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

PREMISES: SAFARI, 28-34, ASSEMBLY STREET, LEEDS, LS2 7DE

Your temporary event notice was received by West Yorkshire Police at the above address on 17/03/2017. The notices relate to licensable activities at the premises on:- Saturday 1st April 2017 from 03:30 until 05:30hrs.

I **PC [REDACTED]** for West Yorkshire Police, hereby give you notice that I intend to object to your temporary event notice.

West Yorkshire Police are satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine a licensing objective, for the following documented reasons:-

- **Over the past 6 months (since September 2016), and bearing in mind that the venue is only open at weekends, there have been:**

8 reported assaults, two of which are classified as Grievous Bodily Harm – both of these occurred towards the end of last year. One involved the use of weapons on a female by other females after they left the venue, resulting in cuts to the victims shoulder, arm and

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back. The other also involved females fighting having left the venue and resulted in the severing of tendons on the victim's thumb following her being bitten by the suspect.

The other assaults comprise 5 Actual Bodily Harms, 3 of which were outside the premises and 2 inside. There is also a common assault recorded inside the venue.

- In the early hours of Saturday 12th November 2016 there was a report of a male with a knife having gone inside the venue. He was detained after a short foot chase, and searched but no knife was found. He was however found to have 18 bags of white powder on his person and was arrested for possession with intent to supply drugs.
- On the last occasion that a TEN was in place for the exact same timings (01/10/16) West Yorkshire Police received a complaint that there had been an assault inside and outside the premises during those extended hours covered by the notice. The event was exactly the same as intended for Sat 1st April – 'Fully Charged'.
- The majority of recorded incidents associated with the venue (11 out of 18) have occurred on a Friday in to a Saturday – the night which this TEN seeks to extend until 05:30 hours.
- On 26th February 2017 an e-mail was received by WYP complaining of noise, fighting and drug use associated with Safari Nightclub, especially after 03:00 hrs, and the fact that local residents could get no sleep at all. This was referred to Environmental Protection.
- On 15th March 2017 I had sight of a report prepared in relation to an application for a lap dancing club behind the Corn Exchange. The report, prepared by a retired Police Inspector, makes mention of his observations on Fri 3rd March 2017 behind the Corn Exchange and he states that he noticed Safari was open, ostensibly because of the excessive noise. This would tie in with the e-mail complaint received on 26th February 2017 which not only refers to noise but also to crime and disorder.

The report states:

"My attention was drawn to this fact by the loud music emanating from the premises and the increased vehicle and footfall along Assembly Street. The music was so loud that I took a noise reading outside the venue which was 97Db and a second reading on Crown Street which measured 87Db. This level of noise continued throughout the night until the premises closed at 03:55."

He visited the area again on Saturday 4th March and again mentions the noise in his report:

"African Safari was already open and loud music was emanating from the premises. I took an acoustic reading at the junction of Crown Street and Assembly Street which showed 84Db."

West Yorkshire Police therefore have concerns that the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective is being undermined in general at the premises, and note the crime associated with the last TEN held over a weekend between the same hours, for the same event, 'Fully Charged'.

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

PC 5548 [REDACTED]
Leeds District Licensing Officer.
West Yorkshire Police

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