

**CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL**

Mr C Howell
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9 July 2018

Dear Mr Howell

**Application for a Review of a Premises Licence under Licensing Act 2003
The Goal Post (Lounge 107), Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton WV1 4RB**

I write on behalf of the Licensing Authority as a responsible authority. I write in support of the above review application made by the 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, Punch Taverns Plc of Burton on Trent and Baljit Singh Bhandal, the designated premises supervisor together with the management of the premises have not demonstrated they are operating in accordance with the premises licence and therefore are not promoting the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.



On 26 June 2018 West Midlands Police submitted an expedited review application due to intelligence received which led to a warrant being executed and a number of prohibited items been found on the premises including firearms, ammunition, drugs, knives/swords, laughing gas and a taser.

On 29 June 2018 the Licensing Sub-Committee determined interim steps were necessary and resolved to suspend the premises licence pending the full review hearing.

The Licensing Authority has great concerns over Punch Taverns Plc and the management of the premises as from the evidence provided by West Midlands Police, it is apparent that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crime and disorder and putting public safety at risk.

If Councillors are satisfied that illegal activities have taken place at the premises and management of the premises and the premises licence holder is 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 City of Wolverhampton Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

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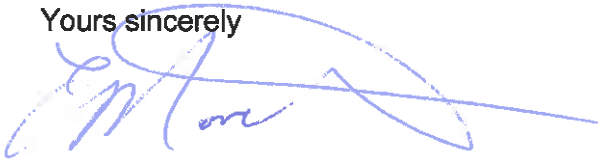
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Councillors may conclude from the evidence given within the review application and at the hearing in order to promote the licensing objectives it is necessary to remove Baljit Singh Bhandal as designated premises supervisor or revoke the licence due to the serious nature of incidents that have occurred at the premises putting public safety at risk.

The Licensing Authority fully supports the review application brought by 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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