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**RE: HOUSE OF FU, 163, BRIGGATE, LEEDS, LS1 6LY  
APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003:  
POLICE – LETTER OF REPRESENTATION – CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY (CIP):**

Thank you for submitting your application for the above premises.

The application relates to premises which fall within one of the areas of Leeds currently subject to a policy of cumulative impact, as detailed in the present Statement of Licensing Policy 2019-2024, issued by Leeds City Council as the licensing authority.

The area concerned in this particular case is **Area 1 Leeds City Centre**.

Therefore West Yorkshire Police make representations based on the cumulative impact policy of the area concerned and highlighted above, where the licensing objectives and particularly the prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance objectives, are being adversely affected.

The proposed premises are located at the lower end of Briggate, a current red zone in the Cumulative Impact Area. The Council's policy states:

*“Specifically and in addition to this (7.14), there are two areas of special concern designated as red zones where the impact of the licensed premises is so severe that the council considers that any application for a new licence or the variation of an existing licence should be refused unless the applicant can show how their application would not lead to an increase in the impact of licensed premises in this area.....”*

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This part of the city is an area which has demanded increased police resources and attention for many years. The area includes large capacity premises such as Mission, Revolucion de Cuba and numerous other smaller venues which attracts a high footfall to the area. This red zone is an alcohol related violent crime hotspot with peaks of offences from 23:00 hours until 04:00hrs. The application therefore falls within the peak crime times where licensable activities are sought after 23:00hrs.

Extra police resources are deployed to this area on Friday and Saturday evenings, and over Bank Holiday weekends, in an attempt to help reduce the crime and disorder associated with people frequenting the large amount of licensed premises in the immediate area. These crimes/incidents range from thefts and robberies to public order offences, drunk and disorderly, assaults, serious disorder and also sexual offences.

The saturation of the area is such that determining which venues may bear some responsibility for the issues on the street is practically impossible, and means that they cannot be dealt with by way of review or enforcement meetings. A strong Cumulative Impact Policy is therefore imperative to prevent already existing venues extending their licensable hours, and to prevent further premises licences being granted in that area which would add to the considerable impact already being felt.

Your application is for a new premises licence to supply alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises, and to provide live music and recorded music between the hours of 11:00hrs and midnight Monday to Thursday and Sunday, and between the hours of 11:00hrs and 01:00hrs on a Friday and Saturday. The application also proposes to provide late night refreshment between the hours of 23:00hrs and midnight Monday to Thursday and Sunday, and between the hours of 23:00hrs and 01:00hrs on a Friday and Saturday.

The proposed venue is over two floors. The ground floor is described as food led with no drink (alcohol) sales without a food purchase. The basement area is described as having taken inspiration from Japanese 'Izokaya'. On researching Izokaya they are described as a type of informal Japanese pub or tavern, and it is clear that alcohol plays a large part as well as the food element. Karaoke booths are also proposed in the basement which also suggest that food is to play a lesser role in this part of the operation. The offered condition in section M of the application, of alcohol being allowed both pre meal and post meal, would allow for minimal food consumption and maximised alcohol consumption and for the venue to effectively operate as a late night bar with karaoke.

There are elements of this application which would be welcome in this area of the city – namely the restaurant side of the operation prior to the peak times for crime. The Izokaya part of the operation with the accompanying karaoke booths suggests a more alcohol led element to the operation which would be concerning in this area of the city.

In the police report upon which the current CIP is based Briggate is highlighted as topping the offence levels during both the day and night time economy. Offences on Briggate increase in the afternoon and peak during the night. It is important to note that Briggate has remained the top street for offences throughout the previous three years and the level of offending is still increasing.

Therefore, in terms of location (RED ZONE), and in terms of applying to operate past 23:00hrs, as a late night restaurant/bar, West Yorkshire Police consider that this application implicates the current policy of cumulative impact for Leeds City Centre in a red zone, and make this representation to promote the licensing objectives.

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Please find the police representation under CIP attached.

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