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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Premises Licence Review**

### **Licensing Act 2003 - The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

**Name and Address of Premises: The Old Red Lion, York Road, Leeds, LS14 2AD**

We have recently received notification of an application by West Yorkshire Police to have the premises licence at the above premises formally reviewed. Please accept this letter as support for West Yorkshire Police in their application.

I am employed by Leeds City Council as a Team manager in Environmental Health who are a responsible authority under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 with regards to the licensing objective for the prevention of public nuisance and primary enforcers for the provisions of Coronavirus Regulations.

Environmental Health therefore would like to provide supporting evidence regarding the management of the premises relating to complaints we have received regarding public nuisance and breaches of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020

Below is a summary of complaints received in relation to the premises:

6 June 2020: Referral from WYP re: a lack of Covid measures at the premises.

*Around 7.30pm the pub and garden were so busy social distancing was not possible. The premises were not collecting contact details for track and trace. The pub was that busy customers were using the woods and garden as a toilet as they could not access the pub due to the number of customers inside. There were a number of anti-social incidents after closing time.*

An officer from Environmental Health contacted the premises to advise of the complaint and to advise that should we receive more then further action would be taken.

No further complaints were received in relation to the premises as under Covid restrictions all licensed premises were required to close from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 until 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 when they were permitted to re-open outside areas only.

From the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 hospitality businesses were permitted to re-open inside areas providing they followed the secure Covid guidance which included:

- Table service only
- Persons only permitted to consume food and drink whilst seated
- Groups of 6 permitted to meet indoors
- No activities which required persons to raise their voice unnecessarily
- Music to be played at background level only

Following the easing of restrictions in May the following are a list of complaints received in relation to the premises:

11/06/21 - Loud music playing from cars in the car park of the red lion pub LS14

12/06/21 - Loud music from car in Old Red Lion car park LS14

16/06/21 - Shouting and singing very loudly coming from 'beer garden' old red lion Ls14 from 10.30pm onwards. Woke me up!

25/06/21 - Arguing and shouting in Red lion pub car park 8.05pm

29/06/21 - Loud music and loud bass coming from cars in red lion pub car park-speeding in and out and beeping horns

29/06/21 - Shouting and chanting getting progressively louder from beer garden-doors and windows must be open in the pub also. It's a weekday and it's more like weekend!

30/06/21 - Loud bass from music in car in red lion car park - the noise is actually the pub-underlying bass and beats from the music being played in the pub.

01/07/21 - Loud shouting in the car park-been going on for about half an hour now.

07/07/21 - Loud music from car and large groups still in the car park at red lion pub-23.10pm

10/07/21 - Music too loud from the pub. Been getting louder from 6pm

10/07/21 - Loud music from car and people shouting in car park of red lion

11/07/21 - Loud music being played from car in car park

12/07/21 – Complainant states *I have to place an official complaint against the old red lion pub in Whinmoor.*

*The disrupting and noisy behaviour started at around 9.00pm, the police came over in their van at around 10.00pm.*

*By 3.00am everything escalated to another sad incident. Huge group of people (around 30) was shouting on Baildon Drive in the middle of the night. Since the owner opened up a back beer garden things are pretty ugly every week. His clients openly smoke weed whilst enjoying their beer in the back garden, the owner almost never goes there to check on his clients. There is usually a bunch of young people causing trouble. They can buy alcohol without any limits and they also do drugs. By the end of the night the level of anger in those young boys is very high. Girls crying, boys shouting and fighting. It's usually very young people sat in the pub's back garden, playing loud music from their cars parked next to the tables, they get very drunk plus taking some drugs and that leads to an uncontrolled violence, which we witnessed here many times within the last few months. We would like the pub to be shut down as we do not feel safe with everything that has been happening here. Or at least the back garden to be dismantled, since the owner doesn't even check who is there and what is going on. Surprisingly he never even comes out to calm down his clientele once the problems start. Even during the times when people weren't allowed into the pub, so he must have heard that there are problems starting at the back*

Due to issues with reporting systems the Environmental Health Team did not become aware of these complaints until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 however the list provided above demonstrates that there has been little or no regard from Management in relation to the licensing objective for the prevention of public nuisance or to put measures in place to operate as a Covid secure venue.

Due to the number and nature of the complaints received Environmental Health support West Yorkshire Police in their application to review the licence.

Yours faithfully



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