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Dear Sirs,

We write in reference to the hearing to be held today with the Licensing panel and request for the contents of this email to be taken into consideration.

We respond to Council Ward Cllr Aneela Ahmed's comments.

### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

Jimmys Stores is a general store that provides essential supplies, food, and goods to the local community. According to the attached crime map, the crime rate in the vicinity of Jimmys Store is relatively low in comparison to other areas of the city.

### **Public safety**

The Jimmy Stores has no affiliation with Rozis Deli and instead intends to assist the local community by allowing them to purchase necessities at any time of day. Please see the attached image of the new premises. The company's goal is to promote community inclusion by hiring members of the community and training them to develop customer skills. The ability to be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week will provide members of the local community, including refugees and students, with access to essential goods. Asda, Cemetery Road, which is 1.5 miles away and a 30-minute walk from Jimmys Stores, is the nearest store that provides a similar service. The majority of these vulnerable families, as well as many students, do not have access to a car, and thus are unable to travel to visit their local store.

The comments about 'drunkards at the bus stop' remain speculative, and we ask the councillor to provide strict proof to back up these claims. The premise holder has no control over the fencing and will attempt to present a sign requesting that no one loiter around the premises. The reference to the fencing is something that should be brought up with the council, as the premise holder does not want this to be an issue that affects his business. Also, there is no covid test centre operating from the University of Bradford Car Park, so this point is completely irrelevant.

### **Prevention of public nuisance**

These are unsubstantiated claims, as the store aims to assist the local community. It is critical to ensure that local business owners have the same opportunities to compete as high street giants in order for local businesses to thrive. As you point out, limiting the ability of a small business like this to trade will have a significant impact on its ability to thrive in the current market, so we implore you to consider the premise holder's situation. Local communities would be discouraged from being involved in the community if they were unable to rely on their local businesses. Similarly, the store would seek to employ local members of the community in order to integrate them into a working environment while also developing vital skills, and additional hours will allow additional staff to work additional shifts.

### **The protection of children from harm**

The ability of the shop to be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week will not impede children in a madrasah because classes will not be held during the proposed additional hours. The property owner will conduct staff training and impose strict procedures to ensure the safety of the local community and the children who live there.

We believe that the premise holder will adhere to the council's goals and has addressed Cllr Aneela Ahmed's concerns. We hope that this correspondence is taken into consideration during the panel hearing.

Kind regards

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