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Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday 29th July 2013 7.30 pm

Council Chamber Town Hall Redditch



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Welcome to today's meeting. Guidance for the Public

Agenda Papers

The **Agenda List** at the front of the Agenda summarises the issues to be discussed and is followed by the Officers' full supporting **Reports**.

Chair

The Chair is responsible for the proper conduct of the meeting. Generally to one side of the Chair is the Committee Support Officer who gives advice on the proper conduct of the meeting and ensures that the debate and the decisions are properly recorded. On the Chair's other side are the relevant Council Officers. The Councillors ("Members") of the Committee occupy the remaining seats around the table.

Running Order

Items will normally be taken in the order printed but, in particular circumstances, the Chair may agree to vary the order.

Refreshments: tea, coffee and water are normally available at meetings - please serve yourself.

Decisions

Decisions at the meeting will be taken by the **Councillors** who are the democratically elected representatives. They are advised by **Officers** who are paid professionals and do not have a vote.

Members of the Public

Members of the public may, by prior arrangement, speak at meetings of the Council or its Committees. Specific procedures exist for Appeals Hearings or for meetings involving Licence or Planning Applications. For further information on this point, please speak to the Committee Support Officer.

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COMMITTEE PROTOCOL – LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Each application that comes before this Sub-Committee will be treated on its own merits. This licensing authority will make its decision based on the merits of the application and the promotion of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm,

and will also have regard to the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Redditch Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

Members of the Sub-Committee will meet prior to the hearing to note matters to be presented, assisted by the legal and administrative support Officers only. The actual application will not be discussed.

LICENSING HEARING PROCEDURE

The Hearing

- 1. The Chair will open the meeting, outlining the nature of the decision to be taken, and will identify the members of the Sub-Committee and Council Officers present.
- 2. The Chair will then ask all parties present for that agenda item to introduce themselves.
- 3. The Chair will give a brief outline of the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
- 4. The Licensing Officer will present the report, outlining any relevant representations and relevancies to the Redditch Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy and Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 5. The Licensing Officer may be questioned by members of the Sub-Committee and, if given permission by the Sub-Committee, the other parties present.
 - (Similar rights of questioning will apply, with the Sub-Committee's permission, in relation to paragraphs 7, 9 and 11 below.)
- 6. The Applicant / Licence Holder and / or his / her representative will speak in support of the application.
- 7. The Applicant / Licence Holder and / or his / her representative may be questioned by members of the Sub-Committee.
- 8. Any witnesses called, with due notice, by the applicant will, with the permission of the Sub-Committee, then make representations to the Sub-Committee.
 - (Similar rights will apply in relation to witnesses called by other parties.)
- 9. The witnesses may be questioned by members of the Sub-Committee.

- 10. Any person who has given notice that they wish to make representations to the Sub-Committee will be invited to do so, having stated the nature of his / her interest in the matter.
 - (a) In the case of any person who has made representations but fails to attend, the hearing will normally proceed, taking into consideration the written representations, but ensuring appropriate weight is given to the representations.
 - (b) No person wishing to make representations may raise any ground or objection at the hearing not previously referred to in the written submission, unless all parties give their consent to this.
- 11. Once a person making representations has concluded their case, he / she may be questioned by the members of the Sub-Committee Committee.
- 12. The Licensing Officer will be invited to make a closing statement.
- 13. Any persons who have made representations will be invited to sum up.
- 14. The Applicant / Licence Holder and / or his / her representative will be invited to sum up.
- 15. The Chair will announce an adjournment of the hearing in order for the Sub-Committee to make its decision. The decision will be made in private and the Chair will, in accordance with the legal framework given in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, move to exclude all parties present, with the exception of the members of the Sub-Committee and the legal and administrative support Officers, from the Sub-Committee's deliberations. Normally the Sub-Committee, legal adviser and committee administrator will withdraw from the room.
- 16. The Sub-Committee may return to the meeting room to seek clarification on any point. The Sub-Committee, legal advisor and committee administrator will then withdraw again.
- 17. The Chair may depart from the above procedure if he / she considers it is in the interests of natural justice to do so, either of his / her own volition or upon application by any party. Before doing so he / she shall invite the views of the parties present and consider any representations that may be made.

