

Representations from Other Persons

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Alfie's, 157 High Street, Winchester, SO23 9BA

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Objection to the variation of the premises licence for Subway, 165 High Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 9BA

Grounds for objection:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance

Details:

I am writing as the General Manager of Alfie's, 157 High Street, Winchester, SO23 9BA.

We wish to object to the variation as it stands at present. I have viewed the application and note that the application states under the prevention of crime and disorder that

"....We will also have Electronic Communication Devices linked to local Winchester BID security team including Pubwatch security guards next door at Alfies."

The Door Supervisors that we employ at Alfie's are there to deal with and help prevent any issues relating to our venue. In the event of a major incident where no police presence was in the immediate vicinity, we would, if possible, try to aid any neighbours with any issues as we have done in the past, but my team cannot be responsible for or used as a 'rapid' first response to issues that might occur at any late night refreshment venue on a regular basis. In fact, the provision of Door Supervisors at a venue is what stops the smaller incidents becoming larger ones.

Alfie's also shuts at 3am, with my Door Supervisors then dispersing our customers, either into taxis or by foot away from the area so that the customers make their way home. We know from experience that sometimes people need a gentle reminder to vacate the area and head home.

Without Door Supervisors operating at Subway, the customers would congregate in the area around the venue as well as by the taxi rank outside our venue with no supervision, which would then lead to noise issues as well as public safety issues as there would be no one to report or deescalate the issues that can arise at that time in the morning after people have been enjoying the night time economy.

Yours sincerely

Craig Friswell