## CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Anita Chonk Licensing Officer City of Wolverhampton Council

20 February 2019

Dear Anita,

## Transilvania Shop – review of premises licence

Thank-you for your email dated 29/01/2019 in reference to the request made by Trading Standards to review the premises licence for Transilvania Shop (known as Romanian Shop).

I have reviewed the documentation put forward by Trading Standards and would support the request to review the premises licence under the licensing objective of:

The prevention of crime and disorder

Public Health have very serious concerns regarding the significant amount of illicit tobacco seized on 16 November 2018. As a Responsible Authority we would expect any business licensed to sell alcohol to act responsibly at all times and promote the key objectives of the Licensing Act 2003. Public Health is not reassured that the business is operating in adherence to the Licensing Act and therefore supports Trading Standards request to the review the current licence.

Sales of illicit tobacco make smoking tobacco more affordable in a ward that is the 7<sup>th</sup> highest deprived of all Wolverhampton wards and higher than the city average. The location is within the top 20% of the most deprived wards in England. There are also 3 primary schools within close proximity of the venue. As a result, young people could be impacted by the toxins produced from the unknown contents of the illicit tobacco sales in this area.

I, or a suitable representative from Public Health, will be available to attend the hearing and provide further information as required.

Yours sincerely

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