Decision

- 18. The hearing will reconvene, all parties being recalled.
- 19. The Chair will announce the decision, together with reasons for it in public at the conclusion of the hearing, together with any conditions placed upon the licence and the licensing objective they relate to.
- 20. The decision will be confirmed in writing to the Applicant / Licence Holder and his / her representative (if appropriate), and to the other parties to the hearing, and also to the Chief Officer of Police, as soon as is practicable after the hearing.

Notes

1. Any changes in Sub-Committee membership will be given at the beginning of the meeting.

- 2. Each party will be limited to a maximum time of ten minutes in which to make representations to the Sub-Committee. This period may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. If an extension is agreed, all parties are to be allowed the same time to make representations. Where appropriate, if several parties wish to make the same representation, a spokesperson may, by consent, be appointed, in which case the spokesperson is to be allowed the same period of time as other representatives. If a spokesperson is not appointed, the amount of time must be shared between the persons wishing to make the same representation.
- 3. Any person wishing to make representations and Applicants / Licence Holders can be represented by a legal representative (at their own expense) or by a Councillor.
- 4. Late representations and evidence will only be considered with the agreement of all parties present.
- 5. Parties to the hearing will not normally be entitled to cross-examine any other party unless given permission by the Sub-Committee to do so.
- 6. The Sub-Committee may require any person attending the hearing, who in its opinion is behaving in a disruptive manner, to leave the hearing and may:
 - refuse to permit that person to return; or
 - permit that person to return only on such conditions as the Sub-Committee specify,

but such person may, before the end of the hearing, submit in writing any such information which they would have given orally had they not been required to leave.

- 7. Decisions will generally be taken regardless of whether the applicant is present.
- 8. In cases where a decision cannot be given at the end of the hearing, the Sub-Committee will make its decision within 5 working days beginning with the day or the last day on which the hearing was held, and will inform the applicant as soon as is practicable thereafter of its decision.
- 9. Applicants have a right to appeal, details of which can be obtained via the Licensing Officer.
- 10. It is not the general policy of the Council to enter into discussions or correspondence on matters relating to the hearing or any decision made at the hearing.
- 11. Any irregularity resulting from any failure to comply with any provision of the relevant Regulations before the Sub-Committee has made a determination shall not of itself render the proceedings void. In the case of such irregularity, the Sub-Committee shall, if it considers that any person may have been prejudiced as a result of such irregularity, take such steps as it thinks fit to cure the irregularity prior to determination.
- 12. Clerical errors in any document recording a determination of the Sub-Committee or errors arising in such document from accidental slip or omission may be corrected by the Sub-Committee.
- 13. Parties are not normally permitted to cross-examine or question other parties at Licensing Sub-Committee hearings except with the permission of the Sub-Committee. It is important that questions should not be hostile or seek to unfairly undermine the position of any party.





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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs: Phil Mould (Chair)

Michael Chalk Alan Mason

		Reserve member – Gay Hopkins
1.	Chair's Welcome	The Chair will open the meeting and welcome all present.
2.	Apologies	To receive apologies for absence and the details of any Councillor nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member listed above.
3.	Declarations	To invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in the item on the agenda.
4.	Application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 - Life Styles Express, 17 Flyford Close, Lodge Park, Redditch (Pages 1 - 32)	To consider an application for a Premises Licence for Life Styles Express, 17 Flyford Close, Lodge park, Redditch. (Report attached) (Lodge Park Ward)
	Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services	

5. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, to consider excluding the public from the meeting in relation to any items of business on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged it may be necessary to move the following resolution:

"that, under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the rounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended."

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[Subject to the "public interest" test, information relating to:

- Para 1 any individual;
- Para 2 the identity of any individual;
- Para 3 financial or business affairs;
- Para 4 labour relations matters;
- Para 5 <u>legal professional privilege</u>;
- Para 6 a notice, order or direction;
- Para 7 <u>the prevention, investigation or</u>
 <u>prosecution of crime;</u>
 may need to be considered as 'exempt'.]

