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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 Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated 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.

This is the second application for a new premises licence for this shop since the venue was the subject of a review in April of this year, where its licence was revoked after the Premises licence Holder, and designated Premises Supervisor Mr Arora Singh continually breached his licence conditions, during the review hearing the licensee proposed that the licence be transferred into a family members name, however after questioning, the committee decided that the proposed applicant was not suitable, and revoked the licence.

An application was then made for a new premises licence where again after questioning the applicant was believed to be not suitable, and the application was refused.

On receiving this new application I contacted the applicant Mr Kulbir Khaneja, and spoke to him on the telephone, I explained to him who I was and why I was calling, I asked him to confirm that he was the applicant for the new licence application for Who's Next, he stated that he was unaware of any application, he then asked me where the shop was, I said if he had made an application for a licence then he should know where the shop was, he replied yes its me the shop is in Wembley, I informed him that the shop was in Harlesden, I then asked him if he had purchased the shop he said no, I asked him why he was applying for a licence if he was not buying the shop, he was unable to answer, I asked if he had a lease, again he said no not yet, I asked when he would be getting a lease he replied soon, I asked how much he was paying for the lease, he was unable to tell me, I said it seems strange you don't know how much you are paying for a shop, he then said he was going to rent the shop, I said how much was the rent again he did not have an answer, I asked him how much he was buying the stock in the shop for, he said he wasn't, I said is he giving it to you for free, he replied no

I asked him how many times he had been to the shop, he did not give me an answer, I then asked if the shop was currently running at a profit he said he didn't know, I asked if he was renting a shop that he knew nothing about and could lose money, he said its only £25,000 if I lose money, I then asked him where he had heard about the shop being for sale, he replied a friend had told him, I asked for the name of this friend he would not give it to me, I then asked what solicitors is dealing with the contract again he was unable to answer.

I have concerns that the applicant is applying for a licence on behalf of Mr Arora Singh, as he has no knowledge of where the shop is let alone if the shop is a profitable business.

During the first application I had concerns that the applicant was not genuinely looking to purchase the business and after meeting with him I was certain that he was going to be no more than a name on the licence.

From my conversation with this new applicant I feel nothing has changed and this again is Mr Arora Singh trying to obtain a licence.

I have tried several times since my first conversation with Mr Khaneja to call him again to discuss this application but he does not answer.

Police would ask that this application be refused, as I have no confidence that this applicant will have any day to day running of the premises.

Yours Sincerely

Michael Sullivan 368QK
Brent Licensing Constable