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The sale of alcohol on and off license would increase to drinks being consumed outside of the premises and 'on-the-go', which will contribute to **public nuisance** in the area. Drinks on-the-go have previously also caused aggressive behaviour in that area, as well as public urination. This is documented and can be evidenced using a police case reference that I can provide. I don't doubt that adding another outlet for selling alcohol in this area will encourage this type of behaviour in this area. For completeness, I remember this particular establishment had refurbished the outside upstairs area which means that residents will be exposed to nuisance from the people on the using the upstairs or outside of the Brazil Tropical, which is directly in the face of the residential block of flats on Church Street East.

On the point of public nuisance, it is worth noting that currently the venue leaves both rear and front window wide open. That would allow the noise of loud crowds to travel. This is particularly bad in this area, as the tall buildings around (Enterprise Place, Dukes Court, etc) normally cause the noise to travel very far.

Chertsey Road also sees a lot of anti-social driving, with people accelerating aggressively past the give-way after Whetherspoon's. Were alcohol being consumed on this stretch and people commonly not checking the roads when crossing in that area, it would only be a matter of time for an accident to happen on that stretch.

Finally, I would also like to point out that this address falls within Woking Councils Cumulative Impact Zone (as per its Saturation Policy) and should prevent further alcohol licenses being issued when objections are being raised. The same premises (under the "office bar" name) applied for this license and a lot of objections were being raised by residents and the Environmental Health team.”

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### **Objection # 3**

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My concerns are mostly around public nuisance as sale of alcohol on and off license would increase the risk of that whilst drinks are consumed on premises, outside of premises and on-the-go. Drinks on-the-go have previously also caused issues including aggressive behaviour, as well as public urination in front of our windows.

I don't doubt that adding another outlet for selling alcohol in this area will encourage this type of behaviour. Considering that Brazil Tropical is set up to host guests outside at the front of Chertsey East as well as upstairs on the terrace facing Church Street East (facing the

block of flats where I live) this may have negative impact on residents of other blocks as well.

This is a highly populated area, Enterprise Place alone is a home to 129 families and there are many drinking establishments in the area already.

Whilst it is appreciated that town centre is busy and living here will include noise it has recently escalated to the levels that are not acceptable nor healthy for us long term. On regular basis we experience party goers coming back from pubs late at night and interrupting our sleep, below under Enterprise Place there is a party venue that regularly organises weddings and events with loud music and alcohol. Recently antisocial driving has been an issue as well, this is along Church Street East, Cherstey Road, Walton Road. Unfortunately there seems to be limited resources to deal with any of them and therefore it leaves us residents with nothing but frustration. I hope it shows wider picture and whilst I am in of support small businesses in our local community, I am afraid this may add yet another issue to our lives.

I understand that this address falls under WBC cumulative impact zone and I therefore hope that it will be taken into account whilst considering this application.”

## **Objection # 4**

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“I am writing to express my strong objection to the alcohol licensing application submitted by Brazil Tropical LTD for 56 Chertsey Road. The venue is located within the Woking Town Centre Saturation Policy, also known as the Cumulative Impact Zone Area, which reads "Within the zone, there will be a presumption that all applications for new premises licences, new club premises certificates or variations to existing licences of these type (that are likely to add to the cumulative impact zone) will be refused, following a relevant representation".

I believe that granting this license would have detrimental effects on our community and the following concerns must be taken into account:

1. Concerns about Crime and Disorder: The introduction of another alcohol-serving establishment in an area that is already experiencing a saturation of licensed premises raises concerns about increased crime and disorder. It is imperative to consider the potential impact on the safety of residents and visitors in the vicinity.
2. Concerns about Public Safety: Granting this license could potentially compromise public safety. The congregation of patrons and the consumption of alcohol in a congested area, particularly in the evenings, may lead to incidents that pose risks to individuals' safety and well-being.
3. Concerns about Public Nuisance: The additional alcohol-serving venue could exacerbate public nuisance issues in the area, including noise disturbances, vandalism, and antisocial

behavior. This could lead to a decreased quality of life for residents and the local community.

4. Concerns about the Protection of Children from Harm: There are concerns about the proximity of the Venue to residential buildings with more than 300 residents where children are present. An increase in alcohol-related incidents and antisocial behavior could potentially expose children to harm, both physically and psychologically.

5. Challenges Faced by Local Authorities: It is essential to acknowledge that the local council and law enforcement agencies are already struggling to address current problems related to crime and disorder, public safety, and public nuisance. Given the limited resources available, the introduction of another alcohol-serving establishment is likely to overburden these agencies and impede their ability to respond effectively.

6. Financial Strain on Local Authorities: Additionally, with the local council facing financial challenges and the police being understaffed, there are concerns that granting this license would place further strain on already limited resources. This, in turn, may hinder the efficient management of the issues related to the excessive availability of alcohol in the area.