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<u>APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT</u> 2003

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Blake
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Steve Jorden – Head of
	Worcestershire Regulatory Services.
Wards Affected	Lodge Park
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

1.1 To consider an application for a Premises licence made by Mrs Sarminder Sooch to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises at Life Styles Express, 17 Flyford Close, Lodge Park, Redditch, B98 7LU. This application is brought before the Licensing Sub-Committee following receipt of relevant representations.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to RESOLVE

whether or not, having regard to the licensing objectives, the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, the District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the applicant's proposed Operating Schedule and the relevant representations received;

- 1) to grant or refuse the application, as shown in the application form attached at Appendix 1 to the report; and
- 2) if the Licensing Sub-Committee is minded to approve the application;
 - a) to attach relevant Mandatory Conditions; and
 - b) to consider, with due regard to the statutory licensing objectives and the relevant representations received, whether to attach any appropriate conditions.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

3.1 The Statutory Fee of £190.00 has been paid, and the application has been duly advertised in accordance to the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003. Should the application be refused by the Subcommittee, there is a right of appeal to Magistrates Court. Should an appeal be successful the Magistrates may make an order for costs.

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Legal Implications

- 3.2 The Sub-Committee should have regard to any National Guidance set down under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Redditch Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 3.3 The Committee is obliged to determine this application with a view to the promotion of the licensing objectives which are:
 - The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - Public Safety
 - The Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - The Protection of Children from Harm.
- 3.4 The Sub-Committee must also have regard to the representations made and the evidence it hears.
- 3.5 The Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:
 - (a) Grant the application as asked
 - (b) Modify or impose conditions on the licence, by altering or omitting or adding to them.
 - (c) Reject the application.
- 3.6 The Sub-Committee is asked to note that it may not modify the conditions or reject the whole or part of the application merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.
- 3.7 The Human Rights Act 1998 incorporates human rights under the European Convention into English law. Article 6 provides that, in the determination of a person's civil rights, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing. In this respect, third parties whose property rights may be adversely affected and, of course, applicants themselves, should be allowed to address the Committee if they

Service/Operational Implications

3.8 An application for a new Premises Licence for Life Styles Express, 17 Flyford Close, Lodge Park, Redditch, B98 7LU made by Mrs Sarminder Sooch was received by Redditch Borough Council on the 7th June 2013, for the:

Sale of alcohol for consumption off the Premises: Monday to Sunday 08:00 – 21:00.

Application attached as Appendix 1.

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- 3.9 The Licensing Authority has received 5 relevant representations to the application made by Mrs Sooch. The Licensing Authority received 2 representations from Councillors and 3 representations from local residents objecting to the application. The representations are attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 3.10 Attached as **Appendix 3** is a plan showing the location of the premises.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

3.11 None

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

4.1 None

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Application Form, Plan

Appendix 2 Objection letters from Councillors & Residents

Appendix 3 Location Plan

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Licensing Act 2003 Guidance under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy

AUTHOR OF REPORT

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Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

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State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor:

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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8). N/A

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Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General - all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)

- The premises will be managed and controlled by a responsible person at all time.
- The Designated Premises Supervisor will be on the premises or contactable during the operating hours.
- Pemises will be managed by minimum of three member of staff at all time.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

- · Police will be reported for any incidents of a criminal nature.
- · A comprehensive Internal & External CCTV will be installed and the recordings (including night vision cameras) will be kept for minimum of 90 days. Also these recordings will be available for any responsible authorities.
- · A security alarm system will be installed & maintained.

c) Public safety

- · Fire safety equipments are installed and will me maintained on the premises.
- The Emergency Exit will be kept free from obstructions at all time.
- Staff will be fully trained in alcohol sales and fire safety/evacuation procedures.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

- Adequate bins will be available for customers to dispose of their litter.
- · Signs will be displayed requesting customers to have regard for local residents when leaving the premises.
- Staff will not serve alcohol to known (if any) street drinkers.

