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**cc. Entertainment Licensing Section. Leeds City Council, Civic Hall, Leeds. LS1 1UR**

**RE: THE BOTANIST, UNIT 2.42, 67, BOAR LANE, LEEDS, LS1 6HW  
APPLICATION TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003:  
POLICE – LETTER OF REPRESENTATION – ‘QUALIFIED’ OBJECTION:**

Thank you for submitting your application for a new premises licence at the above address.

The premises are situated in an area of the Leeds City Centre, which is currently subject to a policy of Cumulative Impact, as identified in the current 2014-2018 Statement of Licensing Policy of Leeds City Council.

This particular area of the City, is classed as being an “amber area”.

In accordance with the licensing authority’s document quoted above, as an amber area, on receipt of relevant representations to promote the licensing objectives, it is the council’s policy to seek additional measures, to address the problems associated within that area.

West Yorkshire Police are of the opinion that your application contains insufficient information about how you intend to meet the licensing objectives.

We therefore confirm that we are submitting a formal representation against your application on the grounds of:-

1. the prevention of crime & disorder
2. public safety

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However, West Yorkshire Police are also of the opinion that the said objectives could be met should you be prepared to offer more details around the extra measures you have proposed, those being as below:

- It will be covered by the CCTV system at the premises – **how many cameras will cover the area and where will they be mounted? I understand that both HolyTrinity Church and 71, Boar Lane (Burger King) are listed buildings, and therefore may not be able to have cameras fixed to their exteriors.**
- No drinking and dining will be permitted after 00:00;
- The area will be monitored – **who will it be monitored by, how long and how often please?**
- Signs will be displayed requesting customers keep noise to a minimum;
- All tables and chairs will be removed and stored away at the end of the evening – **the current exterior tables and chairs are not stored away. Where will the proposed furniture be stored please?**

When the initial telephone enquiry was made regarding this application I highlighted my particular concerns around the issues with drug users in the immediate area. We have seen a spike in calls for service around this drug use and in the one month period from 01/02/18 to 01/03/18 we received 71 calls for service. Over half of these calls necessitated the attendance of an ambulance, most occurring between 11:00hrs and 18:00hrs throughout the week. There are clear clusters of incidents with one being Boar Lane and the area around Holy Trinity Church. As such, if the premises licence were to be varied and granted to include the extra seating area, customers of The Botanist would be in close proximity to all this activity, and West Yorkshire Police would have concerns in relation to an increase in crime and disorder, and the undermining of the public safety licensing objective.

Yours sincerely

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