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**Application for Off-Licence at 85-87 Weedon Road**

Dear Sir

I write in respect of the above application. I have serious concerns about any increase in licensed premises and the impact it will have on the safety of residents and children in the area. I was resident at 1 Glasgow Street the first house that is nearest to Weedon Road for some 18 months. I continue to live in the area and have lived in the area for several years with my wife and young daughters aged 7 years and 2 years. At the time of living at Glasgow Street I work as Senior Commercial Manager negotiating multi-million pounds transactions in the TATA group of companies that has substantial interests in the UK including the Pearl Centre on the edge of East Northamptonshire as well as Jaguar Land Rover, Chorus and so on.

The corner of Glasgow St and Weedon Road has been the subject and centre of many disturbances involving youths, underage drinking, urinating, littering, public disorder and violence.

I myself was subjected to a violent assault by the same youths that congregate on this corner one evening in July 2007. After returning home one evening from meeting colleagues for a meal, the youths that congregate on this corner had been drinking heavily throughout the day/evening. As I passed by to enter my home I was set up on for no apparent reason. During the assault I was set upon by 3/4 drunken youths that knocked me unconscious, repeatedly stamped on my head and then proceeded to steal my watch and clear out my pockets of cash, bank card and mobile phone. It was only by luck of passing local residents that knew where I lived was I picked up of the street and returned to my residence and family where the police and ambulance was called. I sustained severe bruising, concussion, cuts and scars. I cannot begin to contemplate to convey the impact this incident has had on myself, my wife and my family – to see their husband/father of young family be delivered through their own front door, beaten, battered covered in blood and all occurring on the doorstep of our family home.

The incident was investigated by the police but to no avail.

I would add that the above is indicative of the problems that occur in the area.

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Youths including underage drinkers typically congregate on this corner congregate on the corner of Glasgow St/Weedon Road or at the opposite corner at Bruce Street. They engage in antisocial behaviour, littering beer cans and bottles on the street, urinating in public and smoking marijuana. Most mornings I often swept up broken glass from smashed beer bottles or dispose of empty or discarded bottles, cans and the like. My family and I reported several incidents to the Police on experiencing such behaviour which I fear will only get worse with the addition of further licensed premises. Although we do no longer live at Glasgow Street we do use the facilities and amenities in the local area and still notice similar anti-social behaviour.

In addition to the above, whilst living at Glasgow Street I had serious concerns about the safety of my wife and daughters including using local amenities. To encourage drunkenness and disorder in an already problematic area by adding to licensed premises is unconscionable. I understand that Glasgow St and Weedon Road has been the subject of a Control Order to suppress and eradicate this type of behaviour.

Given the undeniable direct drink related problems in the area and being subject to these issues first hand and for the first time ever in our lives I see no benefit that a further licensed premises will bring, moreover the problems will be exacerbated.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vinod Joshi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Vinod Joshi