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cc. Westgate Leisure Services Ltd, The Angel, High Street, Wetherby, LS22 6LT
cc. Leeds City Council. Entertainment Licensing Section, Civic Hall, Leeds. LS1 1UR

**RE: THE ANGEL, HIGH STREET, WETHERBY, LEEDS LS22 6LT
VARIATION TO EXISTING PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003
POLICE – LETTER OF REPRESENTATION – FULL OBJECTION:**

Thank you for your application which is dated 1 April 2015 which was received at the above office on 7 April 2015.

This application is for a variation to an existing premises licence for the above named premises. The application seeks to remove a number of conditions as set out below:

11. The daily record register will contain consequetively numbered pages, the full name and registration number of each person on duty, the employer of that person and the date and time he/she commenced duty and finished duty. (verified by the individuals signature)
16. A supervisors register will be maintained at the licensed premuses showing the names, addresses and up to date contact details for the DPS and all personal licence holders.
17. The supervisors register will state the names of the person who is in overall charge of the premises at each time that licensed activities are carried out, and this information will be retained for a period of twelve months and produced for inspection on request to any authorised officer.
20. A policy for searching patrons at the entrance to premises will be adopted and prominently displayed on the premises.
25. Plastic or toughened polycarbonate (or simiar) glass/bottles will be used in all outdoor areas.

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The PLH/DPS will ensure patrons use beer gardens, external areas and play areas in a manner which does not cause disturbance to nearby residents and business in the vicinity. Patrons will not use such areas after midnight.

It is the opinion of West Yorkshire Police, that your application contains insufficient information on how you will achieve the licensing objectives. In particular, we cannot be satisfied at this stage that, if granted the premises would not adversely affect crime and disorder and/or public nuisance in the locality.

The premises went to review on 22 April 2014 following five years of evidence gathering and action planning. The problems associated with the premises referred mainly to the upstairs bar, the roof terrace, the access to the upstairs and the outside space where crime was attributable to the venue. During the action planning phase, prior to review, numerous meetings took place to try and engage with the premises licence holder and after each occasion, and throughout the five year period, crime and disorder attributable to the premises continued.

On a 22 April 2014 a decision was made by the the Licensing Committee made a decision which impacted on both the upstairs bar and the downstairs restaurant and this decision was challenged and went to appeal. On 3 September 2014, agreement was reached, on appeal, prior to a court hearing and the conditions are those which appear on the current premises licence. It is only eight months since this agreement was reached and the conditions are still appropriate and should remain on the premises licence.

On page 13 of the variation application, section M subsection (a) it has been noted that 'The style of operation of the premises will not change and the remaining conditions attached to the premises licence will continue to be adhered to. If the style of operation is to remain the same the same conditions are still relevant to the premises licence.

Since the premises licence review, recorded crime, in the Wetherby Town Centre, has reduced. There has been minimal displacement to other venues with no one operator taking the majority of the clientele from The Angel. West Yorkshire Police have continued to work with other operators to ensure they manage any change and any increase in violent crime. This engagement has been met with a positive response and has had a positive impact on the town centre.

FOR THE REASONS SET OUT ABOVE WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE REFUSED IN FULL.

***Lynn Dobson
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West Yorkshire Police.***

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