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**Licensing Act 2003**

**REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES**

**LICENSING AUTHORITY**

**Responsible Authority: British Transport Police**

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<b>Name of the premises you are making a representation about</b>	City Tree Ltd	
<b>Address of the premises you are making a representation about</b>	Stevenage Railway station Unit One, Lytton Way Stevenage SG1 1XT	
<b>Details of the individual you are making representations about</b>	<b>Name</b> Jayesh BHATT	<b>Address</b>
	<b>Date &amp; Place of Birth</b>	
<b>Is this the first objection in respect of this individual or these premises</b>	Yes	<b>Brief details / cross reference</b>

## Licensing Objections

<b>Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?</b>	<b>Yes Or No</b>	<b>Evidence supporting representation or reason for representation. Please use continuation sheet as required</b>
<b>To prevent crime and disorder</b>		
<b>Public safety</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since January 2020 – YTD (27/06/2021) there has been <b>three suspected suicides</b> at Stevenage railway station. The incidents occurred in October 2020, December 2020 and March 2021. Two incidents location type was lineside and one platform. All three access points were platform.</li> <li>• Where known, 95 crisis interventions have occurred at or around Stevenage station, 57 in calendar year 2020 and 38 in 2021 YTD (23/06/2021). Of the 95 incidents 13 were non-injury attempts. Where known, in 11 cases alcohol was involved at the time of incident and in three cases both alcohol and drugs were involved.</li> <li>• Where known, 39 CYP safeguarding incidents have occurred at Stevenage in January 2020 – YTD (31/05/2021). Five of the 39 CYP safeguarding incidents involved drugs/alcohol.</li> <li>• Where known, 10 AAR safeguarding incidents have occurred at Stevenage in January 2020 – YTD (31/05/2021). Two of the 10 AAR safeguarding incidents involved drugs/alcohol.</li> </ul> <p>The station management has gone to great lengths to minimise the likelihood of persons attempting to commit harm / suicide.</p> <p>Staffing levels throughout the day there are on average 5 platform staff, 2 gate line staff on the main gate, one on platform 5 and 3 ticket office staff</p> <p>All staff that work on the platform are asked to base them self-next to the coffee shop on both platforms.</p> <p>Vital (contracted disruption patrol) are available to us and can be on the station between the hours of 1000-2200, this will all depend on events on the network. Staff have a radio on both platforms that is a direct link to Vital when they are on the stations.</p> <p>The station has the compliant safety announcements advising people to stay away from the platform edge and fast trains. Staff also have a roaming mic that they use to make extra as and when announcements. We are working on having the new trip wire cameras being able to make an audible announcement if the camera is triggered.</p> <p>Staff also perform a 2 hourly security check of the platforms which includes the end gates.</p>

		<p>Alcohol can lower a person's inhibitions enough for them to act on suicidal thoughts. It can also affect someone's mood and deepen depression.</p> <p>There is liaison between Network Rail and the Samaritans, at both a national and local level and additional Samaritans' signs have been installed at the station. There is a countywide Suicide Prevention Group within Hertfordshire which the railway is linked into.</p> <p>The availability of alcohol in such proximity to the railway potentially increases the risk of vulnerable persons.</p> <p>Quote from station manager - <i>We have enough problems with vulnerable and anti-social issues at the station I then don't need to add the sale of alcohol to this mix.</i></p> <p><i>I personally would decline this application on the basis stated above.</i></p>
<b>To prevent public nuisance</b>	Yes	<p>The station and the area surrounding the immediate vicinity has become a hotspot for ASB and begging largely perpetuated by the local street population.</p> <p>Providing easy access to alcohol will only serve to increase incidents of both begging and ASB on the station. This will inevitably lead to confrontations and potential escalations in behaviour.</p>
<b>To protect children from harm</b>	Yes	See figures regarding CYP safeguarding incidents above

**Your attention is drawn to the British Transport Police Position Statement (Attached)**

<b>Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary and refer to checklist.</b>	No alcohol to be sold at these premises at any time
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Signed on behalf of British Transport Police: J.WEST

Date: 15/07/21

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**This form must be returned within the Statutory Period.**





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## REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

Responsible Authority: Police

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All four licensing objectives		Within the application, the applicant has offered some brief information about how he intends to uphold the licensing objectives.
To prevent crime and disorder	Y	<p>The licence application seeks to permit sales of alcohol in a premise located on the walkway at Stevenage Railway Station, between the Town Centre, and Stevenage Leisure Park, from the hours of Mon- Sat 0800 -2300 hrs Sun 10.00 – 22.00 hrs</p> <p>Although the applicant has discussed his intentions to sell alcohol, with Police, who have negotiated with regard to their concerns in relation to the sales of alcohol on this premises, the applicant is now applying for the premises to sell alcohol.</p> <p>Police make representation against this proposal due to professional experiences in that locality. The safer Neighbourhood Team have dealt with begging both in close proximity to, and on, the railway station causeway. Some of the begging has been aggressive in nature and some passive, but predominantly done to fuel drug and alcohol addiction. An outlet selling alcohol would be a draw for them at the location when we and British Transport Police are trying to deter their presence.</p> <p>This location has been the site of three railway fatalities in the last 6 months. This is a very high number in respect to station fatalities. Joint Police activity is trying to do everything in our power to tackle it by removing the draw of the location. There is also believed to be a spike in the numbers of people at the location where Police and Network Rail are making life saving interventions when people are experiencing a crisis. A premise selling alcohol at a vulnerability hotspot runs at cross purposes for us.</p> <p>Not only do people threaten to jump from the platforms, but also from the foot bridge over the road next to the station. It's not uncommon for people to drink when in crisis and this provides them with an outlet to procure alcohol.</p> <p>The problem has been set as a priority problem solving issue for the CSP by police and the local council. This has resulted in two targeted operations, Urban and Spirit Level. Despite our hard work the problem persists. Very recently, the CSU Sergeant encountered a known homeless male, already in possession of a CBO, at the exact location by the lift on the Causeway.</p> <p>A licence being granted to a store at that location would fuel and encourage the street drinking/begging and as public complaints around the anti-social nature of this continue, and on the basis of public nuisance and preventing crime and disorder I would strongly oppose this application.</p> <p><b>Police are completely opposed to the granting of sale and supply of</b></p>

		<b>alcohol at this location.</b>
<b>Public safety</b>		
<b>To prevent public nuisance</b>		
<b>To protect children from harm</b>		

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Signed on behalf of Hertfordshire Constabulary:

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