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cc. Entertainment Licensing Section, Leeds City Council, Civic Hall, Leeds. LS1 1UR,  
[REDACTED]

**RE: TK Restaurant 486 Harehills Lane**  
**APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003:**  
**POLICE – LETTER OF REPRESENTATION:**

Thank you for submitting your application for the above premises.

West Yorkshire Police make a formal representation against this licence application in full. This has historically been a difficult venue with a lot of crime and disorder linked to it going back many years. No matter who was in charge, this was always the case. In more recent times and more relevant to this application, Salman HAYDARAN was the licence holder at the premises between May 2017 and November 2019. At some point in this period, Salman appointed James O'DONNELL as Designated Premises Supervisor.

During Salman's time at the venue there were many issues relating to licence breaches, noise nuisance, crime, disorder and ASB. The issues all came to a head when in the space of 3 months there were 3 serious assaults involving knives linked to the premises.

On the back of these incidents, I applied successfully for the premises licence to be revoked. At that time Salman was named as Premises Licence Holder. During the review Salman offered to remove his named Designated Premises Supervisor James O'DONNELL to avoid licence revocation.

During the serious crime and disorder, it was only ever Salman as the Premises Licence Holder that was present. It was only ever Salman who was in day-to-day control of the premises.

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After the licence was revoked a new application came in under a new name. I suspected that this would be linked to Salman, but at the time I couldn't say for certain. The licence was granted in October 2020 and the premises changed its name to Madison Bar and Grill.

Slowly it became apparent that Salman was still involved with the premises.

For a start the new owners admitted that Salman was their "landlord", even though he did not own the building.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Salman made an admission that he was in fact the owner of the bar.

We then began to see the same pattern of licence breaches. Not only that, but the same members of staff were also working at the premises as before and the bar looked almost exactly the same.

Due to several factors pointing to Salmans involvement, and the sheer inability for those at the premises to be compliant with the licence, Entertainment Licensing applied for a review in March 2022 and were successful in having it revoked once more.

Interestingly, the Premises Licence Holder nor Designated Premises Supervisor for the premises ever attended the hearing despite being adamant it was their business, nor did they send a representative or request an adjournment. Who did turn up to observe in the public seating area was Salman with the staff members who had worked for him and for Madison.

There was also an attempt to apply for James O'DONNELL to be named as Designated Premises Supervisor at Madison around the time the review was applied for.

That brings us to now. Unfortunately, I feel these are extraordinary circumstances whereby I'm obliged to object. We have 2 males who are coming into this premises, which historically has been one of the more difficult in Leeds, they have zero experience in operating or working in licenced premises.

Their "landlord" is Salman and experience dictates his involvement will be more than a landlord-tenant arrangement.

In 2020 he was essentially able to have people apply for a licence on his behalf so he could continue operating a licenced premises, knowing I would object should he apply in his own name.

I'm not aware of a time during the last 2 licence's where Salman was involved, that it was ever compliant with all licence conditions or ever promoted the licensing objectives. This resulted in serious crime and disorder, ASB and noise nuisance in one version of the premises, then the second incarnation we took swift action to prevent it getting there again having seen the pattern unfolding.

Under these circumstances I would ask that the application is withdrawn by the applicant, or should this be heard at a licensing sub-committee that the presiding councillors refuse the application outright.

Regards

PC [REDACTED] CLIFFORD  
Leeds District Licensing Officer  
West Yorkshire Police

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