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Mr. Bob Brown  
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Dear Mr. Brown

**REF: Application for review of the premises licence for Passage to India 15 The Square Barnham Bognor Regis PO22 0HB**

I write on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Sussex to raise a representation in respect of this review application on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder.

This is a review hearing upon the application of the Home Office following interactions with the premises.

Sussex police support the review application by Trading Standards requesting a revocation of the premises licence, in particular the Licensable activity "the sale of retail of alcohol", due to failing to maintain the following Licensing Objectives:

PREVENTION & DETECTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER.

The revised S. 182 Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018) issued by The Home Office states:

11.27 There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises:

- *for the sale and distribution of drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the laundering of the proceeds of drugs crime.*
- *for the sale and distribution of illegal firearms.*
- *for the evasion of copyright in respect of pirated or unlicensed films and music, which does considerable damage to the industries affected.*
- *for the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people.*
- *for prostitution or the sale of unlawful pornography.*
- *by organised groups of paedophiles to groom children.*
- *as the base for the organisation of criminal activity, particularly by gangs; 102 | Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003*
- *for the organisation of racist activity or the promotion of racist attacks.*
- *for employing a person who is disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status in the UK.*
- *and for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.*

11.28 It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence — even in the first instance — should be seriously considered.

Sussex Police have concerns regarding the motive of the management, and the operations from within the premises.

Sussex Police are concerned to learn that following a visit by the Home Office on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 officers encountered five illegal workers working at the premises

It is the opinion of Sussex Police that the premises is not upholding the licensing objectives and therefore questions whether the premises are still suitable to be responsible persons with regards to the retail and dispensing of alcohol.

Sussex Police Licensing concur with the Home Office that due to the severity of the allegations and the evidence presented to support the application obtained, that we fully support the request to seek the revocation of the premises licence.

Yours sincerely,



**Inspector Mike Butler CB238**  
**West Sussex Licensing Inspector**  
**Sussex Police**