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**Police Representation to the application under section 17 of the licensing act 2003, for a new Premises Licence for 'Who's Next Food & Wine 6 Library Parade, Craven Park Road, NW10 8SG**

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make representations that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Council's Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

I am of the opinion that the risk to the Council's objectives can be mitigated by removing the requested variations or attaching conditions to the Licence as shown below.

Officer: Michael Sullivan  
Licensing Constable PC 368QK

An officer of the Metropolitan Police, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application has been made for a new premises licence under section 17 of the act.

The Police representations are primarily concerned with crime and disorder, and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Police require the following points to be included in the operating schedule or added as conditions on the premises licence.

Who's Next Food & Wine was subject to a review hearing which was heard by Brent Council Committee members on the 5th April 2017 the current Premise licence Holder and Designated Supervisor Mr Surjit Singh Arora was present along with his son in-law Mr Dilbir Singh Arora.

The committee listened to the evidence presented by the police and then heard submissions from Mr Surjit Singh Arora's agent Mr Panchal, he proposed that Mr Dilbir Singh Arora would become the premise licence holder and Designated Premise Supervisor for Who's Next, the committee also heard that Mr Dilbir Singh Arora already has three other shops that he runs in Slough, Reading and Hillingdon.

During questioning it became apparent that Mr Dilbir Singh Arora was not buying the shop from Mr Surjit Singh Arora but would just be transferring the licence into his name, it also became apparent that Mr Surjit Singh Arora would continue to work at the shop along with his son who had been working at the premises during the issues raised in the review.

The committee determined that the licence should be revoked; this indicates to me that they were not convinced by the proposals put forward by Mr Panchal that Mr Dilbir Singh Arora becoming the PLH and DPS were sufficient.

It appears to me that this application brings nothing different than what was suggested at the hearing, which was totally dismissed by the committee.

I feel that if this application was granted we would see a return to the previous bad management of the shop, as Mr Surjit Singh Arora has previously stated that he is in financial difficulties.

I feel that nothing has changed since the review and that the decision to revoke the licence was the correct decision.

Mr Panchal suggested that at some point Mr Dilbir Singh Arora would consider buying the shop but to my knowledge this has not happened, leaving Mr Surjit Singh Arora the sole owner of the business.

Since the beginning of 2015 every visit by police resulted in them finding breaches to the licence conditions, even after receiving warning letters and action plans the shop decided to sell high strength alcohol and illegal cigarettes.

I believe that this application will see Mr Dilbir Singh Arora just in name only and the shop will continue to be run by Mr Surjit Singh Arora, and that this is just him trying to have a second bite of the cherry.

The committee determined that removing the current DPS would be insufficient and decided to revoke the licence.

As previously stated the new applicant put himself forward at the hearing and outlined his plans for the shop, the committee were not convinced that this would change the bad management of the shop and decided not to remove the DPS but revoke the licence.

**Police would ask that this application is refused in full.**

On the 10/05/2017 licensing Police visited Who's Next and found Mr Surjit Singh Arora working in the shop with another unknown male who disappeared on seeing police, there was no sign on Mr Dilbir Singh Arora confirming what police suspected, that Mr Surjit Singh Arora is still in day to day control of the premises.

I attach a copy of the determination notice

**Yours Sincerely**

**Michael Sullivan 368QK**  
Brent Licensing Constable