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Thank you for your email of 4 July 2018 to Catherine Gilhooly in which you request the reasons for the Housing New Zealand's decision not to lodge an objection to a liquor licence application.

As Catherine advised you on 4 July 2018, Housing New Zealand considered the option of lodging an objection to the liquor licence, but after due consideration by senior management and the Auckland Regional Manager, it was decided not to.

Housing New Zealand is sympathetic to the view that such a venue could cause nuisance to nearby residents. However, our core role is to provide housing as quickly as possible for those New Zealanders who the Ministry of Social Development have assessed as needing priority assistance with finding a home. Objecting to this particular application is outside of this core function, and is also likely to set a precedent in respect to any other liquor licence applications near other Housing New Zealand properties.

Furthermore, Housing New Zealand has no practical experience of the history of activity at this particular bar as we do not have existing properties in the immediate area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly".

Rachel Kelly
Manager Government Relations