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cc. Goran Mahmoud Ahmed [REDACTED]

OBJECTION NOTICE :
VARY PREMISES LICENCE - DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR:
SECTION 37(5) & 37(6) LICENSING ACT 2003

PROPOSED PREMISES SUPERVISOR: Goran Ahmed

PREMISES- Wine Plus, Retail Unit No. 1, 58 Harehills Road Harehills Leeds LS8 5LE

I PC Neil Haywood Leeds District Licensing Officer for West Yorkshire Police, hereby give you notice that I object to your application to become designated premises supervisor for the premises 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, public safety and keeping children safe from harm objectives

West Yorkshire Police are so satisfied for the following reasons-

1. Goran Ahmed has two convictions at Leeds Crown Court dated the 27th September 2019 under the proceeds of crime Act 2002 where he received a 24 month prison sentence. The circumstances of this offence were that invoices made to a renovation company had the bank details altered to Goran Ahmed's bank account. This led to losses of £73,154.04 to the renovation company and £41,237.82 to a client of the company. This offence is not a relevant offence in the licensing Act so could not be used in Ahmed's personal licence application, however this is evidence of bad character.

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2. Goran Ahmed was linked to the licensed premises Bucharest at 56 Harehills Road LS8 5LE. This premises is next door to this premises. On the 15th August 2023, Ahmed was present working in the shop when Licensing Officers visited.
3. Bucharest was visited as part of a joint operation with HMRC and Trading Standards on the 30th August 2023. Agencies found a large amount of illicit non-duty paid alcohol and cigarettes likely smuggled in to the country illegally from overseas. The total duty evaded was estimated at £3000. As a result, West Yorkshire Police applied to revoke the premises licence. On the hearing dated the 22nd January 2024, the licensing committee decided to revoke the licence.
4. There is further information that can be disclosed in a private session that directly implicates Goran Ahmed in this activity.

For the above reasons, West Yorkshire Police believe Goran Ahmed is not a fit and proper person to take over as designated premises supervisor and respectfully ask that this application is refused.

PC Neil Haywood
Leeds District Licensing Officer
West Yorkshire Police

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