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Entertainment Licensing, Leeds City Council, Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR

**Application for a review of a premises licence or club premises certificate  
under the Licensing Act 2003**

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**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

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**I/We WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE** (insert name(s) of applicant) **apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51/apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

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| <b>Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> |                  |
| TAAG CHAIN LTD   |                  |
| UNIT2B   |                  |
| ST.GEORGE HOUSE  |                  |
| 40, GREAT GEORGE STREET  |                  |
| <b>Post town</b>   | <b>Post code</b> |
| LEEDS  | LS1 3DL          |

**Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)**

1. TAAG CHAIN LTD (CURRENT PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER)
2. TIJANI OSENAGA YESUFU (PROPOSED PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER BY WAY OF TRANSFER OF PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION RECEIVED ON 11/12/2020)

**Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)**

1. PREM/04360/002
2. PREM/04360/003

**Part 2 – Applicant details**

I am Please tick ✓ yes

- 1 An individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)
- 2 A responsible authority (please complete (C) below)
- 3 A member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

**(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)**

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other title   
(for example, Rev)

Surname First names

Please tick ✓ Yes

I am 18 years old or over

Post Town

Postcode

Daytime contact telephone number

Email address (optional)

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name

Address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail (optional)

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

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| Name<br>PC 5548 CATHERINE ARKLE   |
| Address<br>LEEDS DISTRICT LICENSING DEPARTMENT<br>LEEDS DISTRICT HQ<br>ELLAND ROAD<br>LEEDS<br>LS11 8BU |
| Telephone number (if any)<br>[REDACTED]   |
| E-mail (optional)<br>[REDACTED]   |

**This application to review relates to the following licensing objectives(s)**

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

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| 1. | the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | public safety                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | the prevention of public nuisance    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Please state the ground(s) for review** (please read guidance note 2)

This **Review** occurs against the background of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the implementation of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.2) (England) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations), as amended, and other legislation designed to stop the spread of the virus.

The Review arises following a number of incidents which have taken place at **Taag, Unit 2B, St George House, 40, Great George Street, Leeds, LS1 3DL (the Premises)** since licensed premises were allowed to re-open on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020, up until 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The incidents have necessitated the involvement of West Yorkshire Police (Licensing Department, City Neighbourhood Policing Team and CID), Leeds City Council Licensing Enforcement and Leeds City Council Environmental Protection.

Since licensed premises were permitted to re-open on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 **the Premises** have breached COVID Regulations and licence conditions on numerous occasions resulting in complaints from members of the public and multiple warnings from the authorities. The breaching of the Regulations and licence conditions have undermined the **Prevention of Crime and Disorder** objective, the **Public Safety** objective and the **Prevention of Public Nuisance** objective and the details are as follows:

On **4<sup>th</sup> July 2020** the Premises were warned by Environmental Health and Leeds City Council Licensing Enforcement in relation to the volume of music emanating from the venue.

On **11<sup>th</sup> July 2020** the Premises were warned by PS Paul Kirwan from City NPT re the volume of noise, and customers moving around and standing at the bar.

On **18<sup>th</sup> August 2020** further warnings were issued by Environmental Protection.

On **18<sup>th</sup> September 2020** a member of the public attended the Premises with 5 friends. They left after 15 minutes concerned about the volume of the music and no social distancing by staff.

On **27<sup>th</sup> September 2020** WYP received another complaint from a member of the public regarding no social distancing, large groups gathering inside and no members of staff wearing masks.

On **29<sup>th</sup> September 2020** WYP were made aware of social media posts showing the playing of loud music, with customers standing up and dancing, and no face coverings being worn at **the Premises**.

On **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**, Environmental Health officers visited **the Premises**. It was reported that the loud music could be heard by the officers some distance from the venue and the management were instructed to turn down the bass.

On **7<sup>th</sup> October 2020** at 21:10hrs City NPT officers attended the Premises due to reports of loud music and voices being heard from inside. The metal shutters had been closed over the doors and windows so that the activities inside could not be viewed from outside the venue. Entry was gained and over 30 persons were found to be present in various states of inebriation at a student social event. One male was arrested for being drunk and disorderly and the students were dispersed. The

owner who is also the Premises Licence Holder (PLH), [REDACTED] was seen to park his vehicle on the opposite side of the road, whilst police were dealing with the situation, and liaise with a male from the premises and then drive away. Enquiries were conducted as to who had organised the event and the PLH has been reported for summons for holding/being involved in the holding of a rave type gathering of more than thirty people indoors, contrary to the Regulations. CCTV was requested at the time of the offence but was never produced to the investigating officers.

