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Dear Clerk to the Licensing Board,

LICENSING BOARD APPLICATION: WDLBPREM0313

Thank you once again for having notified us 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.

As remitted by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde health board on behalf of the Director of Public Health, I have further reviewed the application and the relevant evidence and re-affirm our objection to the licence requested on the grounds that it is inconsistent with the licensing objective of Protecting and Improving Public Health.

The premises are 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.

Further to the information that we have previously provided in support of our objection, we would like to emphasise the significant increase in alcohol sales capacity that this application would generate if approved.

Already there are nine off-sales premises in this area, which in combination have a considerable alcohol display capacity (167.8m²). Currently the largest supplier of alcohol in the area (in terms of display capacity) is the Coop (46.8m²), followed by Aldi (29m²). The proposed addition of 69.6m² (increasing to 80.5m² throughout the festive period) would not only add a further outlet with a capacity larger than either of those two, but would also result in a more than 40% increase in the total off-sales display capacity in this area despite it being a designated area of overprovision.

As such, this would risk substantially exacerbating the already elevated levels of alcohol related harms experienced by the population of this intermediate zone that we set out to the Board in our previous submission, as well potentially those experienced by the population of West Dunbartonshire as a whole.

Yours sincerely



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