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**Supporting application for review of premises license at Atakan Supermarket,
315-319 West Green Road, Tottenham, London N15 3PA**

Dear Licensing Team,

On behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolis, I wish to make a representation to support the application to review the premises license at Atakan Supermarket, 315-319 West Green Road in Haringey, premises license number 000003417.

The objection notice is submitted under the following licensing objectives;

1. Prevention of Crime & Disorder
2. Protection of Children from Harm

The application to review the premises license is supported by the Police whom also wish to submit a representation to reflect this.

The premises, Atakan Supermarket, 315-319 West Green Road N15 is a large single unit food centre, located on a busy thoroughfare in the vicinity of a Secondary School, of which can be accessed easily by school children in the area.

On 2nd November 2020 officers from Haringey Proactive Unit executed a search warrant under S.39 Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 at Atakan Supermarket, 315-319 West Green Road. In the rear offices of the premises, officers spoke with the owner, a Mr Metin Kartal, who is also the Licensee and Designated Premises Supervisor. Once Mr Kartal was aware of what police were searching for, he directed officer's to a rear kitchen area, where there were ten (10) boxes of "gas canisters", aka Nitrous Oxide. Whilst searching the premises, officers also found a retractable baton and a quantity of foreign cigarettes and tobacco which resulted in the arrest of

Mr Kartal for Possession with Intent to Supply Psychoactive Substance and Possession of Goods with a False Trademark for Sale.

On 20th January 2021 an officer from the Proactive Unit and Licensing attended Atakan Supermarket, 315 West Green Road, along with an officer of the Trading Standards Service with the intention of carrying out an inspection of the premises. On arrival the Licensee and Designated Premises Supervisor, Mr Kartal, was not present. Officers spoke with a female, by the name of Ms Stefanova who was serving at the till. She was asked if there were any foreign cigarettes behind the till, to which she replied no and then initially refused officers entry behind the till. An inspection was eventually made behind the counter by Trading Standards and 620 foreign cigarettes and 450g of Hand Rolling Tobacco were discovered and seized by the Trading Standards Officer. The venue was issued a Code B Notice and a receipt for the seized items by the Trading Standards Officer.

On receipt of this application, intelligence checks have been conducted on police indices and have found the following;

On 26th June 2020 police received information that Nitrous Oxide bottles were being sold to customers attending Atakan Supermarket and people had been seen to congregate outside the premises late at night to use Nitrous Oxide. On the same night a male was observed to enter Atakan Supermarket and purchase a large amount of Nitrous Oxide and was then seen using a bottle before returning to his vehicle and driving away.

Again on 26th June 2020 police were called to Atakan Supermarket due to reports of the venue selling Nitrous Oxide to customers. A female was seen to purchase a large amount of Nitrous Oxide bottles in a bag. The female was then seen to use the bottles with a balloon in her vehicle outside the premises whilst driving away.

On 7th September 2020 information received that canisters of Nitrous Oxide were being sold from the Atakan Supermarket throughout the night to all customers who ask for it. The customers would ask for a box, which were kept under the till area or stored in the back of the premises.

On 8th September 2020 police received information that the side of Atakan Supermarket was under refurbishment, however it was in fact being used as a Cannabis Farm and workers within Atakan Supermarket had been overheard discussing this.

On 7th October 2020, police received information that Metin Kartel, the owner of Atakan Supermarket, had been storing drugs for the 'Tottenham Turks' at the premises of Atakan Supermarket.

I wish to submit this representation under Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Protection of Children from Harm.

The Designated Premises Supervisor holds certain responsibility, of which has been undermined by his arrest, knowledge and involvement of the sale of illegal goods within the premises, on more than one occasion, and directly undermines the licensing objective of Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

No further action has been taken on Mr Kartal with regards to the Nitrous Oxide, which can be used as a propellant for whipped cream in baking. However I do not believe the quantity found on the premises is justified, seeing as the premises does not specialise in wholesale baking of cakes. Also with the premises being in the vicinity of a school, there are concerns that the canisters could be bought and

consumed at ease by persons under the age of 18, which also undermines the licensing objective of Protection of Children from Harm.

I do not feel the Licensee and Designated Premises Supervisor is a fit and proper person to be running Atakan Supermarket, and Police will be seeking revocation of the premises license.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Mitcham', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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