



Date: 3rd June 2015

This matter is being dealt with by: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Entertainment Licensing
Leeds City Council
St George House
40 Great George Street
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LS1 3DL

Dear Entertainment Licensing

**RE: The Licensing Act 2003 – Application Representation
'SIGNORINA', 19, MERRION STREET, LEEDS, LS2 8JE**

As a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003, West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service (WYTSS) wish to make a representation in relation to the above premises application. This representation is based on previous dealings with another business named Clip News, 17 Merrion Street, Leeds, LS2 8JE. West Yorkshire Police have informed ourselves they believe there is a connection with Signorina and Clip News, and if the case this Service believes Signorina are unable to demonstrate;

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- The Protection of Children from Harm

West Yorkshire Trading Standards object outright to your application for the following reasons:

- West Yorkshire Police have informed this Service that the applicant has given a daytime contact number on his application which this Service has for a male called [REDACTED]. This male runs a shop two doors down on Merrion Street, called Clip News.
- On the 22nd December 2014 officers from this Service visited Clip News in response to complaints made by members of the public that the shop was selling cheap and illicit tobacco. During the visit two officers uncovered a quantity of illegal tobacco found on sale at the premises. Whilst conducting the



visit [REDACTED] was extremely obstructive towards the officers and even attempted to deny officers from confiscating the tobacco and would not provide his details to the officers. This Service deems this manner of behaviour as completely unacceptable and one that is not expected from a responsible person.

- In February 2015 this Service received a further complaint regarding Clip News selling illegal tobacco and as such another visit was made to the premises on 25th February 2015. Due to the obstructive nature of [REDACTED], on this occasion the visit was conducted with the assistant of West Yorkshire Police. As with the last visit a quantity of illegal tobacco was found on the premises and signed over form [REDACTED], who on this occasion did provide officers with his details. Also noted on the visit was the fact that [REDACTED] did not have his A3 Tobacco notice displayed which is a legal requirement as part of his legal duty to protect young persons from harm against age restricted products. This furthermore displayed the irresponsible nature of [REDACTED] and the business.

If the applicant of **SIGNORINA** is connected to Clip News, then WYTSS does not feel that this business has the ability to prevent crime and disorder or protect children from harm in relation age restricted products and therefore have serious concerns regarding their ability to meet the licensing objectives.

Yours sincerely

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Trading Standards Officer