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To: <u>licensing</u>

**Subject:** everyman cinemas 3. charter square arc shopping centre former Debenhams building

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have seen the notice of licence application on the former Debenhams building, which will be the site of the new cinemas.

I wish to ask for a denial of this licence for the following reasons.

## 1. Under the Prevention of crime and disorder.

the areas already has late night problems and as well as being known to have drug users plying their trade.

The whole of Arc I understood has a covenant to protect families who live in Arc shopping centre it covers late night venues, music etc, I understand this could be seen as breaching that covenant.

## 2. Public safety.

There have been stories in the local press about problems in the near area, so bad that police are more active and even MacDonalds have had to employ a security guard, will the everyman cinemas be responsible for security in these late night hours or will it be Arc shopping. The two local night clubs have extensive security available when late night Friday and Saturday.

- 3 **Prevention of public nuisance.** This should relate to the 19 hours of operation, extra noise, more litter. I doubt arc shopping will keep their toilets open and available 19 hours a day.
- 4 **Protection of children from harm.** It is illegal for children under 18 to purchase alcohol, yet it will be available for 19 hours a day 7 days a week. It is a concern that children/teenagers etc could get alcohol whilst attending the cinema's.

While I do support new business with Bury St Edmunds, it is a grave concern that those hours if agreed open a can of worms, that could prove detrimental to people living within the Arc and resident in our local streets, already a concern voiced by the local police and media. I'm sure that the cinemas do not need such a blanket licence, with such late night hours, that can and would affect those living in its surrounds

I understand that one cinema does have a 9 to midnight licence for its customers, which to me sounds totally sufficient.?

Many thanks

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