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Subject: TVP Application Response - Full Variation for JT's, Beer Tree Cornhill Market Place, Banbury, OX16 5NG: OBJECTION
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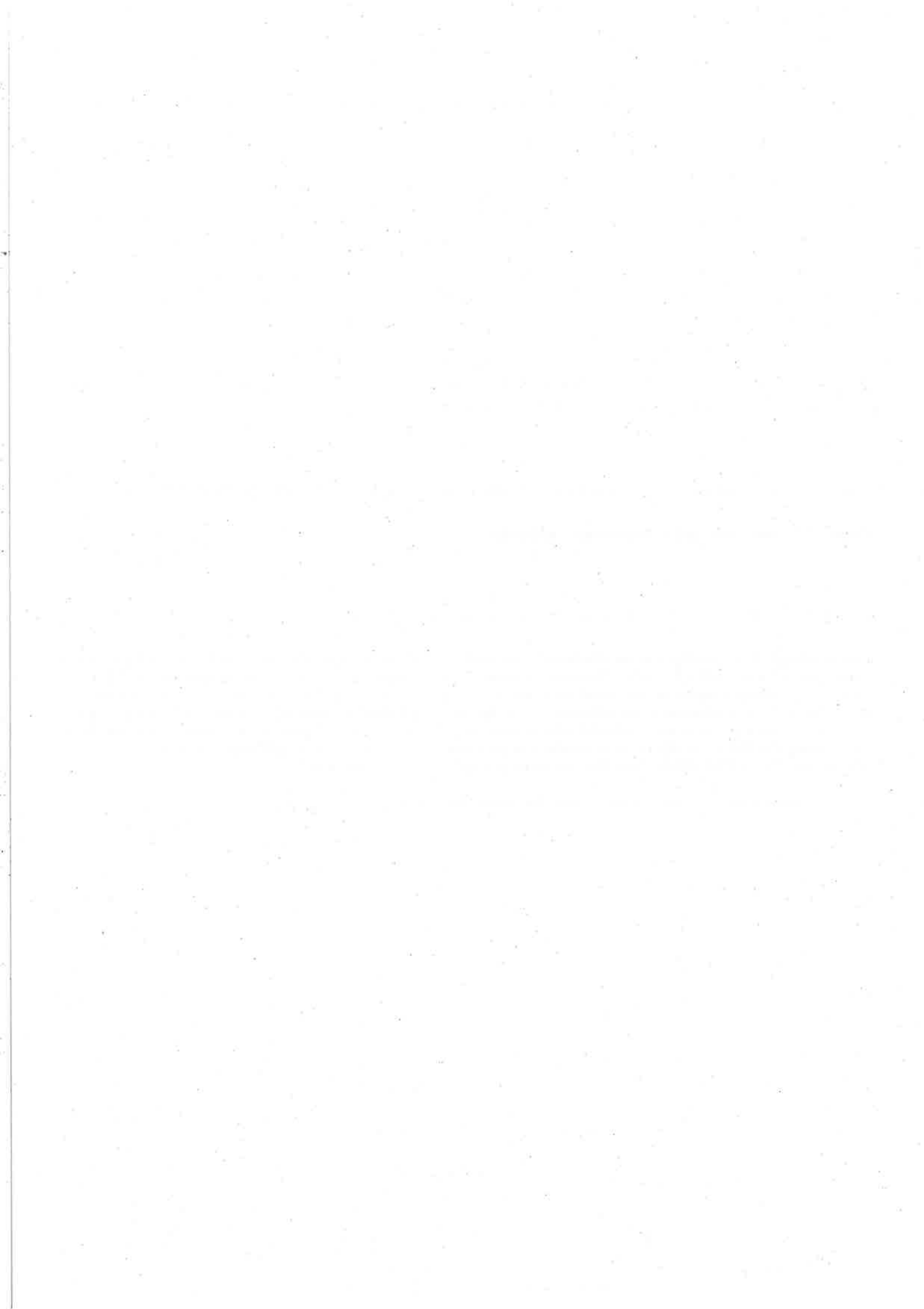
On 29/11/2018, we received a Full Variation application relating to JT's, Beer Tree Cornhill Market Place, Banbury, OX16 5NG

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To extend hours for recorded music and alcohol on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Extend licensed area to include the upstairs function room and landing area.
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Based on the supplied information, the Thames Valley Police response is: ***** OBJECTION *****

Details of the objection and our rationale is attached.

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THAMES VALLEY POLICE

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To : Licensing
Cherwell DC

Ref : JT's

Date : 26 December 2018

Tel.No.

Subject :

JT's Full Vairiation Application Objection

I am objecting, on behalf of Thames Valley Police in my role as Licencing Officer, to the full variation submitted by W H Brakspear and Sons Ltd for the licenced premises JT's. The application to vary the premises licence was to increase their hours of Recorded Music and Sale of Alcohol; and also create an upstairs licensable area.

Since a change in management at the end of October. There have been two occurrence of intoxication that resulted in police officer attendance at the premises. The first one being on the 13th November 2018 at 14:30, a member of staff called police to remove a male that had been allowed 6 shots of the strongest ABV spirit available (75%). The second a female was arrested for being drunk and disorderly on the 17th December 2018 at 12:44. With both situations there appears to be issues with staff training.

Having visited the premises recently, if the licence extended to the area proposed upstairs, I would have serious worries that there would be no means of supervision. As it is my understanding that there is no CCTV upstairs nor if there was, that it would be accessible for it to be monitored by staff.

There have also been conflicting statements made about the function of the upstairs licenced area if it were to be granted. On the Facebook site for the premises, when the upstairs was being used in breach of its licence it was called the 'L8 Night Lounge' and used for DJ nights. Then when speaking with one of the managers, Patrick McGhee, he told me this was not the case and that he had visions of it being turned into an American Diner in the future.

Due to this and the issues around supervision of upstairs, the function of the proposed licensed area would have to be agreed with Thames Valley Police and be included in the licence for there to be no objections in the future.

There would also have to be an improvement in the management of levels of intoxication, this could be shown through refusal logs with times that can be verified by CCTV; and also in improved staff training, the records of which would need to be available for inspection.

Until these improvements are seen I also do not believe that there should be additional hours granted on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday as requested in the application to vary the premises licence; as I believe if customers' intoxication levels are not being properly monitored during the day, they would not be monitored sufficiently in the additional hours.

