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**LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**29<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Application to vary a premises licence to under the Licensing Act 2003**

**R & B Food Stores  
87 High Road  
Lane End  
Willenhall**

**1.0 THE APPLICATION**

1.1 Ravinder Singh Bhandal has made application, under the Licensing Act, 2003 to vary the current premises licence in respect of the above premise. A copy of the application is attached as Appendix 1.

1.2 A summary of the application is as follows:

Proposed hours:

Licensable Activities	Days	Start	Finish
Supply of alcohol	All Days	06:00	24:00
Premises open	All Days	06:00	24:00

**2.0 Background**

2.1 The current premises licence authorises the sale of alcohol between the hours of 10:00 and 22:30 on Sundays and between the hours of 08:00 and 23:00 on all other days. A copy of the licence is attached as Appendix 2.

2.2 The application seeks to authorise the sale of alcohol between the hours of 06:00 and 24:00 on all days when the shop is open to the public.

### **3.0 Promotion of Licensing Objectives**

- 3.1 The steps the applicant intends to take in order to promote the four licensing objectives are detailed in Section P on page 19 of the application (Appendix 1).

### **4.0 Relevant representations**

- 4.1 Relevant representations may only be made by a “responsible authority” or by or on behalf of an “interested party” defined as a person living or having a business in the vicinity of the premises to which the application relates.
- 4.2 There have been no representations from “responsible authorities”.
- 4.3 An individual representation has been received from local councillors on behalf of local residents. A copy is attached as Appendix 3.
- 4.4 A street map of the locality is attached as Appendix 4.

### **5.0 Policy considerations**

- 5.1 Walsall council has stated that ‘at all times the licensing authority will try to strike a fair balance between the benefits to the community of a licensed venue and the risk of disturbance to local residents’.
- 5.2 In considering each application on its own merits, the licensing authority will consider whether or not the proposed licensing hours in the operating schedule will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives promoted by the authority.
- 5.3 The Licensing Officer has not been able to mediate in this case.

### **6.0 Associated papers**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – the application  
Appendix 2 – current licence  
Appendix 3 – individual representation  
Appendix 4 – street map of the locality