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**Entertainment Licensing Section**  
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**OBJECTION NOTICE:**  
**VARY PREMISES LICENCE - DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR:**  
**SECTION 37(5) & 37(6) LICENSING ACT 2003**

**PREMISES:** New Middleton, 4 Thorpe Street, Middleton, Leeds LS10 4HD  
**PROPOSED PREMISES SUPERVISOR:** Michaela Grainger

I **Sarah Blenkhorn** as a **Leeds District Licensing Officer for West Yorkshire Police** serve notice of objection to this application.

If granted, West Yorkshire Police are satisfied that the exceptional circumstances of the case would undermine the crime prevention objective, for the following reasons:

In 2020 the licence for the above premises was revoked. The licence holder and DPS at that time was Julie Jackson. The reasons for the revocation included but are not restricted to, continuous and repeat breaches of the premises licence including serving beyond permitted hours, no drug safe, non – attendance at pub watch meetings, no gaming permits, unable to operate the cctv, cctv not working correctly, non-compliance with action plans. Additionally, the licensing objectives were not being upheld as the premises was linked to multiple counts of crime and disorder, public nuisance, noise nuisance, allowing drunk parents on the premises who were not supervising their children who in turn were responsible for much of the anti-social behaviour in the area and therefore not upholding the protection of children from harm objective. West Yorkshire Police, Entertainment Licensing and Environmental Protection had continued visits with the premises throughout Julie Jackson and her family's reign from when she was first granted the licence in 2014 up to the point in 2020 when the licence was eventually revoked. The Jackson family simply did not care about complying with the law and had no respect for the

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authorities' input, their premises licence or indeed the licensing authority. They did not comply with Action Planning over these years and eventually the licensing sub-committee deemed the premises so badly run that the licence should be revoked.

Tanya Clowes applied for the premises licence around in 2022 and was subsequently granted the licence despite police objections. She now wishes to transfer her position as Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) back to the Jackson family with Michala Grainger now being the proposed DPS. Michala Grainger is the partner of Colin Jackson. Colin Jackson is the brother of the late David Jackson and the uncle of David Jackson junior who both ran the premises with Julie Jackson. Due to the serious nature of the issues when the Jackson's were in charge, in 2022 when Tanya was granted the licence, a condition was added to the licence which stated that David Jackson was not to be involved with the running of the business. It should be noted that David Jackson owns the premises,

The Jackson family have shown they cannot run a licensed premises properly and put the licensing objectives at the forefront of their operation. Taya Clowes now wishes to hand the position of DPS right back to the hands of the Jackson family.

**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 and disorder licensing objectives.**

**Sarah Blenkhorn  
Leeds District Licensing Officer.  
West Yorkshire Police.**

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