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From: Peter Bowyer
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Dear Licensing

Please record the below as a representation in connection with the ongoing Premises License Review relating to I & R Convenience Store,
202 Oxford Road.

I write on behalf of the Oxford Road Safer Neighbourhood Forum.

Oxford Road, and in particular the area immediately around these premises has chronic problems with antisocial and criminal behaviour by street drinkers. They are seen to gather nearby the premises, causing distress to passing pedestrians and local residents. One or more will enter to buy alcohol, and the group will set off around the streets drinking until they run out, and congregate again outside the premises. The purchases are frequently funded by begging, and are generally of single cans of strong beer or cider.

The area around these particular premises seems especially prone to ASB, being opposite McDonalds which is a well-lit and hospitable location to congregate. After many years of representations, RBC has now removed the street bench which was situated immediately opposite these premises which, it is hoped, will help with the ASB but no results have yet been recorded.

The individuals are often obviously intoxicated and a properly-run outlet should refuse to serve them. It's concerning that this outlet does not seem to have a functioning refusal system.

It's important that all licensed premises recognise their contribution to the level of ASB in the neighbourhood. In pursuance of the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and ASB, and the prevention of public nuisance, the SNF supports Thames Valley Police's request for a license condition preventing sale of beer and cider above 6.0% ABV. Any other conditions which help enforce this premises' operation in pursuance of all 4 licensing objectives are also welcome.

Regards
Peter Bowyer
Chair, Oxford Road Safer Neighbourhood Forum