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

PREMISES – Biedronka, 225 Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS8 4HS

PROPOSED PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER – Aziz Mohamed Ahmed

I PC [REDACTED] Haywood, 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 satisfied for the following reasons:-

- West Yorkshire Police are imminently submitting a review of the licence for this premises.
- This is based on a number of seizures of illicit goods at the store by Trading Standards, the most recent being on the 2nd November 2023 where 132 packets of illicit cigarettes were seized from the store
- A licence transfer request dated the 30th November 2023 was completed and submitted to Leeds City Council by Aziz Mohamed Ahmed. The transfer application asks the transfer takes place with immediate effect from the 30th November 2023.
- On the 12th December 2023, Trading Standards carried out a test purchase operation. A packet of counterfeit cigarettes was sold by the premises. This constitutes a continuation of criminal activity under the new licence holder.

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- These activities constitute serious and organised crime by being involved in the smuggling of illegal goods to the UK.

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] Haywood
Leeds District Licensing Officer
West Yorkshire Police**

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