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Please ask for: Richard Taylor



Your ref:

Date: 06 June 2024

Dear Sir,

Re: Licensing Act 2003 – Summary Review Proceedings
The Pax Inn, 11 The Village, Thorp Arch
Premises Licence number PREM/00601/012

We act on behalf of Ei Group Ltd. Our client is the freehold owner of these premises and we have received a copy of the application for summary review of the premises licence by PC Haywood of West Yorkshire Police.

We would be grateful if you would accept this letter as a formal representation on behalf of our client.

Ei Group Ltd owns around 4000 public houses in England and Wales. The vast majority of these premises are the subject of lease/tenancy agreements through which the tenant operates his/her/its own business out of our client's premises. The lease/tenancy agreement makes it clear that all operational responsibility for the premises lies with the tenant. The Pax Inn is the subject of a tenancy agreement in favour of Dane Smith, the premises licence holder and DPS. His lease term was due to end in 2028.

Following the issue of the summary review proceedings, Ei Group immediately terminated its agreement with Mr Smith and expects to recover possession of the premises tomorrow (7th June).

Once our client has recovered possession of the premises, its intention is to transfer the licence into the company name and work in partnership with the police to agree the basis of the future operation of the premises.

It is expected that by the time this matter is considered by the licensing sub-committee, Dane Smith will have left the premises and will have nothing to do with the premises moving forward.

Our representation is that the revocation of the premises licence would not be a proportionate response in the event that the licence is transferred. Ei Group has acted wholly responsibly and should not be prejudiced by matters wholly beyond its control.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this representation and advise as to the date of the hearing as our client may wish to expand upon it at the hearing.

Yours faithfully



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