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**To:** Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Representation Against Premises Licence Application – BEST FOODS CENTRE, New Road, Chatham

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to make a formal representation against the premises licence application for BEST FOODS CENTRE, New Road, Chatham.

My objection is based on the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

The area around New Road and central Chatham already experiences ongoing issues with antisocial behaviour. This includes street drinking, noise disturbance, littering (including alcohol containers), and groups gathering late into the evening. There have also been concerns in the area relating to street-based activity such as prostitution, which contributes to residents feeling unsafe and adds to the wider issues of disorder and nuisance.

There is already a high concentration of premises selling alcohol nearby. Granting an additional licence at this location is likely to increase the availability of alcohol and worsen the existing problems, particularly street drinking and associated disorder. This raises serious concerns about further strain on local resources, including involvement from Kent Police.

The premises is located in a busy area with significant footfall, including families and vulnerable individuals. Increased access to alcohol in this location risks exacerbating existing issues, undermining public safety, and negatively affecting the character of the area.

Given the existing problems in the area, I believe granting this licence would directly conflict with the licensing objectives. I respectfully request that the application be refused.

If the licence is minded to be granted, I strongly request that strict conditions be imposed, including but not limited to:

- Restrictions on hours of alcohol sales
- No sale of single cans or high-strength alcohol
- Refusal logs and staff training

I believe these steps are necessary to mitigate further harm to the local community.

Yours faithfully,

Yusuf Ilyas Karapinar