

## **Southampton and Eastleigh Licensing Partnership**

**2021/00762/01SPRN** | Premises Licence | Open for Consultation |

133 Portswood Road Southampton SO17 2FX

Highfield Residents Association has the following comments regarding the application

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Whilst being generally in favour of opportunities to increase commerce and business in Portswood, especially in light of the Transforming Cities initiative and is supportive for the suitable use of the Blockbusters building, HRA however, has significant reservations regarding this application made by Gorillas.

- The 'Blockbusters' building is an iconic feature in a prominent position in Portswood. There are no plans or drawings giving any details of how the building will look once it became a warehouse. For example would the windows be blocked up or would they be restored? Likewise the clock tower? Would the council set conditions that the building had to reflect 'Transforming Portswood' as a condition of any future use of the building?
- The proposed opening hours are excessive and include 7-day a week trading. The proposal includes the delivery of alcohol and these hours exceed normal licensing hours. Could the hours of trade be reduced to reflect the proximity to an essentially residential area?
- The hours for deliveries are not clear and should not be allowed to impact on noise late at night or early morning
- The proposal does not make any statement about traffic, parking (for employees), or deliveries. It is unclear how additional traffic will impact on a residential area, the Waitrose carpark and three bus stops.
- HRA is concerned that in future, a further licensing application might make the premises a shopping as well as a delivery enterprise. This would increase local traffic, disturbance and safety on a very busy corner.

As the principal local residents' association, HRA asks that the Panel gives very serious consideration to these issues, including the imposition of conditions where appropriate.