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Dear Sir/Madam

Re:- Mr Gul Mohammad, Foodlink, 98-100 Wyndham Road

Police are in possession of an application from the above to transfer a premises licence for the licence and change the DPS at Foodlink, 98-100 Wyndham road, London SE5 0UB under the licensing act 2013.

On Friday the 3rd July 2020 at about 19.58hrs, police executed two search warrant at the premises issued by Croydon magistrate's court. Police searching the private basement storage area found twelve wraps of what is believed to a cocaine and heroin mix this was subsequently tested and found to contain Cocaine and Opiates. Under the counter, the searching officer found a hammer and a large bread knife when this was pointed out that these appeared to be kept there to use as a weapon.

October 2014 the premises licence was subject to a Section 53a review under the previous management after a very serious assault whilst the premises where operating in breach of the licence. [REDACTED] has held the Freehold to the premises since 2012, which he purchased from his father Mr [REDACTED].

The application was submitted by a licensing consultant who has informed the council licensing unit that she has had no contact with Mr [REDACTED] and has no contact number or email address for him. She stated that all her dealings are with Mr Y [REDACTED] and his son.

Mr [REDACTED] d was known to be working as a security guard at a car park in February 2020.

We object to the transfer of the premises licence to Mr Mohammed on the grounds that it is an abuse of process to circumvent due process of the review hearing for the premises being associated with crime and disorder.

Due to the frequency of such application Southwark's Statement of licensing policy has been amended to contain guidance for applicants as follows.

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.

This application was received without any supporting documents or additional information that would support the suggestion that this business is now under new management control.

I suspect this is an attempt to circumvent the full review process under section 51 of the licensing act 2003.

Without any supporting documents I conclude that the premises is likely to remain in control of the current premises licence holder and or those previously involved in the running of the business during the period of previous review applications.

I object to this transfer, as it would undermine the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective.

Submitted for consideration.

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