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Dear Ms Ingram

11-13 Hirsts Yard, Leeds, LS1 6NJ
Application for a grant of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003
Licensing Authority Letter of Representation

Thank you for submitting your application for the above premises.

The area in which the subject premises is located in within a cumulative impact area. It is the council's policy, on receipt of relevant representations, to refuse new and variation applications in this area for alcohol led premises such as bars, pubs and nightclubs and for premises seeking late night refreshment such as takeaways and late opening restaurants, unless the applicant can demonstrate that their application would not impact on the cumulative effect of such licensed premises in the area.

Specifically your application falls within the red area of the City Centre CIP. As stated at 7.20 of the Statement of Licensing Policy 2014 to 2018 the council will seek to refuse all applications in these red areas on the basis that the impact on the licensing objectives are at such a level that the area cannot support any more premises opening or extending their operation no matter how impressive the concept or application is.

I refer you to 7.66 to 7.69 of the Policy which describes how, when considering the presumption against grant in a CIP area, the council will need to be satisfied that the grant of this licence will not impact on the cumulative impact of existing licensed premises in the area. The council will only grant applications in the red zone in exceptional cases. It will be for you to advise the council how your application would be an exceptional case.

I note that the application is to vary the layout of the premises in accordance with the plans, and remove the current Annex 2 and 3 conditions and replace with the operating schedule.

I assume that you meant to remove the conditions in Annex 1 – Mandatory Conditions which includes a large number of embedded restrictions (conditions 9 to 120) brought across from the

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previous licensing regime, and Anne 2 which are the smaller number of conditions (conditions 121 to 130) which have been offered as part of previous applications under the Licensing Act 2003. This is a total of 120 conditions to be removed.

You are seeking to replace them with 36 new conditions.

I note that in seeking this update, you have removed conditions 18 to 20 which require food to be available and waiter/ress service. I note that the change in the layout will remove the kitchen and replace it with a dance floor and seating.

This will substantially change the nature of the licensed premises and will push the style of business to entirely alcohol led. Bearing in mind the severity of the problems being experienced in the area with this area suffering from the highest levels of violent crime and disorder incidences in the city centre, with an increase in the last 12 months of over 17% in this area, the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that your application contains insufficient information about how your proposed business would not add to the impact already being experienced in the area.

Therefore the licensing authority submits a formal representation against your application on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and will strongly recommend to the licensing sub-committee that this application is refused.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours faithfully

Susan Holden
Principal Licensing Officer
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