On **9<sup>th</sup> October 2020** a social encounter in **the Premises** whilst it was open to the public led to an allegation of drinks being spiked and, elsewhere in the city, an allegation of a serious sexual assault. CCTV was requested by CID but it was not forthcoming. CID were informed there was no footage. Entry to the Premises was forced on **14<sup>th</sup> October 2020** to recover the hard drive for examination. No footage was found on the system and a report from a Police Imaging Officer who examined the unit stated it had never been used and could not have been in situ for any length of time. It is strongly suspected that the hard drive which was present on 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October had been disposed of.

On **14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**, a Direction Order (the Direction) was issued against **the Premises** by the Director of Public Health, under the provisions of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No.3) (England) Regulations 2020. The Direction came in to effect at 00.01hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and required **the Premises** to:

- close between the hours of 18:00 - 07:00; and
- when open, there were to be no celebratory gatherings.

On **28<sup>th</sup> October 2020** at a meeting between the PLH, his solicitor, and the authorities, [REDACTED] stated the hard drive which was seized by the police had been in situ since he had started operating and that he hadn't known it was not retaining footage. Also present was a proposed Designated Premises Supervisor, [REDACTED] who stated a rogue member of bar staff with keys to the venue had been solely responsible for the student event on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, and that no-one else with any responsibility for the premises had known about it. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] versions of events are clearly untrue.

In relation to failing to promote the **Prevention of Public Nuisance** objective, **the Premises** have allowed activities to take place which are prejudicial to the health of the wider public and not just those taking part in the activities at **the Premises** itself. This is a clear link to the undermining of the **Public Safety** objective. By failing to enforce the 2m social distancing rule and allowing people to gather in significant numbers, they have failed to prevent the spread of Covid-19 despite very clear laws preventing close social interaction between different households to control the spread of the disease.

**Public safety** has also been compromised by the closing of the metal shutters over the windows and main door of the premises on the evening of **7<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)**

CJA Statement from PC 5548 Catherine Arkle

CJA statement x 2 from PC Paige

CJA statement from PC Goodyear

Screenshot from Instagram belonging to [REDACTED] Instagram account

Objection letter from West Yorkshire Police to application to transfer the premises licence

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before?

Day      Month      Year

If yes please state the date of that application

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**If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them**

Please tick ✓ Yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate X
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected X

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 3)

**Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent.** (See guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature .....

Date .....

Capacity .....

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| <b>Contact Name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)</b><br>[REDACTED] |                                    |
| <b>Solicitor</b><br><b>WYP Legal Services</b><br><b>Force Headquarters</b><br><b>Laburnum Road</b>   |                                    |
| <b>Post town</b><br><b>Wakefield</b>   | <b>Post code</b><br><b>WF1 3QP</b> |
| <b>Telephone number (if any)</b><br>[REDACTED]   |                                    |
| <b>If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)</b><br>[REDACTED]  |                                    |

### Notes for guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;  
Criminal Procedure Rules, Rule 16.2)

NICHE Ref. No:

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**Statement of:** Catherine Arkle

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: Police Constable 5548

This statement (consisting of: 13 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: 16/12/2020

Time and date statement taken:

Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

**Introduction**

1. I am the above named Police Officer employed by West Yorkshire Police (hereafter referred to as WYP) and I currently work as a Licensing Officer in Leeds District. I have been a serving Police Officer since September 1988.
2. I have a Delegation of Authority from the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police to make any applications and/or representations under the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended by the Police and Crime Act 2009) to promote the licensing objectives.
3. I also have the Chief Constable's specific authority to appear before the Licensing Committee or Magistrates' Courts on behalf of WYP to prosecute and/or defend any licensing, gambling or Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) proceedings, under s223 Local Government Act 1972.
4. As part of my role I work alongside Leeds City Council (LCC) Licensing Enforcement Team and react to incidents reported at or connected to licensed premises. This includes the enforcement of licence conditions, liaising with premises licence holders, responding to issues of concern and working with partner agencies to ensure that premises are operating safely and within the law.
5. I work closely with partner agencies and, where necessary, look to take action against licensed and unlicensed premises where necessary, including reviews of the licence, summary reviews and closure notices under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

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### The Premises

6. This document is an overview statement relating to an application to review a premises licence (the Review) made in respect of **Taag** (hereafter shall be referred to as **the Premises**), Unit 2B, St. George's House, 40 Great George Street, Leeds, LS1 3DL.
7. The Premises Licence Holder is **Taag Chain Ltd.** with the sole named director as **Arian TAAGHOB** (**the PLH**). The Designated Premises Supervisor is **Asam OMIDVARI (the DPS)**, who WYP understand to be **the PLH's** mother.
8. **The Premises** were described as a café/tapas bar when the licence was first applied for and granted in July 2019, and the conditions were offered that it would not be alcohol led. The licence authorises:
  - sale by retail of alcohol between 12:00hrs and 23:00hrs every day, and
  - opening times between 07:00hrs until 23:30hrs every day.
9. This review occurs against the background of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the implementation of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.2) (England) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations), as amended, and other legislation designed to stop the spread of the virus.
10. The Review arises following a number of incidents which have taken place at **the Premises** since licensed premises were allowed to re-open on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020, up until 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The Committee will be aware that all licensed premises were forced to close in the Leeds Council area on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, due to the second national lockdown, and remained closed from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, when Tier 3 restrictions were imposed on the region.
11. The Sub-Committee should not think that the incidents drawing to a close on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was the result of efforts taken by **the Premises** management to "get its house in order"; rather, the incidents came to an end only as a result of enforcement action taken by the Council.
12. The application will show that **the Premises** breached the Regulations and, in so doing, undermined the licensing objectives and jeopardised the control of the pandemic, as set down in the Regulations. The Sub-Committee will be specifically drawn to the incidents that prompt the Review, and the Chief Constable respectfully requests that action is taken against **the Premises**.

