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Dear Emma Grant

Licensing Act 2003

Representation in support of an application by Sussex Police seeking a review of the Premises License - 2023/00733/LAREV

Booze Corner, 92 Lewes Road, Brighton BN2 3HZ

I write to make a representation on behalf of the Council's Licensing and Trading Standards Team, in their capacity as a responsible authority, in relation to the above application made by Sussex Police seeking to review the Premises Licence for Booze Corner, 92 Lewes Road, Brighton BN2 3HZ.

This representation is made as the Licensing and Trading Standards Team have concerns that the licensing objective of the Protection of Children from Harm is not being upheld.

The history of this matter is explained in more detail in the application of Sussex Police.

Sussex Police Licensing and Trading Standards work closely to deal with combating the sale of alcohol to children. This involves the sharing of intelligence, joint test purchase operations and in respect of Trading Standards, offering businesses support and training to assist them with complying with the law and to meet the Licensing Objective of Protecting Children from Harm.

Joint Police and Trading Standards Test Purchase Operations take place on an ongoing basis, targeting premises because of either intelligence that children are able to buy alcohol from the premises or because of alcohol related youth disorder in the vicinity.

On 30 January 2023, Sussex Police and Trading Standards conducted an underage alcohol test purchase to the above premises, where a member of staff at this premises sold a bottle of 'Corona' to a 17-year-old police volunteer.

At 18:20, following the failed test purchase, Sussex Police and myself entered the premises to advise that they had failed a test purchase operation. Also, a full licensing inspection was carried out. Details of this visit are explained in full detail within Sussex Police's Review. We all eventually left the premises at 19:58.

It is my opinion that the premises are poorly run, there are breaches of the premises licence and I have no confidence in the DPS or management of the premises. Also, the licensing objectives are not being upheld.

I do not believe that changing the Designated Premises Supervisor or adding additional conditions will prevent this happening in the future. I believe if the premises licence remains in place, there will be further problems occurring at the venue.

In the circumstances, I fully support the application of Sussex Police and consider that this is necessary to ensure that the licensing objective of the Protection of Children from Harm are met.

Yours sincerely

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