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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Further Information Re Application for a Variation of Premises Licence, Ali Babas, 50 London Road, Portsmouth

On Behalf of the Chief Officer of Police I provide further information in relation to representations made on 21st December 2016 which further show incidents where the applicant has operated past their permitted hours and in doing so have committed offences under the Licensing Act 2003. This has again seriously undermined the Licensing Objectives at the premises.

On 24th December 2016 at around 02:30 hours, Police attended the premises after noting bedding at the window, lights on inside, a smell of cooked food emanating from the premises and a car parked at the rear in the premises driveway. Police entered the premises believing that offences were being committed under the licensing act 2003 and used powers under section 180 of the licensing act 2003 to do so.

On entering the premises a member of staff prevented the Police licensing officer from gaining access to the kitchen area and uniformed officers had to be called to enable the officer to gain access. Around 4 members of staff were on site and the kitchen was fully operational. Police seized a number of receipts which also showed that the premises has on a regular basis been operating beyond its permitted hours at the premises.

The Chief Officer of Police will be providing these receipts to members of Portsmouth City Councils Licensing Team to further investigate this matter.

The Chief Officer of Police would also like to make it known that following this visit the applicants agent Les Weymes made contact via email on 27/12/2016 to state that they would accept the initial proposed condition given by the Police. No mention whatsoever is made of the visit on the 24th.

The Chief Officer of Police provides the following:

Annex C – Statement of PC 21945 Rackham detailing attendance to the premises on 24th December 2016.



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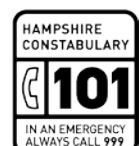


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Annex D – Details of card receipts seized, showing that from the 30/10/2016 – 23/12/2016 the premises has been operating beyond its permitted hours.

Annex E – Details of Just Eat and Hungry House Receipts seized, showing that in the early hours of 24/12/2016 the premises has been operating beyond its permitted hours.

Annex F – Email sent by applicants agent on 27/12/2016 to Police agreeing CCTV condition.

Following this visit the Chief Officer of Police is still of the opinion that the application should be refused. The applicant has demonstrated an unwillingness to adhere to the law and complete contempt for the advice provided by officers of Portsmouth City Councils Licensing Team. The applicant has continued to trade beyond permitted hours and in doing so continued to commit offences under the licensing act.

It is the opinion of the Chief Officer of Police that should this application be granted the applicant will continue to break the law and this will seriously undermine the licensing objectives at the premises.

As such the Chief Officer of Police respectfully recommends that this application be refused.

Yours Sincerely

PC 21945 Rackham
Licensing and Alcohol Harm Reduction Team
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