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cc. Entertainment Licensing Section – Leeds City Council Civic Hall Leeds LS1 1UR.
cc. Health & Environmental Action Service – Leeds City Council Millshaw Park Way LS11 0LS

NOTICE OF OBJECTION BY A RELEVANT PERSON
TO A TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE
SECTION 104(2) as amended – LICENSING ACT 2003

PREMISES: THE VILLAGERS COMMUNITY CLUB

Your temporary event notice was received by the West Yorkshire Police at the above address. The notice relates to licensable activities at the premises on Friday 18th November 2016.

I, Cat Sanderson, Licensing Officer for West Yorkshire Police, hereby give you notice that I intend to object to your temporary event notice.

West Yorkshire Police (WYP) are satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine a licensing objectives, for the following reasons:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder & Public Safety

In May 2015 the Premises Licence (PL) lapsed due to the Premises Licence Holder (PLH) going into Liquidation. In October 2015 the PLH, Mr Paul Owen, applied for a new PL for the club. The application was received however it was agreed that the provision of boxing and wrestling be removed as there had been previous incidents of disorder at boxing matches held at the venue:

- 18th September 2015, it was reported that there had been a boxing match at the venue and customers were all fighting as they were leaving the venue. Reports were received that 100-200

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were involved in the disorder and were blocking Broad Lane in the melee; traffic had stopped as could not get through. Over 20 officers had to be dispatched to contain the situation.

- 7th February 2014, it was reported that a group of approximately 20 youths were fighting outside the venue and causing a public nuisance. Officers attended and tried to disperse however were called back to the venue 30 minutes later to reports of “loads of people fighting” and a male being assaulted with a glass. It transpired that they had attended a boxing match at the venue.

It was agreed that Temporary Event Notices (TENs) were to be submitted by the PLH for any boxing events that were to be held in the future.

There have been 3 TEN's requested and accepted for boxing since the application was submitted.

On Friday 28th October 2016 the latest boxing event was held. Reports were received by WYP that there was fighting at the venue; 6 people had been reported as fighting and it had spilled onto the road. The PLH admitted that local people had attended the event and the door staff company used for that event were not effective that evening.

The venue also suffers with other issues whilst operating under the premises licence rather than a TEN, with youths causing disorder problems and are currently working with WYP to address these problems.

West Yorkshire Police therefore ask a presiding sub-committee at a subsequent hearing, to give the premises user a counter notice in promotion of the licensing objectives, under Section 105 Licensing Act 2003.

Cat Sanderson
Leeds District Licensing Officer

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