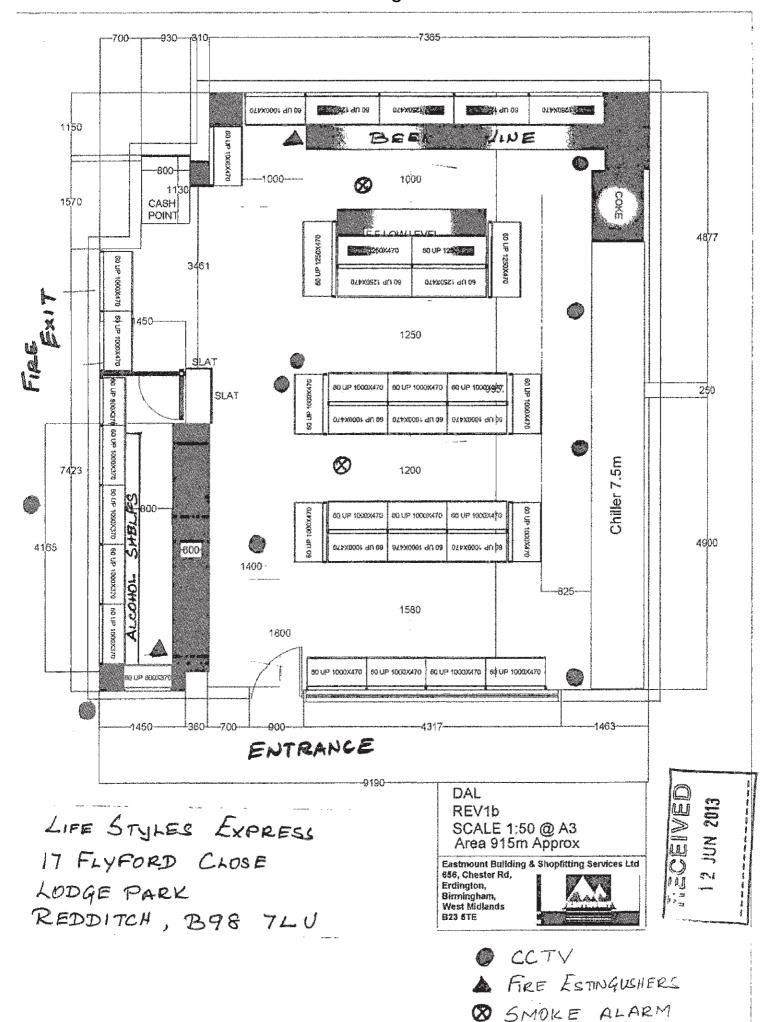
e) The protection of children from harm

- The Challenge 21 Policy will be strictly followed and the relevant signs will be on display.
- · A register of refusal of sales will be kept and maintained on the premises.
- · Sprits will be located behind the counter area.
- Staff will be mindful of situations where adults may be purchasing alcohol for children by monitoring the area surrounding the premises and being vigilant at school/college closing
- · All staff will be trained in their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and other relevant legislation relating to age restricted products.

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If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)

Consent of individual to being specified as premises supervisor
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of
HALL GREEN
[home address of prospective premises supervisor]
hereby confirm that I give my consent to be specified as the designated premises supervisor in relation to the application for
NEW PREMISES LICENCE [type of application]
by SARMINDER SOCCH [name of applicant]
relating to a premises licence[number of existing licence, if any]
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I also confirm that I am applying for, intend to apply for or currently hold a personal licence, details of which I set out below.
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From: shurmer mark [mailto:mark.shurmer

Sent: 04 July 2013 15:56

To: Tom Phelan

Cc: ; Andy Fry; ; Cllr Hill, Pattie **Subject:** Objection to Alcohol License Application - 17 Flyford Close

Dear Sir or Madam

I wish to object to the granting of the above license for the sale of alcohol at the shop based at 17 Flyford Close, Lodge Park.

The shop has been closed for some time and the general environment in the estate has improved. My objections are as follows:

Crime and Disorder

When alcohol was sold at the shop before there were numerous reports of crimes and anti social behaviour linked to the shop. There were various reports of violent incidents and robberies within the shop itself. It acted as a Magnate for disaffected unemployed people who used to sit at the site all day drinking and smoking drugs and generally intimidating both customers and neighbours of the shop.

Public Nuisance

As previously stated the shop acted as a magnate for disaffected young people who hung around the shop and generally made a nuisance of themselves by intimidating shop customers and other people who lived on the estate. There was also a huge problem with litter which often reached epidemic levels with bottles and cans strewn, not only at the site of the shop, but within quite a distance. I would hope that a responsibility for litter caused would lie with the appellant. I would also like to see some identification mark put on the liquor that is sold in the shop, so that the source of any litter could be clearly attributed.

