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NOTICE OF OBJECTION – TRANSFER OF PREMISES LICENCE:
SECTION 42 (6)&(7) – LICENSING ACT 2003:

PREMISES – Baba Jaga 2 12-14 Strathmore Drive Leeds

PROPOSED PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER – Gusto Market Mini LTD

I PC [REDACTED] CLIFFORD a Leeds District Licensing Officer for West Yorkshire Police, hereby give you notice that I object to your application for the transfer of the premises licence indicated above.

West Yorkshire Police are satisfied, that the exceptional circumstances of this case are such, that granting this application would undermine the crime prevention objective.

West Yorkshire Police are so satisfied for the following reasons:-

- Baba Jaga 2 is currently subject to an application to review its premises licence due to perpetual sale of illicit alcohol and tobacco as well as 2 sales of alcohol to a child.
- The public notices for the review were posted outside the shop on the 18th October 2023. It was then on 19th October that Gusto Market Mini LTD became incorporated and registered at 12-14 Strathmore Drive Leeds. An application to transfer the licence was then received by Entertainment Licensing on 24th October 2023. As stated in my review application Baba Jaga 2 support serious and organised crime by being involved in the smuggling of illegal goods to the UK. To that end it would be easy and in fact beneficial for them to change the premises licence into the name of another while still ultimately being in control. West Yorkshire Police see this as the cynical exploitation of the licensing act, rather than an application in good faith.

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Therefore, West Yorkshire Police would ask any presiding sub-committee at a hearing, to refuse this application outright with a view to promoting the crime prevention objective.

PC [REDACTED] CLIFFORD
Leeds District Licensing Officer
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