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Subject: FW: Objection to the licence of 22/24 Princes Road Middlesbrough.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a director of Guido's Hair Salon situated at 13 & 20 Princes Road. Guido's has been at this address since 1973, it is a well-established, reputable and very well known in Teesside, our clients come from all areas of Teesside as well as many that travel here from out the area.

Princes Road has dramatically declined since the Homeless hub/cafe opened at 11 Princes Road. The members of the public which this cafe attracts are not from the local area and they are definitely not homeless after been in the cafe they are then purchasing cheap alcohol and are congregating outside the cafe all day, in groups, intoxicated, drug and drink fuelled, swearing, fighting, begging to members of the public, violent, urinating on people's properties/ premises, standing in the middle of the road traffic having to stop, sitting on people's doorsteps, exposing themselves after urinating. and many times, collapsing or passing out.

The Premier Store at 22/24 Princes Road supplies alcohol to these people even when they are already intoxicated, they buy cheap, high strength alcohol from the shop and then stand or sit in the busy street all day visibly holding the cans, shouting, swearing and approaching terrified members of the public begging for money.

I have been approached by my clients asking what is getting done about this? telling me they feel intimidated seeing and walking by these alcohol fuelled people. They are scared to park their car too far from the salon as they are scared to walk down the street. We have children, senior citizens, clients with special needs and disabilities they don't feel safe. Our clients as well as students, members of the public are being harassed which happens on a daily basis.

My business among others in the area are extremely affected by these people the pressure and stress it causes to business owners as well as the negative impact on the business as a whole is heart-breaking.

I have reported incidents to the police many times and had resorted to putting a complaint to the Cleveland Police.

I have had meetings with Andy Preston about the issues which he has tried to put measures in place.

I have asked to have a discussion with Andy Macdonald which I am still waiting for a phone call after 2 attempts trying.

I have spoken with Middlesbrough council about all issues. Street wardens are aware of the problems however they feel intimidated.

The local councillors are aware and notify the relevant persons in meetings or emails.

Through speaking to all these professionals, it is clear that they try but to no avail. I have found out from Street Wardens and a PCSO that they can't take alcohol from them as they are alcohol dependant, which contradicts the whole situation we have on this road.

I object to the licence on the grounds of crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour caused by the customers of the premises at 22/24 Princes Road.

I am in the process of preparing a petition for residents/businesses (Bentley Lounge, Housams, Budgens and Ice Stone to name a few) and clients to sign many have raised their concerns due to the homeless cafe customers purchasing alcohol and causing anti-social behaviour on a daily basis to which we all agree, and most of the professionals who I have mentioned above are all in agreeance this homeless cafe should be in a more suitable location away from a community setting as this would suit the people that use it too. Both these premises are impacting businesses and putting a huge strain on the community and the professionals (Council, Police and Ambulance).

Yours Sincerely

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