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**The Application to Review**

13. The following sets out the incidents at **the Premises** and the failings by **the Premises** relied upon by the Chief Constable in this Review from July 2020 onwards.
14. On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020, the first day upon which licensed premises were able to open after the first national lockdown, **the Premises** were warned by Leeds City Council Licensing Enforcement and Environmental Health officers in relation to the volume of music emanating from **the Premises**.
15. Background music at that time was supposed to be played at a volume that would not require people to raise their voices, which was seen as encouraging aerosol transmission of the virus. This warning does not appear to have been heeded.
16. At 23.09hrs on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020, **PS 4498 KIRWAN** from the Leeds District City Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) attended at **the Premises** as he could hear music and raised voices from the other side of the street as he was walking by.
17. As he approached the door, the officer could clearly see people moving around inside, people standing at the bar and could hear loud music and voices from inside. He described it as looking and sounding like "*business as usual*".
18. The management were again warned regarding the volume of the music, with the matter being referred by WYP to Environmental Health, the lead agency on business compliance with Covid-19 regulations. Body worn camera footage of the incident has been retained.
19. On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020, I became aware of further warnings from Environmental Protection to **the Premises** about their lack of social distancing, their failure to prevent dancing and the playing of loud music.
20. On 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 another complaint was logged by WYP from a member of the public, who stated they had attended **the Premises** between 19.30- 20.00hrs on that date with five other persons, but left prematurely due to the playing of loud music and no social distancing in place. These are concerns that would continue to manifest in **the Premises**.

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21. The person reported that they had to shout to be heard by each other. They also complained of being put on a table suitable for only four persons, and that staff were not wearing masks. They spoke of feeling very uncomfortable and anxious, and thus left **the Premises** within 15 minutes of arriving. I therefore referred the matter to Environmental Health.
22. On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020, I noted another logged complaint to WYP from a member of the public, stating that there was no social distancing at **the Premises**, large groups were gathering inside and that no-one was wearing a mask amongst the staff. I again referred the matter to Environmental Health.
23. On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, I was made aware of social media posts, which were said to show the playing of loud music, with customers standing up and dancing, and no face coverings being worn at **the Premises**. By this time, however, the footage was no longer available on social media for me to view.
24. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, Environmental Health officers visited **the Premises**. It was reported that the loud music could be heard by the officers some distance from the venue and the management were instructed to turn down the bass.
25. At 21.10hrs on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Leeds District City NPT officers attended **the Premises** after loud music and voices could be heard inside. Officers reported that the metal shutters had been pulled down over the entrance door and windows, so that the interior and those within could not be seen.
26. After banging on the metal shutters, officers eventually gained access, having heard voices telling everyone to sit down. Inside, over thirty students and members of staff were present, with alcohol being consumed and music being played. The students were dispersed and enquiries made as to who had facilitated the event.
27. One drunken male identified himself as the organiser. He was later arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Prior to his arrest he had run over to a vehicle, which had pulled up on the other side of the road from **the Premises**, and spoken to the occupant. Officers noted the registered number of the vehicle which was and is registered to the **PLH**. Body worn footage from officers has been retained as evidence.
28. CCTV was requested to be viewed at the time but staff said they could not operate the system.

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29. On 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020, **PC 2472 ROGERS** spoke to **the PLH** on the phone. He initially said he had been present on the premises on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, but then changed his account and said that staff had made him aware of the incident.

30. **The PLH** blamed the event on a female member of staff called [REDACTED] and said that he had sacked her.

31. **PC ROGERS** requested that she be able to view the CCTV at **the Premises**. **The PLH** stated that he could not work the CCTV system, but stated that he had an app on his phone that allowed him to watch a live time feed. **The PLH** stated that he did not know how to record the footage.

