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Subject: Premises Review - Three Tuns News, 512 Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, WV10

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Hi team,

I write on behalf of the Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority to submit formal representations in support of the review applied for by the Trading Standard, as a Responsible Authority, due to:

The premises licence holder and management have failed to uphold the licensing objective(s) of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and/or Protection of Children from Harm.

Regards Bubbs

Balvinder Meetca Section Leader

City of Wolverhampton Council



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Licensing Services
City of Wolverhampton Council



Your reference: PRE874

Dear Licensing,

Application for a review of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 - Three Tuns News, 512 Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 6AN - PRE874

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 and Protection of Children from Harm and the failure of the current management of the premises to promote and uphold these objectives.

On 21 March 2024, Trading Standards submitted an application to review the Premises Licence. The issues raised by Trading Standards relate to the historic sale of illicit e-cigarette and illicit tobacco cigarette as part of a test purchase exercise.

Furthermore, on 14 March 2024 following on from a Trading Standard exercise a quantity of illegal tobacco, including vapes were found on the premises, this together with a failure to display the Licence Summary as required by the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Authority has concerns over the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor Bimla Devi Banga, as the evidence provided by Trading Standards within their application demonstrates that the premises historically have not adhered to their legal obligations and are not upholding the licensing objectives 'of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Protection of Children from Harm.

The evidence has shown a historic and present disregard for public safety and following their legal obligations by the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor – Bimla Devi Banga.

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.



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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 of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety that modification of the premises licence or suspension of the licence to ensure the current management of the premises fully understands their roles and responsibilities is not a suitable option and that there is no alternative but to revoke the 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, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Protection of Children from Harm and Public Safety. I shall be in attendance at the hearing, should Councillors have any questions or require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Balvinder Kaur Meetca

Section Leader - Licensing
On behalf of the Licensing Authority







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