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Entertainment Licensing Section,
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cc. Shalinder Sagoo, [REDACTED]

RE: Booze 4U 220 Roundhay Road, LS8 5AA

**APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003:
POLICE – LETTER OF REPRESENTATION – “FULL” OBJECTION – HAREHILLS CIA**

West Yorkshire Police received an application for a new premises licence for the above premises on the 13th March 2024. This is an application for a “shadow licence” based on the previous licence for the premises being revoked and pending an appeal. This revocation was as a result of an application by West Yorkshire Police to review the licence, after the premises was found selling illicit cigarettes and also possessing large amounts of illicit cigarettes.

The application is being treated through the lens that the previous revocation is upheld in any appeal, the premises is in effect unlicensed and therefore this is a new licence application to add a licence to an unlicensed premises.

The application relates to a premises which falls within an area of Leeds currently subject to an assessment of cumulative impact, as detailed in the present Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2025, issued by Leeds City Council as the licensing authority.

West Yorkshire Police make representations to the application based on the cumulative impact assessment (CIA) for Harehills.

The full details of the Harehills CIA can be found within the current ‘2023-2025 Statement of Licensing Policy’ of Leeds City Council. Harehills is an area suffering from anti-social behaviour and alcohol related crime perpetrated by people purchasing alcohol in the CIA zone and then remaining in the area to drink it. The policy states it would be inconsistent with the council’s duty to promote the licensing objectives to grant new and variation applications for any premises licence which seeks off sales of alcohol.

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Leeds City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2027 states;

“The council has assessed crime statistics for the area known as Harehills and has determined that there is an area that is suffering from the cumulative impact of off-licensed premises and consequently this is leading to problems which are undermining the licensing objectives. Specifically the area around Harehills Road and Harehills Lane is particularly suffering from the cumulative impact of too many off licences.”

“It would be inconsistent with the council's duty to promote the licensing objectives to grant new and variation application for any premises licence which seeks off sales and late night refreshment to operate during the peak hours described in the cumulative impact assessment for Harehills.”

West Yorkshire Police are in agreement with Leeds City Council that to grant a licence to this premises to sell alcohol in the CIA would not be consistent with the licensing objectives and would contribute negatively to the cumulative impact of similar businesses in the area.

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