32. There are conditions on the premises licence that state:

- *A suitable Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) system will be operational at the premises at all times when licensable activities are being carried out and at any other times where members of the public are present on the premises.*
- *The CCTV system will contain the correct time and date stamp information.*
- *The CCTV system will have sufficient storage retention capacity for a minimum of 31 days' continuous footage, which will be of good quality.*
- *A designated member/members of staff at the premises will be authorised to access the CCTV footage and be conversant with operating the CCTV system. At the request of an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or a Responsible Authority (under the Licensing Act 2003) any CCTV footage as requested, will be downloaded immediately or secured to prevent any overwriting. The CCTV footage material will be supplied, on request, to an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or a Responsible Authority.*

33. **PC ROGERS** has never been able to view the CCTV footage.

34. On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020, a social encounter in **the Premises** whilst it was open to the public led to an allegation of drinks being spiked and, elsewhere in the city, an allegation of a serious sexual assault.

35. On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020, **PC 6973 GOODYEAR**, the officer in the sexual assault case, attended **the Premises** and spoke with a young female who identified herself as the manager. On requesting to view

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CCTV footage, the officer was told he would need to contact the **PLH's** solicitor and was given the details.

36. **PC GOODYEAR** spoke to **the PLH's** solicitor, [REDACTED] from Levi Solicitors, who initially appeared to struggle to contact his client.

37. On 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020, [REDACTED] contacted **PC GOODYEAR** to say that there was no recorded CCTV footage at **the Premises** and that a CCTV specialist had attended on Friday (no date given) and was due to attend again the following Friday.

38. **PC GOODYEAR** stated to [REDACTED] that he would need to examine the CCTV system himself to ensure what had been said was correct, especially given the seriousness of the recent allegation. He left details of when he would be on duty and asked [REDACTED] to enquire about the availability of the **PLH** so the CCTV could be checked.

39. When **PC GOODYEAR** realised that Leeds District City NPT officers were also struggling to gain access to the CCTV system, and he had not heard back regarding **the PLH's** availability to access **the Premises**, he formed the opinion that there was a deliberate obstruction being made by management to the viewing of any evidence of either the pre-amble to the sexual assault or the Coronavirus Regulations breaches.

40. On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020, in order to secure and preserve any evidence, entry was forced to **the Premises** under s180 Licensing Act 2003 and the CCTV hard drive was seized. It was later transported to the Imaging Unit at Calder Park, Wakefield for examination.

41. On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020, a Direction Order (the Direction) was issued against **the Premises** by [REDACTED] Director of Public Health, under the provisions of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No.3) (England) Regulations 2020. The Direction came in to effect at 00.01hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and required **the Premises** to:

- close between the hours of 18:00 - 07:00; and
- when open, there were to be no celebratory gatherings.

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42. The Direction was issued for a period of twenty-eight days, with a requirement that it was reviewed every seven days to ensure that the conditions for issuing were still met.
43. **The PLH** had the right of appeal and could make representations to the Secretary of State. The Direction still had to be complied with pending any appeal or representation. It is understood that no such appeal was lodged by **the Premises** against the making of the Direction.
44. **The Premises** effectively closed entirely from that date, notwithstanding the fact that the Direction allowed them to open between 07.00-17.59:59hrs each day, as most of their trade was post 18.00hrs.
45. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, [REDACTED] the WYP Imaging Officer examining the CCTV from **the Premises**, reported as follows:

*"Following the Form 11a requests for incidents 13200503643 and 13200508534. No footage can be recovered as no footage has ever been recorded to the DVR. Enclosed are a few pictures of the inside of the system. Notice no dust on the fan (it looks brand-new), also none on any of the inside casing and circuit board which always catch dust with the airflow pushing through. The USB and other ports on the rear of the system show no dust, which you would expect from even a small amount of use. The DVR when booted up shows the start-up wizard as it would from new. Recovery analysis of the storage harddrive showed small amounts of footage from the Quality control check with the employee in the factory in China. No other footage was present. The system is manufactured in Feb 2018 but all clues point to it being a new system, ie not one that had been unboxed in situ for a length of time, which would have expected to have collected at least a minimum of dust. It has also never recorded footage or run through the setup out of the factory. If an original system is found (even just the original harddrive), we still may be able to recover any potential deleted footage to assist in both these offences. I will leave this CCTV system for collection on the weekend once I have finished updating our case management system."*

46. The expert evidence from the Imaging Officer suggests that the hard drive seized on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was brand new and had not been in situ for any length of time.
47. At 14.00hrs on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020, I attended a meeting at **the Premises**. This meeting had been requested by [REDACTED] from Environmental Health. Also present was:

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- [REDACTED], Leeds City Council Licensing Enforcement;
- [REDACTED] solicitor for the PLH;
- [REDACTED], the proposed DPS;
- [REDACTED] from Craven Safety Services; and
- The PLH, who was present for most of the meeting via Zoom due to self-isolating on his recent return from abroad.

48. [REDACTED] was introduced by [REDACTED] as a consultant who would be doing a full Covid-19 compliant risk assessment for the Premises. [REDACTED] was introduced as the proposed new DPS once she had passed her personal licence course.

