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**Sent:** 11 February 2014 00:00 **To:** CommunityServices **Cc:** Sharone Parnes

**Subject:** objection to premise license for 20 Oxford Street, Woodstock.

10 February 2014

By Email to: community.services@westoxon.gov.uk

RE: Objection to Premises Liscense application in relation to Mr R W Leonard – Love Wine Merchants Limited, for 20 Oxford Street, Woodstock.

Sirs / Mesdames

Please consider the following representations in **objection** to the premises license application submitted by Mr R W Leonard of Love Wine Merchants Limited in relation to premises at 20 Oxford Street in Woodstock:

- 1. 20 Oxford Street is around the corner (ie, one premises away) from a newly brick-paved 'shared surface' road that is considered by many dangerous, controversial and problematic, and has already seen at least one multi-vehicle collision in the short time it has been in use in its current form. The danger will be more prevalent for any visiting tourists who have been drinking and walking or driving there, if unfamiliar with this unconventional and menacing piece of shared pedestrian and road surface.
- 2. There is no parking or loading space to the front of the premises, and at the rear the parking is insufficient for liquor goods customer traffic and especially for delivery of stock or loading customers vehicles, as deliveries and loading would create congestion and blocking of the very narrow Union Street to the rear of the premises, and large delivery vehicle would not be able to access the shop's rear parking due to narrow access.
- 3. The applicant contends heavy merchandise is a deterrent to burglary, yet at the same time there is insufficiently suitable or close-enough parking for customers to safely carry the same heavy multiple bottles or cases of liquor.

4. The planned liquor vending machines operating on pre-payment cards will be in areas where customers can roam freely and there is unlikely to be constant supervision, whilst at the same time customers are unlikely to be able to leisurely spend as much time there or access as much food there as would be the case in a pub. Therefore there is heightened potential for irresponsible or unaware customers to leave the premises intoxicated, to navigate the busy road in front or the menacing shared surface around the corner.
5. Grant of the license is likely to lead to the co-op and deli to reduce their liquor prices to remain competitive and increase low-cost alcohol availability in the Town.
Thank you in advance for consideration of the above concerns.
Yours faithfully,
Sharone Parnes