent recorded history of non compliance of the current licensing conditions which have resulted in verbal interventions and a written warning by the Licensing Authority. These failures have had a direct impact on police crime investigation and therefore undermine the licensing objectives.
3. The location of the premises is near to a number of other licensed late night refreshment venues who have staggered closing times in order to allow gradual dispersal of members of the public frequenting the area. The change of hours undermine the licensing objectives and likely result in numbers remaining in the area with the potential of crime, disorder and nuisance.
4. Whilst the applicant has recognised the need for the special policy, he has failed in the opinion of West Mercia Police to show what further steps could be applied to promote the licensing objectives and not undermine the special policy.

As indicated additional information to support the police objection will be supplied in a timely manner if this matter progresses to a licensing hearing.

Regards

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