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Debra Craner  
Licensing Services  
City of Wolverhampton Council  
Civic Centre  
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19 May 2021

Your reference: PRE1047

Dear Mrs Craner,

**Application for a review of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 PRE1047, Diamond Banqueting Suite, Skinner Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 4LD**

I write on behalf of the Licencing Authority, as a responsible authority, in support of the above review application made by West Midlands Police. Representations are made in relation to the licensing objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the failure of the current management of the premises to promote and uphold this objective.

On 26 April 2021, West Midlands Police submitted an application to review the Premises Licence. The issues raised by West Midlands Police relate to an industrial cannabis growing operation, worth millions of pounds, taking place within the licensed premises.

The Licensing Authority has concerns over the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor, Mr Paramjit Singh, as the evidence provided by West Midlands Police within their application indicates that he is not upholding the licensing objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and therefore putting the public at risk.

If Councillors are satisfied that illegal activities have taken place at the premises, in breach of upholding the licensing objectives, the Licensing Authority requests that 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, that 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 must be resolved to promote the licensing objective

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of Prevention of Crime and Disorder. I shall be in attendance at the hearing, should Councillors have any questions or require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

**Greg Bickerdike**  
**Licensing Manager**  
**On behalf of the Licensing Authority**

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CC: Mr Paramjit Singh, Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor