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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Adams News 6 Coldharbour Lane SE5 9PR

Police are in possession of an application from the above to transfer the premises licence ref 852931

The above premises was subject of an application for a review of the premises licence under the licensing act 2003.

On Thursday the 15th June 2017 the licensing subcommittee heard evidence from the responsible authorities regarding a catalogue of

breaches of the premises licence, and evidence of a number of criminal offences. The recommendation from all responsible authorities involved was that the premises licence be revoked. The Licensing sub committee took the decision to revoke the premises licence. The premises licence holder has appealed this decision.

On the 30th June 2017 an application was received from xxxxxxxx to transfer the above premises licence. Under the licensing act 2003 an application to transfer the premises licence can become effective immediately. In addition an application to vary the premises licence to specify Mr xxxxxxxx as the designated premises supervisor was also received.

On this occasion I have been made aware that a visit was made to the premises on the 11th July 2017, 11 days after the transfer took effect. The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing induction with the new premises licence holder Mr xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Prior to this visit Mr xxxxxx had been asked to ensure he had a copy of the lease agreement, and any other transfer documents which would indicate that he had legitimate control of the premises. This documentation was not forthcoming during the visit, Mr xxxxxxxx stated that his Solicitors were dealing with this matter and no lease had been signed yet.

Also present during this visit and induction meeting was the owner of the premises Mr xxxxxxxx. It should also be noted that Mr xxxxxxxx

has also been witnessed working behind the counter of the shop, on questioning he stated that he works for free. We ask the question why he would be working for free in a shop that he owns but rents out to Mr xxxxxxxx.

I am of the opinion that Mr xxxxxxxx does not at this time have legitimate control of the premises, there is no signed lease agreement in place and as yet no further documentation to indicate that this would be the case.

At the conclusion of this meeting, a licensing officer from Southwark Council noticed that a number of cans of Zubr lager displayed for sale. The information displayed on the cans was not English. This is a clear breach of the food labelling regulations as explained in more detail in the attached warning letter sent to Mr xxxxxxxx. This in my opinion demonstrates disregard for licensing objectives and indicates that Mr xxxxxxxx is not an appropriate person to take on this premises licence.

In my opinion there are sufficient exceptional circumstances for us to object to the transfer of this premises licence, the same evidence is appropriate to object to the application to vary the premises licence to specify Mr xxxxxxxx as the designated premises supervisor.

Submitted for consideration

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