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Dear Licensing Sub-Committee Members

**Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the variation of a premises licence  
Pryzm Stanhope Road Portsmouth PO1 1DP**

I refer to the recent application by the Deltic Group Ltd for the variation of a premises licence in respect of the premises to be known as Pryzm (previously known as Liquid/Envy) and situated at Stanhope Road, Portsmouth, PO1 1DP. The variation is to increase the provision of the sale of alcohol from 02:00 hours Sunday to Thursday inclusive to 03:00 hours Sunday to Thursday inclusive. In addition the variation seeks to increase the opening times to 03:30 hours every day Sunday to Thursday inclusive.

On behalf of the Licensing Authority I would wish to make formal representations in respect of this application on the following grounds:

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Prevention of public nuisance

This representation has been made on the basis that the applicant has not demonstrated in any respect within the operating schedule how the variation of the premises licence will not have a negative cumulative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

As members will be aware, the Licensing Authority has adopted a special policy in relation to cumulative impact and these premises are located within that specific area. As the Statutory Guidance issued by the Home Officer under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 states:

***"the effect of adopting a special policy of this kind is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for the grant or variation of premises licences which are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused or subject to certain limitations".***

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I have carefully considered the particular circumstances of this application on behalf of the Licensing Authority, and, specifically whether there is any justification for departure from the special policy presumption in this case.

I have also had regard to the evidence and observations submitted by the Chief Officer of Police and share the concerns that have been raised.

The licence holder has made no reference to the cumulative impact policy in the application and has provided no information to demonstrate how the grant of the application will not add to the existing cumulative impact in this area.

The applicant has instead referred to discussions with the Chief Officer of Police as regards this application and that the licence is already heavily conditionalised. Reference is made to further discussions that are intended to take place with the Police over what additional conditions would be appropriate should the variation be approved. However, as members will be aware, the Police have made formal representations in respect of the application and have recommended that this application should be **refused** as they are of the view that the grant of this application will have a negative cumulative effect on the area and will also lead to incidents of crime and disorder at the premises itself.

Having regard to the concerns raised by the Chief Officer of Police and the existence of the cumulative impact policy, I would strongly recommend that the Licensing Sub-Committee refuse this application.

Yours sincerely

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