Public Safety

The shop is situated on a main arterial walkway through the estate and I fear that, if the shop becomes a popular meeting place for the disaffected, that there will be a perception that the area is not safe to walk through. If intimidation and begging starts again people who live on the estate may be dissuaded from walking in this direction and will lose some of the amenities of the landscaped areas that surround the site.

Protection of Children from Harm

If the license is granted and the shop once again becomes a magnate for disaffected people on the estate children will be subjected to intimidation a poor environment. Strict controls must be put in to stop others buying alchahol for minors with frequent checks and harsh penalties given should any transgression be discovered.

All in all, the area previously resembled a bomb site and rubbish tip and, although I have no objection to the siting of a shop in this area, the sale of alchohol will, in my opinion cause a return of the problems that haunted the shop in its previous incarnation.

Mark Shurmer

Councillor for the Lodge Park Ward Redditch Borough Council

Tel: 07990976829

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Cllo Ada Fry

Licensing Committee
Redditch Borough Council
Town Hall
Walter Stranz Square
Redditch
B98 8AH

Wednesday 3rd July 2013

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a premises licence for the convenience stored located at 17 Flyford Close, Lodge Park, Redditch B98 7LU. The basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

I have been a resident in close proximity (some 20 yards) to the premises for some considerable time, including when the premises previously was granted a license to retail alcohol.

The previous retailing of alcohol at these premises led to an increase in antisocial behaviour with groups of youths gathering outside the premises to consume alcohol purchased. The youths often frequented the area outside the premises from early afternoon right through into the night even after the premises had closed, and were both intimidating and abusive to those walking by.

The area located in front of the premises is very closely surrounded by residents, including myself, and a gathering of youths in this area caused noise and disturbance to myself particularly in the late evening, when it was nigh on impossible to even open my windows due to the noise created by these youths.

The premises made no effort to control these youths (both directly and through the restriction of sale of alcohol) and the antisocial behaviour that occurred outside the premises, perhaps as even the owners feared their own safety also. The police were often left to deal with repeated issues increasing the workload for the local police with the additional call outs for the behaviour, noise and intimidation by the groups of youths.

There was also a huge increase of litter and vandalism in the area, and I note that the premise even now does not provide any facilities for disposal of litter, leaving the council the cost of clearing up the area.

Since the premises had stopped retailing alcohol, and subsequently closed, the issue was completely eradicated and there have been very few incidences of youths/groups gathering in and around the area of the premises as well as issues of antisocial behaviour and litter.

The premise has recently re-opened as a convenience store and I have no objection to the premises continuing to trade without a license to retail alcohol. I trust that the licensing committee will also take into consideration that a license to retail alcohol at these premises was previously refused by the committee before this new application, on these same grounds.

Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area already readily populated with licensed premises in more suitable locations that are not heavily surrounded by immediate residences (such as Tesco Express Lodge Park, Bargain Booze and Tesco Extra Oakenshaw store, all of which are a short walk away), and as national companies also have tried and tested means of preventing the sale of alcohol to minors, and the provision of additional security such as CCTV systems within the area to prevent antisocial behaviour.

In view of the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Catherine Stanford

Dormston Close Lodge Park Redditch Worcestershire

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Mr Joel Stanford

Dormston Close Lodge Park Redditch Worcestershire

to whom it may concern

my wife and I live very close to the shop in question and object to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol as historically it has been a meeting place for youngsters who tend to rowdy behaviour and vandalism the shop has no road frontage so policing would be difficult and it has no cctv coverage and in the past has also led to antisocial behaviour underage drinking and drug trafficking and abuse leading to intimidating behaviour yours Julia and David Bell

From: Sayful Alom < sayful.alom@bromsgrove.gov.uk >

To: "dave_bell " < dave_bell " " < dave_bell

Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2013, 16:09

Subject: 17 Flyford Close, Lodge Park, Redditch

Hi Mr Bell,

Is there any chance you can forward your letter/email of objection for the above premise to me direct on my email address so that I can look into this for you?

Regards

Sayful Alom

Technical Officer (Licensing) 01527 548309 Email:sayful.alom@worcsregservices.gov.uk

Worcestershire Regulatory Services PO BOX 866 Worcester WR1 9DP

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