In light of these concerns and the potential adverse impact on the community, I strongly urge the Licensing Authority to reject the application for an alcohol license for Brazil Tropical LTD. The current situation in the Woking Town Centre Saturation Policy area requires a cautious and measured approach to licensing to protect the well-being and safety of residents and visitors.

I trust that you will consider these objections carefully in your decision-making process. Your responsibility to ensure the welfare and safety of our community is of utmost importance, and I have full confidence that you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of our neighborhood.”

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## **Objection # 6**

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"I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the application submitted by Brazil Tropical LTD for an alcohol license for the establishment located on 56 Chertsey Road. This establishment is situated within the Woking Town Centre Saturation Policy, which is officially designated as a Cumulative Impact Zone.

The heart of my objection revolves around the potential consequences of granting this license within an area that is already grappling with a saturation of licensed premises. One of the primary concerns is the likelihood of an increase in crime and disorder. As our community is well aware, the concentration of alcohol-serving venues tends to contribute to disruptive behaviour and public safety issues.

These concerns are not merely theoretical; they are grounded in the lived experiences of

residents in the area. Noise disturbances, antisocial behaviour, and instances of vandalism have become all too common. In the evenings, when patrons gather, these issues often escalate. This reality raises questions about the impact on public safety and the quality of life for our community members.

Of particular concern is the proximity of the venue to areas where young people frequently congregate. The potential for alcohol-related incidents, coupled with antisocial behaviour, raises significant worries about the well-being of our young residents. Their exposure to harm, both physical and psychological, is a genuine concern.

Furthermore, our local council and law enforcement agencies are already grappling with the existing problems of crime and disorder, public safety, and public nuisance. Given their limited resources and staffing challenges, the approval of yet another alcohol license would undoubtedly stretch these agencies even thinner. The result may be a less effective response to the ongoing issues and a greater burden on our already overstretched services.

Compounding these concerns is the precarious financial situation of the local council, which is teetering on the brink of bankruptcy, and an understaffed police force. The grant of this license could have the unintended consequence of exacerbating these financial strains and hindering the ability of local authorities to manage the challenges effectively.

In light of these substantial concerns and the potential adverse impact on our community, I implore the Licensing Authority to deny the application for an alcohol license for Brazil Tropical LTD. The fragile situation within the Woking Town Centre Saturation Policy area necessitates a cautious approach to licensing, one that prioritizes the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors.”

## **Objection # 7**

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“I am a resident of Enterprise Place, 175 Church Street East, and I am writing in to object the alcohol licensing application for the above Business

As a town centre resident the last few years have been an absolute nightmare with increased levels of vandalism, noisy vehicles (cars and bikes) and anti-social behaviour right outside our door step.

Another business with an alcohol license just outside Enterprise Place will only add fuel to fire. With the diminished capacity within WBC, the situation in my view will not be very well regulated which means things have the potential to go pear shaped very quickly.

We have plenty of young families in Enterprise place and around the neighbourhood and alcohol related nuisance is the last thing the kids should have to watch growing up

My concerns with another business with licensing application revolve around :

- Crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- Public Nuisance and
- most importantly protection of children from harm”

## Objection # 8

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“I am writing in opposition to the application by 'Office Bar Ltd' for a license relating to the Sale of Alcohol.

I must admit I am very surprised this application has been resubmitted. This being the case, my wife and I are opposing this on the following grounds: -

- **Noise** - As a resident of Enterprise Place, we have already had to deal with major noise issues particularly between Thursday and Saturday arising from people leaving the bars on Chertsey Road. I note the council recently granted a 'Late License' to the Junction Tap - which allows it to remain open until 3am. As a consequence, there are serious noise issues on Chertsey Road during the end of the week and weekend. The granting of a license to Office Bar to serve alcohol during the week and on the weekend will already exacerbate what is a significant problem. The council need no reminding that there are a number of young families living in Enterprise Place and the potential granting of the license - extending across the entire week - will only make things worse.

- **Benches** - Around twelve months ago, and with the council's involvement, the benches by the roundabout where Chertsey Road, Stanley Road and Church Street East meet were removed. This was primarily because they were a magnets for excessive drinkers, drug takers and thugs to gather. The noise issues brought about by gatherings at the benches have reduced . I am deeply concerned that the granting of an alcohol license to a bar near there will bring with it gatherings when the bar closes, and a return to the issues brought about by the benches. I am certain the council and Police don't want to have to deal with anti-social behaviour due to 'Office Bar'. (See Police reference numbers P20204262/P20209114/ etc etc)

- **Opportunity for Misbehaviour** - There is a real issue with individuals fighting and generally behaving in an unruly manner after the end of closing time in local bars in Woking on Chertsey Road. The obtaining of an alcohol license for 'Office Bar' would undoubtedly exacerbate this issue - extending it further out towards what is a residential area.

Last but not least - we have a multitude of bars in the Town Centre, which are to a large extent fairly centralised. Do we really need another one in a less centralised location?”