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

PREMISES: Baba Jaga 2 12-14 Strathmore Drive Leeds
PROPOSED PREMISES SUPERVISOR: Nabaz Ibrahim KARIM

I PC [REDACTED] CLIFFORD 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:

- Baba Jaga 2 is currently subject to an application to review its premises licence due to the perpetual sale of illicit alcohol and tobacco as well as 2 sales of alcohol to a child.
- Within days of the application to review the premises licence, a transfer application was submitted by Gusto Market Mini LTD to transfer the premises licence and propose a new DPS. The sole director of that company is the proposed DPS in this application. I have objected to the transfer of the premises licence to Gusto Market Mini LTD, so it would be remiss of me not to object to this application separately on the same grounds.
- As stated in my review application Baba Jaga 2 support serious and organised crime by being involved in the smuggling of illegal goods to the UK. To that end it would be easy and in fact beneficial for them to change the premises licence and DPS into the name of another while still ultimately being in control. West Yorkshire Police see this as the cynical exploitation of the licensing act, rather than an application in good faith.

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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] CLIFFORD.
Leeds District Licensing Officer.
West Yorkshire Police.

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