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**cc. JMC Licensing Consultants, Warrington Business Park, Long Lane, Warrington, WA2 8TX**

**RE: Carpatica 2 Ltd., 24-26 Tong Road, Leeds LS12 1HX**

**APPLICATION FOR VARIATION TO A PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003:**

**POLICE – LETTER OF OBJECTION**

West Yorkshire Police received notice of an application to vary the premises licence for the above premises on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

West Yorkshire Police make representations to the variation based on the licensing objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm.

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The application is to extend the premises hours of operating for licensable activity currently in operation from:

Friday and Saturday 0800 hrs x 2400hrs

Monday to Saturday – 0800hrs x 2300hrs

To:

24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

After consultation between the local neighbourhood policing team and Leeds district licensing team, West Yorkshire Police are of the opinion that to grant the variation of the licence as applied for would not promote the licensing objectives for the following reasons:

- The premises are in a high-density residential area and 24-hour sales would cause unnecessary disturbance and public nuisance throughout the night to the residents and children in the area which is likely to increase call for service.
- The extended hours where the sale of alcohol is proposed to be undertaken could only increase the level of crime in the area. This is a high crime area with approximately 1546 incidents, 845 crimes recorded, 1546 incidents and 174 arrests made in the last 12 months.
- The area is subject to police hot spotting. This evidence-based method focuses policing resources on small geographic areas where crime is highly concentrated, particularly with anti-social behaviour and serious violent crime.
- This area is in one of Leeds most deprived areas and suffers from high levels of substance abuse and the issues that this brings, often leading to domestic abuse within families. To allow this application would undermine the efforts being made to address these issues and to make alcohol even more readily available would have even more devastating effects upon families.
- The variation would be a draw to attract problem drinkers into the area thereby increasing the risk of them becoming a victim of crime. It would also potentially lead to a rise in them committing crime in order to fund their habit. Armley already has significant issues with street drinkers. Drawing street drinkers to the premises is detrimental to the community and in particular children who have to witness and experience this on their way to school.
- The premises are located on a main arterial route leading from The Armley gyratory. An increase in customers, potentially under the influence of alcohol, is likely to increase the chance of road traffic collisions taking place and therefore a reduction in public safety.
- Work is on-going on at the New Wortley Community centre who work with the Violent reduction Partnership. They engage with children and their families in the area to steer them along the right track and away from crime and disorder. The later hours are a draw to youths encouraging them to hang about late into the night in groups. This undermines the work of the community centre and the protection of children from harm objective.

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Due to this West Yorkshire Police make an objection to the variation of the licence as applied for on the grounds of promoting the licensing objectives.



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