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We are local residents who object to the Application for a premises licence for number 53 Stoats Nest Road Coulsdon CR5 2JJ. Yesterday we received Kayne Thompson's replies to our objections. Having read this document, we would like to make the following points: -

### **1. Crime and disorder**

In Appendix A are conditions set out by the Metropolitan Police. Condition number 1 is to install and maintain a CCTV system covering the entrance, exits of the property, and any internal areas of the premises which are used for licensable activity. One has to ask why the need for CCTV cameras? The requirement for CCTV is because the police have good reason to suppose that disorder may take place once Mr Thompson is given a licence to make and sell alcohol.

Double decker buses go up and down Stoats Nest Road every 10 minutes. There is a bus stop close to number 53. We are concerned that those passengers on the upper deck can stare down at the CCTV cameras on Mr Thompson's premises and wonder why they are positioned on a modest mid-terrace house. There are properties in Coulsdon with CCTV but these tend to be expensive properties.

On page 7 of his response to our objections, Mr Thompson says there is no mention online of his address. But by Googling the name of his business, which is Ceren Vermouth, I found three examples, see attached, which state that Ceren Vermouth is located at 53 Stoa Nest Road, Coulsdon CR5 2JJ.

We are concerned that this Application to sell alcohol will attract criminals to what is a residential area. Once burglars start to suspect that alcohol is on the premises, which is a suburban house – the middle house in a terrace of three houses – the property will inevitably become a target for burglars. The Application says that any incidents of a criminal nature will be reported to police ie after the event. This is hardly reassuring and an increase in crime statistics for the area will adversely affect the value of neighbouring properties.

The rear of the property backs onto allotments. Mr Thompson says this is not a problem because there are security lights at the rear of the properties but there are no security lights at the rear of numbers [redacted] and [redacted] Stoats Nest Road. True, there is a light at the rear of number [redacted]. It comes on briefly when it detects movement but the area it illuminates is mostly out of sight. If a criminal were caught, briefly, in the light there is no one who could see that person – he/she would be out of sight of neighbouring properties and, of course, the allotments are not illuminated at night and, under cover of darkness, they provide an ideal escape route for criminals.

### **2. Public nuisance**

The examples Mr Thompson gives of small businesses, such as Forget Me Knot Gifts, which operate from houses in the locality are not relevant from our point of view firstly because those businesses do not make and sell alcohol and secondly because we do not know the details of their title deeds.