

6th May 2020

Appendix 5

Debra Craner
Licensing Services
City of Wolverhampton Council
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St Peters Square
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Dear Ms Craner,

**Application for a review of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003
The Pendulum, Blaydon Road, Pendeford, Wolverhampton, WV9 5NP**

I write on behalf of the Licencing 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 Crime and Disorder licensing objective.

On 23 April 2020, West Midlands Police submitted an expedited review application due to non-compliance of the Coronavirus Health Protection Regulations 2020, which state that that public houses were to close as of the 20 March 2020.

On the 24 April 2020, the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee determined interim steps were necessary and resolved to suspend the premises licence, pending the full hearing.

The Licensing Authority has concerns over the premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor Soran Rostam as from the evidence provided by West Midlands Police within their application, he is not upholding the licensing objective of Crime and Disorder.

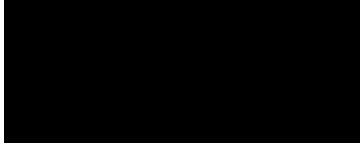
If Councillors are satisfied that illegal activities have taken place at the premises and are in breach of promoting the licensing objectives, the Licensing Authority would request the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee ensure these issues are addressed in accordance with Section 52 of the Licensing Act 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.

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 Soran Rostam as the designated premises supervisor due to the serious nature of the breaches that have occurred at the premises, whereby putting the public at risk.

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 objective of Crime and Disorder.

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

Yours sincerely,



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