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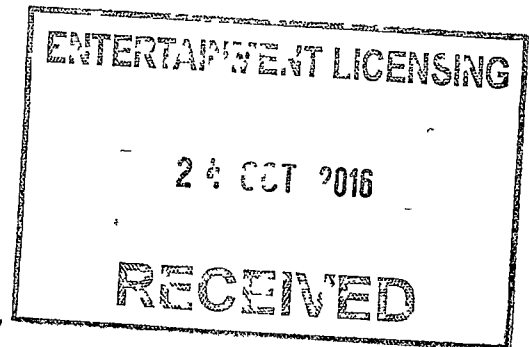
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Please accept the attached objection to the above mentioned application. The objection is made under the CIP.

Yours faithfully

Cath Arkle

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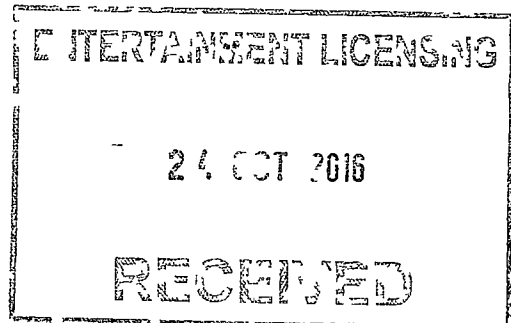
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RE ARCH 3, CHURCH WALK, LEEDS, LS2 7EG
VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003
POLICE – LETTER OF OBJECTION CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY(CIP)

Thank you for submitting your application for a new premises licence at the above address which we received on 26th September 2016

The premises are situated in an area of the Leeds City Centre, which is currently subject to a policy of Cumulative Impact, as identified in the current 2014-2018 Statement of Licensing Policy of Leeds City Council

This particular area of the City, is classed as being a "green area"

The licensing authority's document quoted above, states that applications will generally be more acceptable even though the area is a CIP area. However, although the Pro-Forma risk assessment has been completed and certain measures offered, West Yorkshire Police have concerns regarding the quality and completeness of this application, which I shall set out below

- The extensive hours of operation coupled with the sale of alcohol - the nature of the venue is described as an 'online gaming cafe'. In my experience I have found that online gamers invest excessive amounts of time in their preferred games but do not consume large volumes of alcohol – due to it interfering with their performance in the games, which they take very seriously. The application therefore for the sale of alcohol from 11 00 hours until 04 30 hours on a Friday and

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Saturday, and from 11 00 hours until 03 00 hours on all other days is surprising and suggestive of a different type of operation – that of a late night bar

- Due to the nature of the application, with online gaming being stated as the primary use, legislation (Section 145 LA 2003) allows for unaccompanied 'under 16s' to attend the venue between the hours of 05 01 hrs and 23 59 hrs Nothing has been offered as a control measure in relation to this which raises child safeguarding concerns
- In any event, West Yorkshire Police would not want unaccompanied under 18s in this area of town after a certain time, but there has been no offer of a 'cut off' point for particular ages visiting the premises Again we would have concerns in relation to public safety/safeguarding issues and also of youngsters falling victim of crime or becoming the perpetrators of crime
- There have been, and currently still are, serious issues in the immediate area around Mecca Bingo, especially during day time hours, with street drinkers who take drugs and abuse alcohol Any new venue which opens and sells alcohol is a target for these poor unfortunates, who can be extremely intimidating and, in the worst case scenarios, offer violence when refused alcohol There is no offer of security to prevent them accessing the venue, either during the day or at night, and customers and staff would both be at risk from this
- There are a number of school aged children who frequently cause anti-social behaviour problems in and around the city centre The opening of this venue, with a premises licence or not, will be like a magnet for these juveniles and, again, is an issue which need to be considered and planned for when opening such a venue
- The plans submitted with the application, which, if granted, will form part of the premises licence, do not give any detail of where the bar is proposed to be located and what seating, if any, is available

I am of the opinion that your application contains insufficient information about how you intend to meet the licensing objectives in this sometimes difficult area of the city, which is also covered by the Cumulative Impact Policy

However the said objectives could be met should you be prepared to

- Reduce the hours of sale of alcohol applied for, or withdraw that part of the application
- Reduce the operating hours
- Offer measures which restrict access to certain ages of children
- Submit plans which show exactly where the bar will be and what seating is available
- Show that consideration has been given to the issues in the area with street drinkers
- Show that consideration has been given to the issues in the city with juveniles who cause anti-social behaviour

Therefore, in terms of location (GREEN ZONE) and in terms of applying for a new premises licence to operate after midnight with the sale of alcohol, and other licensable activities, West Yorkshire Police consider that this application implicates the current policy of cumulative impact for Leeds City Centre in the red area, and would rely on the relevant paragraphs of the current Section 182 guidance in making this representation

Yours sincerely,

PC Cath Arkle
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West Yorkshire Police

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