CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

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Application for a review of a premises licence under Licensing Act 2003 Society, Townwell Fold, Wolverhampton, WV1 4LD

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 Crime and Disorder and Public Safety licensing objectives and the failure of the current management of the premises to promote these objectives.

The premises licence holder, Mac Kainth 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.

On 26 March 2019, West Midlands Police submitted an Expedited Summary Review application due to an event taking place at the premises which resulted in a member of the public receiving a stab wound.

On 27 March 2019, the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee determined interim steps were necessary and resolved to suspend the premises licence pending the full review hearing.

The Licensing Authority had great concern over the management of the premises as from the evidence provided by the West Midlands Police, it was apparent that Serious Crime and Serious Disorder had occurred at the premises.

On 18 April 2019, the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee determined the review application and resolved to extensively Modify the Conditions of the Licence as they believe them to be necessary and proportionate for the upholding the licensing objectives.

On 09 July 2019, West Midlands Police submitted a further Expedited Summary Review application due to Serious Disorder occurring within the premises.

On 11 July 2019, the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee determined interim steps were necessary and resolved to suspend the premises licence pending the full review hearing.

The Licensing Authority raises further concerns over the series of non-compliance and the failure of management at the premises, as this is the second Expedited Summary Review within the last 4 months. The evidence provided by the West Midlands Police, confirms Serious Disorder has occurred at the premises during non-licensable hours therefore failing to uphold the licensing objectives of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

If Councillors are satisfied that Serious Disorder has taken place at the premises and are in breach of promoting the licensing objectives, the Licensing Authority would request the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee ensure these issues are addressed by considering removal of the current management of premises 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 Councils Statement of Licensing Policy.

Councillors may conclude from the evidence given within the review application and at the hearing in order to promote the licensing objectives it is not a suitable option to remove the current management of the premises and that there is no alternative but to revoke the premises licence.

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,

Mrs Elaine Moreton Section Leader On behalf of the Licensing Authority

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