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**NOTICE OF OBJECTION – TRANSFER OF PREMISES LICENCE:
SECTION 42 (6)&(7) – LICENSING ACT 2003:**

PREMISES – TAAG, 2B, 40, GREAT GEORGE STREET, LS2 3DL

PROPOSED PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER – TIJANI OSENAGA YESUFU

I **PC 5548 CATHERINE ARKLE** a Leeds District Licensing Officer for West Yorkshire Police, hereby give you notice that I object to your application for the transfer of the premises licence indicated above.

West Yorkshire Police are satisfied, that the exceptional circumstances of this case are such, that granting this application would undermine the crime prevention objective.

West Yorkshire Police are so satisfied for the following reasons:-

- On 5th January 2009 the proposed premises licence holder was arrested for attempt murder. The circumstances, taken from the Police National Computer, suggest this was gang related, connected to licensed premises and involved knife crime. Despite the fact that the proposed licence holder had no further action taken against him I have asked for further details of his involvement from Hertfordshire Police and await the result.
- The proposed premises licence holder has been involved in the promoting and running of events at premises in Leeds, which include Norman Bar, 36, Call Lane, during 2018 to 2019. During this time West Yorkshire Police had serious concerns about violent crime connected with the venue

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involving the use of weapons. As a result of an incident of violent disorder at Norman Bar in 2019 the premises were subject of a summary review due to associated serious violent crime.

- The proposed licence holder is also associated with events which have run both at Taag, the venue for which he wishes to hold the licence, and other premises known as Mook in Leeds City Centre during the pandemic and Coronavirus Regulations. Both premises have had multiple interventions from Responsible Authorities due to breaches of the Regulations.
- There are therefore real concerns regarding both his past and present associations with both people and licensed premises which attract violent crime and regular interventions from the Responsible Authorities.

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 5548 CATHERINE ARKLE
Leeds District Licensing Officer
West Yorkshire Police**

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