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Dear Sirs/Madam,

REVIEW APPLICATION UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES: FOUNTAIN FOOD & WINES, 1 FOUNTAIN STREET, MORLEY, LS27 9AA.

Please accept this formal representation by an officer on behalf of the Licensing Authority. I am employed as a Senior Liaison & Enforcement Officer within Leeds City Council's Entertainment Licensing Section.

My duties include investigating complaints for licensed/unlicensed premises contrary to the Licensing Act 2003. I have delegated authority under the said Act.

On Thursday 1st August 2019 I was working in company with officers from Trading Standards. At 3:42 pm that day I attended at Fountain Food & Wine, 1 Fountain Street, Morley, LS27 9AA shortly after Officers Paul Kear and Noreen Akhtar.

The current Premises Licence PREM/03134/009 for Fountain Food & Wine allows the retail sale of alcohol between 07:00 and 22:00 every day. The Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor since 14th November 2018 is Mr Ali Mahmood.

Whilst the Trading Standards Officers conducted a search of the premises, I spoke to the person in charge and conducted an inspection under the Licensing Act 2003. The Part B of the Premises Licence was displayed in accordance with The Act and produced a page a day diary which was being used as a Refusals Register. When I asked if I could check the cctv system she stated that an engineer had been called after a previous visit and a new hard drive had just been fitted. As a result there was only 5 days footage recorded when the condition on the Premises Licence stipulates 31 days. I advised to monitor the system and when 31 days footage retained, to contact this Section so an officer can revisit and recheck. I can confirm that the cctv is now compliant with the Licence condition.

We resumed from the premises at 5:15 pm with a substantial seizure of illicit products.

In view of the repeated test purchases and seizures of illicit tobacco at these premises, I support the review taken by Trading Standards and agree that as Mr Mahmood has failed



to operate responsibly in upholding the licensing objectives; the prevention of crime and disorder and ensuring public safety; I would respectfully ask that the Committee determine to revoke the Premises Licence held by him.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Carmel Brennand Senior Liaison & Enforcement Officer

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