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Dear Licensing team,

**Minor variation application to remove the following condition from the current premises licence which states "no alcoholic drink shall be removed from the premises" and replace with the following condition "any takeaway sales of alcohol must be in sealed containers for consumption away from the premises" - Jimmy Allens, 19-21 Elvet Bridge. Durham. DH1 3AA**

With reference to the above licensing application, the City of Durham Parish Council wishes to object to this application under the objective of preventing public nuisance and crime and disorder.

In reaching its decision, the Parish Council Licensing Committee had regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the County Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 to 2024. The Parish Council Licensing Committee believes that, should this application be granted in its current form, it will fail to uphold two of the licensing objectives.

Incidents of alcohol-fuelled, late-night crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour are increasing in Durham City (*Durham Constabulary report on alcohol related ASB incidents in Durham City centre, Durham City section data at December 2019*). The Parish Council feels that this application being granted in its current form would further exacerbate this issue.

It must also be noted that a Public Space Protection Order (by virtue of section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014) was introduced by Durham County Council in 2019 precisely to prevent alcohol consumption in the streets. The applicant has no control over how and where the alcohol will be consumed once a purchase has been made. The Parish Council feels that this application being granted will further add to issues around public nuisance and anti-social behaviour; both of which are well documented in Durham City.

The Parish Council further notes that the application, rather than as a temporary measure to address Covid-19 related issues, is for a permanent variation in the condition. Inevitably this

will add to ongoing problems around addressing cumulative impact matters in the city centre, particularly as Jimmy Allens has a late licence.

For the reasons above, the Parish Council feels that this application should be refused in its current form.

Yours sincerely,

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