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Dear Clerk to the Licensing Board,

LICENSING BOARD APPLICATION: WDLBPREM0313

Thank you for notification of the above application for a provisional premises licence for Lidl, Mitchell Way, Alexandria, G83 0LW, where the applicant intends to open a new superstore.

I, as remitted by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde health board, have reviewed the application and the relevant evidence and object to the licence requested on the grounds that:

- it is inconsistent with the licensing objective of Protecting and Improving Public Health

The premises would be located in Intermediate Zone IZ16, which is named in the West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board Policy Statement (November 2018)¹ as IZ16 Alexandria Central, Rosshead & Dalmonach and is a designated area of overprovision.

Within the IZ16 Alexandria Central, Rosshead & Dalmonach area there are currently 5 off-sales premises, including an Aldi and Coop which have considerable alcohol display capacities combined. The proposed addition of 69.6m² of alcohol, increasing to 80.5m² throughout the festive period would risk substantially exacerbating the already very elevated levels of alcohol related harms experienced by the local population. The most recently published alcohol-related health data for IZ16 Alexandria Central, Rosshead & Dalmonach includes the following:

Alcohol Related Hospital Admissions The evidence considered by the Licensing Board in January 2018 showed that the rate in IZ16 was 80.7 per 10,000 HoP which was higher than Scotland at the time (62.3 per 10,000). The most recent data shows this has **increased** to 132.3 per 10,000 and remains higher than Scotland as a whole, where the rate has decreased over the same period (to 61.1 per 10,000).

Alcohol Related Deaths The evidence considered by the Licensing Board in January 2018 showed that the rate in IZ16 was 3.3 per 10,000 HoP which was higher than the

¹ <https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/media/4315882/statement-of-licensing-policy-2018-2022.pdf>

Scottish average at the time (2.3 per 10,000). The most recent data shows that this has **increased** and remains higher than the Scottish average (7.5 per 10,000 HoP for IZ16 compared to 5.8 per 10,000 nationally).

Alcohol Related Mental Health Discharges The evidence considered by the Licensing Board in January 2018 showed that the rate in IZ16 was 3.7 per 10,000 HoP which was lower than the Scottish average at the time (5.2 per 10,000 HoP). The most recent data shows that this has significantly **increased** (24.9 per 10,000 for IZ16 compared to 12.8 per 10,000 for Scotland).

Therefore, having considered the application and the latest data and evidence available, on behalf of the health board, I object to this application on the grounds that the provisional premises licence is inconsistent with the licensing objectives of Protecting and Improving Public Health.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Emilia Crighton
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