



## APPENDIX E

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Re: 4 Camberwell Church Street SE5 8QU**

Police are in possession of an application from the above to transfer the premises licence ref 857877.

The above premises was subject of an application for a review of the premises licence under the licensing act 2003 submitted by Southwark Trading standards. Following the review hearing and considering all the facts, the licensing sub committee decided it was appropriate to revoke the premises licence.

This is now subject of an appeal by the premises licence holders, due to heard at the magistrate's court on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Somasundram Ariyarah submitted an application to transfer the premises licence, this transfer was to take effect immediately. So effectively as of the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Somasundram Ariyarah was claiming to be the new premises licence holder.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, officers from Southwark's Trading Standards office conducted a test purchase at the premises. The person in charge of the shop at the time made an underage sale of Cigarette's without challenging the young person.

Enquiries were made with the person in charge at the time as to the identity of the current premises licence holder. This person knew the manager to be Mr Ghulam Rasool. There was no mention of the new premises Licence holder as detailed above.

Considering they have been the PLH since the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, I would expect anyone working at the premises to be familiar with the management structure.

The Metropolitan Police are of the view that this transfer is another tactic used to circumvent the provisions and objectives of the Licensing Act and one Southwark's Licensing Policy seeks to address. I refer to paragraphs 89 and 90

Applications for transfer of a premises licence following application for a review

89. This authority is concerned over the frequently observed practice of an application for a transfer of a premises licence being made immediately following an application for a review of that same licence being lodged.

90. Where, such applications are made, this authority will require documented proof of transfer of the business / lawful occupancy of the premises, to the new proposed licence holder to support the contention that the business is now under new management control.

No documentation has been supplied to indicate the business is now under new management control and the Police continue to be seriously concerned over the operation of the premises, following the recent test purchase failure.

It is for this reason that the police are of the opinion that there are exceptional circumstances on this occasion to object to the transfer of this premises licence.

Submitted for consideration

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