CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Debra Craner Licensing Services City of Wolverhampton Council Civic Centre St Peters Square Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

26 October 2022

Your reference: PRE1306

Dear Mrs Craner,

Application for a review of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 - PRE1306 - Phoenix Express and International Food, 715 Parkfield Road, WV4 6EE

I write on behalf of the Licencing Authority, as a responsible authority, in support of the above review application made by Trading Standards. Representations are made in relation to the licensing objective of 'Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm and the failure of the current management of the premises to promote and uphold these objectives.

On 29 September 2022, Trading Standards submitted an application to review the Premises Licence. The issues raised by Trading Standards relate to the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm.

The Licensing Authority has concerns over the Premises Licence Holder, Mr Hamid Idris and Designated Premises Supervisor, Kerry Joanne Eskandari, as the evidence provided by Trading Standards within their application indicates that they are not upholding the licensing objective of 'Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Protection of Children from Harm and therefore putting the public at risk.

The evidence shows a blatant disregard of the law and for public safety by the Premises Licence Holder, Designated Premises Supervisor and the management.

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

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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 Trading Standards and concludes the above issues must be resolved in order to promote the licensing objectives of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, 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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