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**Sent:** 31 March 2023 16:11  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Premises Review - 3 Jyot Off Licence, 287 Willenhall Road, WV1 2HY - PRE144  
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Dear Licensing,

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

Please see attached a letter of representation in support of the review.

Kind regards

Amitabh Singh  
Section Leader

[REDACTED]  
City of Wolverhampton Council

Debra Craner  
Licensing Services  
City of Wolverhampton Council  
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30 March 2023

Your reference: PRE144

Dear Mrs Craner,

**Application for a review of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003  
Premises Review - 3 Jyot Off Licence, 287 Willenhall Road, WV1 2HY - PRE144**

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

On 3 March 2023, Trading Standards submitted an application to review the Premises Licence. The issues raised by Trading Standards relate to underage alcohol sales and the discovery of non-compliant Vapes.




A witness statement has been provided by Debra Craner, Licensing Section Leader, Licensing Act Team, in relation to a discussion she had with the Premises Licence Holder Mr Gurdip Singh and a separate telephone conversation with the father of a 15 year old child, who stated that his daughter had purchased hight strength alcohol in the premises. Please see appendix 1 and attached CCTV images.

The Licensing Authority has concerns over the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor, Gurdip Singh, as the evidence provided by Trading Standards within their application and the witness statement provided by Licensing, 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 that the licence holder is failing in their duties under the Licensing Act 2003 to uphold the licensing objectives.

If Councillors are satisfied that the licence holder is failing in his duty under the Licensing Act 2003, in upholding the licensing objectives, the Licensing Authority requests that the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee ensure these issues are addressed in accordance with

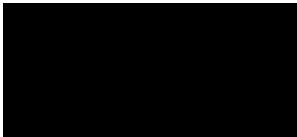
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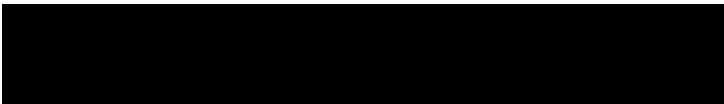
Section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 and guidance issued by the Secretary of State under 182 of the Act, together with City of Wolverhampton Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

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,



**Amitabh Singh**  
**Section Leader - Licensing**  
**On behalf of the Licensing Authority**



**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

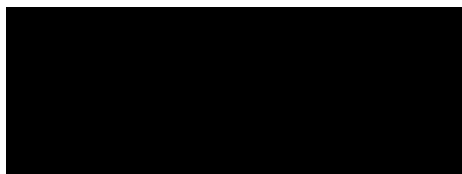
**(Criminal Procedure Rules r16, Criminal Justice Act 1967 s 9,  
Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 s 5A(3)(a) and 5B)**

**STATEMENT OF**      **DEBRA CRANER**  
**AGE**                      **Over 18 years**  
**OCCUPATION**        ***Section Leader – Licensing and Compliance***

**This statement, consists of 3 page signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.**

**Date 29 March                      2023              Signed**

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1. My name is Debra Craner and I am employed by City of Wolverhampton Council as a Section Leader within Licensing Act team within Licensing Services. I have responsibility for the Licensing and Compliance team and its duties under the Licensing Act 2003. This role includes the overseeing of the co-ordination and process of licensing applications made to the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, the inspection and compliance of licensed premises and to present reports for the Licensing Committee and to give evidence to any resulting appeals at court.
2. On 2 December 2023, a complaint was received via Customer Services from a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] regarding alcohol that had been sold to his 15-year-old daughter.
3. On 2 December 2023 I telephoned [REDACTED] and he informed me that his daughter, who was living in care had managed to obtain some money and purchase five cans of Black Storm lager (7.5% volume alcohol) from an off licence on the Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton. He described to me exactly where it was and I established that it was Jyot Off Licence, 287 Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton WV1 2HY. He told me she

had drunk all five cans and as a result collapsed in the street and was found by a passer by who called emergency services. He went on to tell me that whilst ambulance crew were treating his daughter, she went into cardiac arrest and was at that point an in-patient at [REDACTED] Hospital, [REDACTED].

4. On 6 December 2023, I visited Jyot Off Licence with Anita Chonk, a Senior Licensing and Compliance Officer from Licensing, Gurdip Gill, a District Officer from Trading Standards and Kayley Dixon a Licensing Officer from West Midlands Police.
5. We entered the shop at approximately 13:55 hours and I introduced myself to an Asian man who was sitting behind the counter. He gave his name as Gurdip Singh and said he was the owner. I also introduced the rest of my colleagues. I
6. I explained to Gurdip Singh that we had received a complaint regarding the selling of alcohol on 1 December to an under-age girl who was 15 years old. He seemed to have great difficulty in understanding what I was saying and so I asked my colleague Anita Chonk to explain in Punjabi the reasons we were there and that we wanted to view the CCTV. Gurdip Singh said that he thought the girl was old enough to buy alcohol.
7. Gurdip Singh told us that the girl's father had been to the shop day after the incident and had viewed the CCTV and took photos of the stills. He also told me that the father had asked him for £50 to guarantee that he wouldn't make a complaint and also mentioned something about medicine. Mr Singh said he gave him £50 in cash.
8. I tried to view the footage by using the remote control but I could not access the relevant date and footage which would show the sale taking place. It looked like it was no longer there. I asked my colleague Gurdip Gill if he could attempt to access the

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footage. He was also unable to do so. Gurdip Singh rang his son who was on his way back from school and asked if he could talk him through how to use the CCTV. He tried again but was still unable to view the relevant footage.

9. I asked Gurdip Gill if he could take the CCTV hard drive so that it could be examined with the view of retrieving the footage.
10. I made a number of appointments with [REDACTED] so that I could take a statement from him but on each occasion, he failed to attend or cancelled.
11. On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, I was due to meet [REDACTED] again but he cancelled and sent me a WhatsApp still of two photographs that he had taken of the CCTV footage. I produce these as Exhibits DAC/JYOT/1 and DAC/JYOT/2 respectively.
12. On 20 December 2022 Gurdip Gill handed me a report from Arcanum containing details of the footage.
13. On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 I looked at the footage obtained and the report from Arcanum. This showed CCTV images from 2 December 2022. The footage from the day of the incident regarding the underage sale was on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

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