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City of Wolverhampton Council

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Dear Anita,

**PRE669 Newsagents, 49 School Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 4LR 4AS - Review of Premises Licence**

Thank you for your email dated 05/09/2022 in reference to the request made by West Midlands Police to review the premises licence for The Newsagents on School Street.

I have reviewed the documentation put forward by West Midlands Police and would support the request to review the premises licence under the licensing objectives of:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- Protecting children from harm

The evidence put forward by West Midlands Police is very concerning, this is further exacerbated by the fact that West Midlands Police has actively engaged the relevant parties to seek an amicable way forward which has clearly been disregarded.

Public Health has recently created a risk rating tool to assist the role it plays in the licensing decision making process. The tool provides a rating based on a number of data sets affecting the area. Please see risk rating summary below:

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| Ward of premises   | St.Peters   |
| In CIZ   | No  |
| Overall rating for ward  | <b>High Risk</b>                                  |
| Overall rating for LSOA  | <b>High Risk (LSOA – Lower Super Output Area)</b> |
| Supporting comments  |   |
| <p>The premises in question is located within one of the most concerning geographical areas to Public Health, with an overall risk rating of HIGH. St. Peters has the lowest rating compared to all wards in the city when viewed against a number of data sets.<br/>Key points to be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ St Peter's has the highest risk out of all 20 wards when looking at key data sets</li> <li>➤ St Peter's has amongst the highest levels of deprivation across the city</li> </ul> |   |

- The City of Wolverhampton has the highest rate of alcohol specific mortality across the country and is a regional outlier for alcohol related hospital admission and alcohol related mortality.

From the analysis outlined above it is evident the ward and immediate vicinity is suffering several issues regarding deprivation and the City has alcohol misuse as a vital issue at the forefront. Harmful, hazardous, and dependent alcohol use has knock on effects linking deprivation, domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, and violent crimes. It is the view of Public Health that any licensee who is not actively promoting the licensing objectives should be subject to review, particularly in view of the complex issues facing the area.

Yours sincerely

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