49. I asked the PLH about the lack of CCTV footage from key dates, and specifically asked where the hard drive from 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October was. He stated that the hard drive, which had been seized on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020, was the one which had always been present on the Premises and that he had just not known it was not recording. Having read the report from the Imaging Officer, this account appears to be false.

50. I queried the student event that occurred on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. [REDACTED] stated that no-one else had known about the event, including the PLH, and that a female member of bar staff with keys to the Premises, identified as [REDACTED], had organised it all herself.

51. This claim was clearly untrue, as the PLH has since admitted he was present in the venue on that night. Furthermore, WYP have been sent an image from the PLH's personal Instagram account advertising the events from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. It is quite clear that management were fully aware of the event and strongly suggests that [REDACTED] would be unsuitable to hold a position of trust at the Premises.

52. Agencies were told that thirteen cameras had been fitted and were working and incorporated in to the new CCTV system at the Premises from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020. [REDACTED] asked if she could view the CCTV and if [REDACTED] could operate it. It was said that she could not operate it.

53. On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, a second national lockdown in England was announced and was implemented on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Premises remained closed from the Directions issued by the Council on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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54. On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Leeds District City NPT interviewed under caution the arrested male from 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, [REDACTED], and his girlfriend [REDACTED].
55. [REDACTED] stated in his interview that he had been a customer on the night of the student event on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. He claimed that he had paid for a ticket, which was on his phone. He had arrived early and got changed at **the Premises**.
56. [REDACTED] stated that **the PLH** was already there at **the Premises** and was DJ-ing for a while. When **the PLH** left, [REDACTED] looked after some of the music. When officers entered, he was by the DJ decks, standing up and not wearing a mask so he knew he was in trouble.
57. [REDACTED] stated that he panicked and said he was the Organiser. He stated it was a student social where games are played. He stated that he had never worked at **the Premises**.
58. [REDACTED] stated in her interview that she had been employed at **the Premises** as a member of bar staff. She stated she was not a manager and did not hold a personal licence. She denied organising the event.
59. [REDACTED] stated that **the PLH** had in fact organised the student event on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, and that he had advertised it by posting it on his personal Instagram account and **the Premises'** Instagram account.
60. [REDACTED] stated that it was a ticketed event and that sixty-six tickets had been sold, which amounted to eleven tables of six, but that not everyone had attended. She said there had been over thirty persons present at **the Premises**. This would clearly breach the Regulations, which at that time prohibited indoor gatherings in businesses of more than thirty people.
61. [REDACTED] stated that **the PLH** was present at **the Premises** from the start of the event at approx. 19.00hrs but later left. She was under the impression he was going to return. She stated that the shutters were pulled down to protect the windows as one had a crack in it. It is unclear why all the shutters would need to be pulled down if only one window required this claimed protection.
62. [REDACTED] stated that **the PLH** had known that WYP officers had arrived as he told her he had watched it on the CCTV system on his phone. He drove by when officers were there and then waited until he saw WYP had left before re-attending in order to collect the keys from her.

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63. [REDACTED] stated that she did not know she had been sacked, as **the PLH** had told **PC 2472 ROGERS** on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020. She stated that in fact she had turned up at work the following week and it was only then that she was told that she was on a temporary suspension.
64. As a result of the two interviews under caution with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the **PLH** has been reported for summons for holding/being involved in the holding of a rave type gathering of more than thirty people indoors, contrary to the Regulations.
65. On 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, I was made aware by Environmental Health and Council Licensing Enforcement of correspondence they had received from a male called [REDACTED]. The male identified himself as the proposed new **DPS of the Premises** and part of the new management team in charge of the venue. [REDACTED] stated that he had been in the industry for ten years running various events.
66. I am aware of some of those events, which were run at premises on Call Lane, then known as "Norman Bar". During the time some of these events ran at "Norman Bar", WYP had serious concerns in relation to crime and disorder associated with those premises, which culminated in an offence of violent disorder, a summary review arising from that disorder and the ultimate closure of the venue.
67. The Chief Constable would therefore have concerns if [REDACTED] were to be proposed as **DPS at the Premises**, or even the running his events at **the Premises**, as there is clear and obvious potential they would attract the same clientele as "Norman Bar" attracted between 2018 and 2019, which led to its closure.
68. On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, West Yorkshire came out of the second national lockdown and was placed into Tier 3. As a result, **the Premises** therefore remain closed given that alcohol cannot be sold for consumption on premises within a Tier 3 area under the current rules governing that tier. To date, there has been no indication that West Yorkshire and/or Leeds Council area will be moved to Tier 2.
69. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 West Yorkshire Police received an application to transfer the premises licence from the **PLH** to [REDACTED]. WYP object to this transfer and the grounds for this are set out in my objection letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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### **Conclusion**

70. The above chronology of incidents show that **the Premises** have carried out blatant contraventions of the Regulations and put at risk the safety of the public. The Regulations were implemented to control the spread of a worldwide pandemic that has claimed, at the time of writing this statement, 62,033 deaths in the United Kingdom alone.

