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Dear Sirs

I am in receipt of an application for a new premises licence under section 17 Licensing Act 2003. The application is made by Waseem Wajid and relates to takeaway premises located at 16 Chapel Brow, Leyland.

The applicant requests a premises licence be granted for the provision of Late Night Refreshment from 11pm to Midnight, Sunday to Thursday and from 11pm to 2am Friday and Saturday.

On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police I would make representations against the granting of this application as I believe in doing so it would undermine the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Public Safety Licensing objectives.

The applicant is known to the police, he has a history of violence as well as a history which would show that he has contempt for authority as well as the law and is dishonest in his practices in both word and deed.

In February 2015, as a result of a multi-agency operation targeting takeaway premises in Leyland, his premises was found to be operating using abstracted electricity. On inspection the electric meter at the premises had been tampered with and was unsafe, this was removed. This was not the only premises that were found to be abstracting electricity that night and a meter was removed from other takeaway premises across the road which the police believe the applicant is connected with.

The police understand that the applicant has been in control of these premises since 2010, around the time that the then premises licence for these premises was surrendered. It would therefore appear that the applicant has been operating unlawfully for the past 5 years.

In August this year the applicant was dealt with for providing un-licensable activity at the premises, during his dealings with the police and local authority he has failed to co-operate with requests and has become confrontational so much he had to be arrested for the offence.

In September 2015 the applicant was convicted of the offence of providing a licensable activity without authorisation Contrary to Section 136 Licensing Act 2003, this is a relevant offence under Schedule 4 Licensing Act 2003.

The Chapel Brow area of Leyland is already well catered for takeaway premises. Currently in operation there are 4 kebab/pizza shops including these premises, an Indian and two Chinese, one a takeaway and one a restaurant with a takeaway facility. The police feel there is sufficient provision for late night refreshment in the area at this time.

In September 2014 the area of Chapel Brow was subjected to a weekend of public disorder. This consisted of groups of youths attacking the takeaway premises with pieces of metal and wood and causing damage. The violence appeared to target particularly the kebab premises which resulted in damage being caused to windows of these premises. As a result police had to direct resources to monitor the area for the following weeks.

This year these particular premises have been subject to instances of criminal damage to the shop window, the first in April as a result of a female who kicked the window causing it to smash. The female has been arrested and dealt with for the offence. The second incident in May involved a male throwing a brick through the window, the motive for this is unknown and the offender is unable to be traced.

As can be seen there have been instances of crime and disorder in the vicinity of And associated with these premises.

It is important that the holders and operators of premises licences under the 2003 Act are persons who are willing to work and co-operate with the authorities. This fosters good partnership working and builds trust which allows for the promotion of the licensing objectives. It is clear that the applicant does not fulfil this criteria and as such cannot be trusted to operate lawfully. The applicant has scant disregard for both the Licensing Act and the promotion of the licensing objectives, this can be evidenced clearly by the operating schedule attached to the application.

Therefore the police would respectfully request that this application be refused.

In the circumstances that the Licensing Sub-committee were minded to grant the premises licence the police would ask for the following conditions to be considered along with any other the committee felt necessary;

- The premises will be equipped with a CCTV system that shall meet the following criteria;
 - The system shall comprehensively cover the public areas of the premises

- The system shall capture a clear head and shoulders view of persons entering the premises.
- The CCTV system shall be maintained in proper working order.
- The system shall display on any recording the correct time and date of the recording, these will be adjust accordingly to reflect the changes in British Summertime and Greenwich Mean Time.
- The system shall be recording at all times the premises is open to the public.
- The system will have the capability of retaining any recording for a minimum of 28 days.
- At all times the premises is open there will be someone at the premises who can operate the system and will allow inspection of any recording by any responsible authority on reasonable request.
- The Premises Licence Holder will ensure that any request by a responsible authority for a copy of the footage will be provided via removable media within 24 hours.
- The premises will display signage to state that CCTV is in operation at the premises.

Rationale – The applicant has indicated within his operating schedule that he is having a CCTV system, this expands on the operating schedule.

- Whenever the premises is open after 11pm on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday there will be employed a minimum of one SIA registered door supervisor, who will remain at the premises until it closes.

Rationale – there has been public order issues in the vicinity of these premises and the premises has been subject of criminal damage.

- Whenever the Premises Licence Holder is away from the premises he will leave written details of the person who has responsibility for the running of the premises in their absence. These details will contain the following;
 - Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Address
- These details will be provided to any responsible authority on reasonable request

Rationale – there have been problems historically when dealing with incidents at these premises when authorities have been unable to establish who is in control at any particular time.

The Police would seek to make it clear that their position is for refusal of the premises licence application and the tendering of the above conditions in no way changes that position.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a horizontal line at the end.

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