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Sir/Madam,

RE: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

PISGAH CONVENIENCE STORE, 74 PISGAH STREET, KENFIG HILL, BRIDGEND CF33 6BU

REPRESENTATIONS

South Wales Police make representations to the Bridgend County Borough Licensing Authority that they are of the view that the likely effect of the grant of this application on the licensing objectives would be to increase crime and disorder and public nuisance at or in the vicinity of the premise.

Furthermore approval would fail to protect children from harm.

The representations are strengthened having regard to the steps intended to be taken in the Operating Schedule and other areas of the application to promote the licensing objectives as well as the previous history of the premises and the applicant's background.

Information and evidence is set out below for the Licensing Sub-Committee's consideration.

THE PREMISES

The premises was previously licensed to sell alcohol only and [REDACTED] was licensee and the designated premises supervisor (DPS).

She is the wife of the applicant and proposed Premises Licence holder and DPS, Nagarajah Nagendirarajah.

South Wales Police had such cause for concern with regard to this off-licence that in May 2015 application was made to review the licence with a strong recommendation that the authorisation should be revoked.

However; the day before the scheduled hearing the Premises Licence was surrendered.

THE APPLICANT

South Wales Police has grave concerns about the antecedent history of the proposed applicant in relation to licensing offences which have been committed as well as serious immigration matters.

If the application is approved then he will hold two positions of authority and South Wales Police believe this would seriously impact on the licensing objectives.

THE OPERATING SCHEDULE

Within the Operating Schedule (M - boxes A to E) the Act requires the applicant to describe any additional steps intended to be taken in order to promote all four licensing objectives namely: -

The prevention of crime and disorder
Public safety
The prevention of public nuisance
The protection of children from harm

The steps detailed are adopted as conditions of the Premises Licence and arguably attempt to negate responsible authorities from making representations in respect of the application.

Having made an assessment of the schedule some of the conditions proposed are either not relevant and cannot be proposed as steps as they are mandatory conditions of a licence in any event, some are bland, appear in duplicate or are clearly unenforceable.

The steps intended to protect children for example cannot be read in their entirety.

South Wales Police are of the opinion therefore that the licensing objectives have not been adequately addressed.

Home Office guidelines issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Bridgend County Borough Councils "Statement of Licensing Policy" allows representations to be amplified at hearings.

Therefore issues pertinent to this application coupled with previous enforcement at the premises and the applicant's antecedent history will be disclosed and highlighted at any subsequent hearing in respect of this application.

Yours faithfully,



Inspector Drew
Communities & Partnerships

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