71. In allowing people from different households to socialise together as if there were no disease to control, **the Premises** have completely undermined the public safety objective and may have directly or indirectly contributed to the further spread of the Covid-19 virus.

72. Public safety was further undermined at the student event on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, where the metal shutters were closed over the windows and exit/entrance door in an attempt to hide what was occurring from the authorities. This presented a clear fire risk to those present and was referred to West Yorkshire Fire Service at the time. It also showed that **the Premises** knew precisely what they were doing was wrong.

73. In addition to the above, these incidents shows a complete failure on behalf of the person(s) responsible for **the Premises** to promote two of the remaining Licensing objectives, namely:

- The Prevention of Crime and disorder
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance

74. In relation to failing to promote the Prevention of Crime and Disorder objective, by opening with excess of thirty people inside at an organised event the **PLH** has acted contrary to the Regulations. Even by selling sixty-six tickets for this event, it is clear that the management of **the Premises** was prepared to break the law. It should have been clear to **the Premises** that a maximum of thirty tickets could have been sold, or time slots provided so that no more than thirty people were present. There was no attempt whatsoever to adhere to the laws in force and shows a complete disregard of this licensing objective.

75. It is also very strongly suspected that the **PLH** has replaced the original CCTV hard drive with a new hard drive, whether to prevent the authorities viewing the breaches of the restrictions since opening on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020, and/or the social interaction that led to allegations of drink spiking on **the Premises** on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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76. It is quite clear that the CCTV system was operational prior to the new system being seized. This is made out by the fact that the **PLH** was able to watch CCTV footage of WYP officers attending on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, according to the account of [REDACTED], and even on the basis of his own words to **PC 2472 ROGERS** when he said he could watch a live feed of the CCTV.
77. It is clear that **the PLH** had a good knowledge of how to access the CCTV and was equally knowledgeable about a system he later claimed he did not know was not retaining footage. The clearly untrue accounts provided to WYP may amount to criminal offences committed by **the PLH** and remain under investigation. In any event, this demonstrates the honesty, or lack thereof, of the person responsible for operation of **the Premises** and entrusted to cooperate with enforcement authorities.
78. On multiple occasions, **the Premises** have been warned by both Environmental Health and Council Licensing Enforcement, about their lack of enforcement of social distancing, the wearing of face masks both by staff and customers, allowing dancing, and the playing of loud music that encouraged the raising of voices and thereby aerosol transmission of the virus. Little to nothing was done to rectify this.
79. In relation to failing to promote the Prevention of Public Nuisance objective, **the Premises** have allowed activities to take place which are prejudicial to the health of the wider public and not just those taking part in the activities at **the Premises** itself. This is a clear link to the undermining of public safety. By failing to enforce the 2m social distancing rule and allowing people to gather in significant numbers, they have failed to prevent the spread of Covid-19 despite very clear laws preventing close social interaction between different households to control the spread of the disease.
80. What is apparent from the events that have taken place at **the Premises** since July 2020, is that **the PLH** has little to no regard for the law in respect of those restrictions, and is prepared to hide his misdemeanours by breaching licence conditions, breaching Covid-19 legislation, and by possibly disposing of recorded evidence.
81. WYP can demonstrate that the student event on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was not a 'spur of the moment' event, nor was it a one off or isolated event. **The PLH's** Instagram account advertised student events in advance starting from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. It is perhaps of little surprise that this has now been deleted, no doubt in an attempt to distance **the PLH** from the event, however a screenshot of this post demonstrates clearly the fact it existed.

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82. Similarly, we cannot check the CCTV to view what took place on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 or 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, as that footage does not exist on a system that the **PLH** says was in the venue all the time. It is clear from the Imaging Officer that the CCTV system seized was brand new and not that in situ on those dates.

83. Whilst WYP accept that the current economic climate caused by the Covid-19 pandemic is placing a huge strain on the whole of the hospitality industry, that in no way excuses such abuses of legislation that the vast majority of law abiding Leeds businesses and members of the public have been observing over the past weeks and months.

84. In making this representation, the Chief Constable seeks to send out a clear and strong message to Licence Holders that blatant breaches of Government restrictions will not be tolerated and that the public confidence in the measures taken to combat the spread of Covid-19 needs to be maintained robustly.

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;  
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| This statement (consisting of: 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true. |                      |             |                              |
| Signature:   | PM ROGERS            | Date:       | 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 |
| Time and date statement taken: 0014 hours, 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2020  |                      |             |                              |

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At 2129 hours on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, I attended at TAAG, GREAT GEORGE STREET, LEEDS, in company with PC 3157 PIERCE and PC 1026 OLIVER.

