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Dear Mr Edge

Application for a Review of a Premises Licence under Licensing Act 2003
Pepe's Piri Piri, Broad Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1JA

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, public safety and the protection of children from harm licensing objectives the failure of the current management of the premises to promote these licensing objectives.

The premises licence holders, Abudul Aziz and Yaseer Hussain together with 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, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

The issues raised by the Police relate to allegations of employees at the premises being involved in sexual exploitation of children.

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 revoke the licence due to the serious nature of the alleged incidents 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, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

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

Yours sincerely



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Section Leader Licensing
On behalf of the Licensing Authority

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