

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
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Mr R Edge
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Wolverhampton City Council
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2 February 2016

Dear Mr Edge

**Application for a Review of a Premises Licence under Licensing Act 2003
The Harp Inn, Walsall Street, Wolverhampton WV1 3LP – PRE 715**

I write on behalf of the Licensing Authority as a responsible authority. I write in support of the above review application made by Chief Constable of West Midlands Police. Representations are made against the crime and disorder and public safety licensing objectives and the failure of the current management of the premises to promote these licensing objectives.

The premises licence holder, Garnett McLean who is also the designated premises supervisor and the management of the premises have not demonstrated they are operating in accordance with their premises licence and therefore are not promoting the licensing objectives of crime and disorder and public safety.

The issues raised by the Police relate to a serious incident of assault that took place on 16 January 2016 at the premises in full view of Garnett McLean the premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor.

Mr McLean has also allowed the previous premises licence holder Isaac Green and designated premises supervisor Afiya Dalia to work at the premises even though the premises licence explicitly excludes them from the premises at all times unless by prior agreement with the West Midlands Police. This shows a blatant disregard to the licensing objectives by the premises licence holder and the management of the premises.

If Councillors are satisfied that illegal activities have taken place at the premises and are in breach of promoting the licensing objectives, the Licensing Authority would request the Licensing Sub-Committee ensure these issues are addressed by considering modification of the current premises licence in accordance with Section 52 of The Licensing Act 2003 and guidance issued by the Secretary of State under 182 of the Act together with Wolverhampton City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

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Councillors may conclude from the evidence given within the review application and at the hearing in order to promote the licensing objectives it is necessary to suspend or revoke the licence due to the serious nature of the incident at the premises.

The Licensing Authority fully supports the review application brought by the West Midlands Police and concludes the above issues should be resolved in order to promote the licensing objectives of crime and disorder and public safety.

I shall be in attendance at the hearing should Councillors have any questions or require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the Licensing Authority

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