Upon arrival at TAAG, I could see that all 4 shutters were down and TAAG appeared to be closed. I could hear loud music coming from within TAAG and I could see lights flashing through the windows above the shutters. At this point I have activated my BWV (camera 233060).

PC 1026 opened the left hand side glass door and behind the door was a metal shutter which was closed to the floor. PC 1026 knocked on the shutter and I heard a female shout words to the effect of, "EVERYONE SIT THE [REDACTED] DOWN RIGHT NOW" and there was a lot of commotion which sounded like people hurrying around the room. The shutter was then opened and I could clearly see that the bar was full of approximately 40 people, none of them were wearing masks and upon our entry they were all sitting at tables. PC 1026 asked who the organiser was and a male I now know to be [REDACTED] identified himself. PC 1026 requested his details and [REDACTED] became very obstructive and aggressive and refused to provide his details. [REDACTED] was drunk, he was slurring his words, his eyes were glazed and he smelt of intoxicants. He was placed into handcuffs until his details were confirmed. At 2136 hours the handcuffs were removed and I re-entered TAAG to assist with getting the staff details.

Whilst inside staff stated that people were up to go to the toilet and that people were trying to dance in their seats. They explained that the shutter was down due to one of the windows being smashed and to prevent more people entering as it was a private event. [REDACTED] stated that they had a list of ticketed people and that 59 people had paid for a ticket but they believed that only 40 had actually attended and said that this is the first time that they had all been together since March and agreed that it got a bit out of hand.

At this point [REDACTED] entered the bar and requested my collar number and said to me, "RIGHT CAN YOU LEAVE MY VENUE PLEASE", I have told him no and eventually he has gone into the back of the bar and changed his clothing.

PC 3157, PC1026 and I have left the bar but returned approximately 2 minutes later to request CCTV. Whilst I was requesting the owners details, I heard [REDACTED] say to PC 3157, "I'M SAYING YOU'RE A [REDACTED]", PC 3157 warned [REDACTED] regarding his language and [REDACTED] appeared to square up to PC 3157 by puffing out his chest. [REDACTED] took his mobile phone out of his

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pocket and appeared to set it to record pointing it at PC 3157 and said, "DO YOU WANT TO GRAB ME AGAIN, [REDACTED] GRAB ME".

PC 1026 has taken control of [REDACTED] arm and applied one handcuff and arrested him for being drunk and disorderly but [REDACTED] resisted and tensed up. I have taken control of [REDACTED] hand and mobile phone to prevent damage and to facilitate getting his hand to the rear for handcuffs to be applied. [REDACTED] was told not to resist and said, "DON'T TAKE MY PHONE OFF ME YOU [REDACTED]".

[REDACTED] was placed into the rear of a marked Police van and transported to Elland Road Custody Suite where his detention was authorised.

Prior to this incident at approximately 1845 hours on the 7/10/2020, I drove along OXFORD PLACE and turned left onto GREAT GEORGE STREET. Whilst driving past, TAAG was on my right hand side and I saw a group of approximately 5 people all dressed in florescent party clothes entering TAAG. 3 of the 4 shutters were down and I thought this odd as usually they would all be up when the venue is open and you can clearly see into the bar.

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| Signature:   | PM ROGERS            | Date:       | Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 |
| Time and date statement taken: 1411 hours, Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2020   |                      |             |   |

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Further to my statement dated the 8/10/2020, I would like to add the following;

At approximately 1600 hours on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, I spoke with Mr [REDACTED] on the telephone. During that conversation [REDACTED] initially stated that he was present at the event and then changed his mind and said that he was made aware of what happened by staff. [REDACTED] said that they do not usually do student nights but he was approached by [REDACTED] who told him she was putting the event on and was going to manage it. [REDACTED] stated that he was 'taking this seriously' and that [REDACTED] had been sacked.

During the call I requested the CCTV and [REDACTED] stated that he doesn't know how to operate it and that he has an app whereby he can watch the live time feed but doesn't know how to record it. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was not and has never been a member of staff at TAAG but referred to him as the organiser of the event.

At approximately 1300 hours on the 26/11/2020, I spoke with [REDACTED] on the telephone. I informed him that he was going to be reported for summons for consideration of prosecution of holding/being involved in holding a rave type gathering of more than 30 people indoors. [REDACTED] was shocked by this news and again stated that it was [REDACTED] who was ultimately responsible. I informed him that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been interviewed and that they both state that he was aware of the event, was present at the event and that he promoted the event. [REDACTED] admitted that he did have knowledge of the event and that he was present at the event initially. He stated that he didn't like that the shutters were down and said that he ordered they were opened. He said that he could provide evidence that he didn't organise it but couldn't tell me what evidence he could offer.

