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Dear Sir/Madam

Police representations to the application for a premises licence at 'Location Café' 232 High Road, NW10 2NX.

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 Crime and Disorder Licensing Objective for the reasons indicated below.

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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. Police representations are mainly connected with the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

The application has been made for a premises licence under section 19 of the Act.

Page 4 of this application describes the premises as a place for the public to enjoy tea, coffee, soft drinks and sandwiches. Unfortunately this is not what I discovered during a visit to the location.

On Saturday 14th December 2013 at approximately 2030 hours I attended the venue with my colleague PC Lewis-Evans. Entering the premises from the main High Road the venue looked closed as there were no customers in the front room, however I could smell the distinct pungent aroma of shisha smoke. I introduced myself to a Somali male who was standing behind the serving counter. He was not the owner or the manger just 'a friend' helping out. I then opened a solid wooden door at the rear of the front room and discovered approximately 6 customers sitting in a room (named as Café on the plans submitted with the application) watching football on a large screen television. I walked through this room; the smoke smell was stronger and thicker. I passed a kitchen (named as utility room on the plans submitted with the application) to my right that contained over 20 shisha smoking hookahs, shisha smoking pipes hanging on the wall and tubs of shisha tobacco. There is an

external door leading from the utility room as I opened it I saw a chiminea stacked with burning coals to feed the Hookahs. As I entered the back room there were approximately a dozen males sitting around smoking shisha. This room was fully enclosed. There are shutters at the rear of this room, even if they had been open this room would have been more than 50% enclosed. The only means of escape was the front entrance door. If a fire had broken out in the front of the building customers would have been trapped. Standing in this room I could feel the effects of the smoke and possible carbon monoxide.

I waited at the front of the venue for approximately half hour for the manger to return. During this time I never saw any food preparation. The kitchens main function is for shisha preparation. The rear shutters were opened and the Shisha Hookhahs were removed to the kitchen area.

This venue is breaching Section 8 of the Health Act. The venue has planning permission for A2 (office) use and has no building regularization certificate (structural safety).

Police are objecting to the premises licence application, this venue is designed specifically to breach legislation and put public safety at risk.

I reserve the right to bring further evidence to the hearing should any arise between now and then.

Yours sincerely

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