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Dear Licensing Team,

I write to make a **formal objection** to this premises licence application for "Bournemouth Food Market, 82 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, BH1 1LR".

I strongly oppose the grant of an alcohol licence for this proposed food market. In my view, the application presents a clear risk to the licensing objectives and should be **refused**.

### **Prevention of public nuisance**

A venue of this type will inevitably generate substantial noise, disturbance, and disruption, particularly in the evenings and at closing time. This will not be limited to noise inside the premises, but will extend to customers arriving, leaving, smoking, congregating outside, raising their voices, and dispersing into the surrounding area. Once an alcohol-led element is introduced, these problems become significantly harder to control. Any suggestion that this can be fully managed by conditions alone is, in my opinion, unrealistic.

### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

The sale of alcohol in a busy multi-operator food market environment creates an obvious risk of drunkenness, anti-social behaviour, confrontation, nuisance behaviour, and wider disorder in the surrounding area. These types of venues attract high footfall and long dwell times, and the addition of alcohol materially increases the risk of incidents both inside and outside the premises. Local residents and nearby businesses should not be expected to bear that risk.

### **Public safety**

There are serious concerns about the practical management of customer numbers, queuing, dispersal, supervision, and the handling of intoxicated persons. If this licence is granted, the impact will not stop at the entrance doors. It will affect the immediate vicinity and place additional pressure on the surrounding area. I do not believe the application provides sufficient reassurance that these risks have been properly addressed.

### **Protection of children from harm**

It is wholly inappropriate for children and families in the area to be exposed to the

consequences of a licensed venue of this nature, including raised voices, intoxicated behaviour, foul language, and late-evening disturbance. Granting this application risks normalising precisely the kind of environment that the licensing regime is meant to control.

More broadly, the application does not, in my view, provide convincing or robust detail as to how the licensing objectives will actually be upheld in practice. General assurances are not enough. The likely real-world effect of this licence would be increased nuisance, increased disorder risk, and a negative impact on those living, working, or passing nearby.

For those reasons, I respectfully submit that this application should be **refused in full**.

If, despite these objections, the Licensing Authority is nevertheless minded to grant the application, then I would ask that the matter be subjected to the strictest possible scrutiny and conditions. However, my position is that the application should not be granted.

Please acknowledge receipt of this representation.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Davies

■ Old Christchurch Road.

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