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Application for a review of a premises licence under Licensing Act 2003
Banjul, 30 Queen Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 3JW

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's, DGW Entertainment Limited 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 11 October 2019, West Midlands Police submitted an expedited review application due to an event taking place at the premises which resulted in a member of the public receiving a stab wound.

On 15 October 2019, the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee determined interim steps were necessary and resolved to suspended the premises licence pending the full review hearing.

The Licensing Authority has great concern over the management of the premises as from the evidence provided by the West Midlands Police, it is apparent that serious crime and has occurred at 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 Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee ensure these issues are addressed by considering removal of the current management together with the 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 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, 



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On behalf of the Licensing Authority

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