At 1331 hours, [REDACTED] sent me an email with a picture of a promotion attached. In the top left hand corner is a picture of a male sat on the bonnet of a blue sports car with the name [REDACTED] next to it. The text reads;

"CALLING ALL SOCIETIES TO GET BOOKED FOR FUTURE WEEKS"

"TAAG PRESENTS WAVY WEDNESDAYS THE PLACE TO PRE £1 JAGERBOMBS £3 DOUBLES £5 STUDENT ROUNDS"

"STUDENT NIGHT AT @TAAG.LEEDS ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SEP SOLD OUT IN 30 MINS"

There are also 4 images on the promotion.

I have exhibited this image as follows;

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PMR2 – Social Media Post

I have uploaded this image to NICHE 

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**Statement of:** Thomas Peter Goodyear

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of: 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

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Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Time and date statement taken: 1707 hours 25/11/20

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I am making this statement in relation to a series of events that took place throughout OCTOBER 2020.

I was investigation an allegation of Rape where by the complainant is alleged to have met the suspect in TAAG LEEDS, GREAT GEORGE STREET. The complainant alleges that she was 'spiked' and has no recollection of the evening before waking up the next morning and realising she had been raped.

A second female present on the same evening alleges that she suffered the same effects as the complainant.

The administering of a noxious substance to two females was understandably of great concern to West Yorkshire Police and we wanted to do all that we could to prevent any further possible instances of women being attacked and bringing the suspect in this case to justice. Of vital importance to this investigation was the CCTV evidence from TAAG LEEDS. This would help to prove or disprove the allegation.

I first made contact with TAAG on 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020, when I attended the premises and spoke with a young female who advised me she was the manager. I was told that I would need to speak with the solicitor who represented the owner [REDACTED] regarding any CCTV and provided with his details.

I spoke with his solicitor [REDACTED] of LEVI SOLICITORS who advised me that he would speak to his client. Mr [REDACTED] struggled to contact his client. I was informed by Mr [REDACTED] on 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 that there is no recorded CCTV footage from TAAG LEEDS and that a CCTV specialist had visited on Friday (no date was given) and was due to attend the following Friday.

I informed Mr [REDACTED] that to be satisfied that there was no footage I would need to examine the system myself, given the seriousness of the allegations and the possibility of further women being attacked I felt that [REDACTED] would be more than willing to assist. I provided him with my shift for the next day and asked that he enquire with [REDACTED] as to his availability to allow this to happen.

By this point I had spoken with the PC ARKLE and was informed that the CITY NPT were also struggling to get access to CCTV from TAAG LEEDS in relation to a breach of Corona Virus legislation. It was at this point that I formed the opinion the [REDACTED] was in fact attempting to prevent access to the CCTV system so as not to implicate himself in this offence.

Signature: T. P. Goodyear

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I have no record that I was contacted again to arrange a suitable time for me to view the CCTV system. I took the decision that to secure and preserve evidence I would need to arrange to access the CCTV system another way.

I decided to enter the premises under S180 of the Licensing Act to establish if the CCTV condition of the premises license was being breached. Entry was forced to the premises on 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 and the CCTV system was located in a loft space above the utility room.

I called the Regional Scientific Support Services (RSSS) Imaging Unit from the bar before unplugging this for their advice on whether I was likely to damage or alter any potential footage held on the system by unplugging it. I was informed I would not and so disconnected the full DVR system and I seized this.

I took this to ELLAND ROAD POLICE STATION and it was booked into property stores. I arranged with CITY NPT to take this to the RSSS Imaging Unit for examination.

I received an email from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who subsequently had examined the system on 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2020 he informed me:

*"No footage can be recovered as no footage has ever been recorded to the DVR.*

*Enclosed are a few pictures of the inside of the system, Notice no dust on the fan (it looks brand-new), also none on any of the inside casing and circuit board which always catch dust with the airflow pushing through. The USB and other ports on the rear of the system show no dust, which you would expect from even a small amount of use.*

*The DVR when booted up shows the start-up wizard as it would from new.*

*Recovery analysis of the storage hard-drive showed small amounts of footage from the Quality control check with the employee in the factory in China. No other footage was present.*

*The system is manufactured in Feb 2018 but all clues point to it being a new system, ie not one that had been unboxed in situ for a length of time, which would have expected to have collected at least a minimum of dust. It has also never recorded footage or run through the setup out of the factory."*

It is my professional opinion that [REDACTED] has deliberately avoided handing West Yorkshire Police vital CCTV evidence which has the opportunity to identify and convict a dangerous sexual predator operating within the Leeds area. Should [REDACTED] continue to hold a license to serve alcohol I have seen no evidence to suggest that he would assist West Yorkshire Police in the future in safeguarding the city's residents.

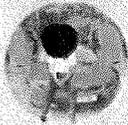
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*Leeds District Licensing Department*

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T: [REDACTED]  
E: [REDACTED]

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Entertainment Licensing Section  
Leeds City Council  
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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 – [REDACTED]**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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