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Dear Mrs Grant

Licensing Act 2003

**Representation in support of an application by Sussex Police seeing a review of the
Premises Licence - 2022/00041/LAREV
Wild Park Local, 46 Barcombe Road, Brighton BN1 9JQ**

I write to make a representation on behalf of the Council's Licensing and Trading Standards Team, in their capacity as a responsible authority, in relation to the above application made by Sussex Police seeking to review the Premises Licence for Wild Park Local, 46 Barcombe Road, Brighton BN1 9JQ.

This representation is made as the Licensing and Trading Standards Team have concerns that the licensing objective of the Protection of Children from Harm is not being upheld.

The history of this matter is explained in more detail in the application of Sussex Police.

The premises are situated in the electoral ward of Moulsecoomb and Bevendean. According to our Public Health Framework, for Assessing Alcohol Licensing 2019 is ranked (out of 21 wards) the second for 'alcohol suspected ambulance call outs', and sixth worst for 'clients in alcohol treatment'.

Sussex Police Licensing and Trading Standards work closely to deal with combating the sale of alcohol to children. This involves the sharing of intelligence, joint test purchase operations and in respect of Trading Standards, offering businesses support and training to assist them with complying with the law and to meet the Licensing Objective of Protecting Children from Harm.

Joint Police and Trading Standards Test Purchase Operations take place on an ongoing basis, targeting premises because of either intelligence that children are able to buy alcohol from the premises or because of alcohol related youth disorder in the vicinity.

On 17 June 2021 Sussex Police and Trading Standards conducted an underage alcohol test purchase to the above premises, where a member of staff sold a bottle of Rose Wine to a 16-year-old female.

Following this failed test purchase, on 9 July 2021 a meeting was held at John Street Police station with the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) and his daughter. During the meeting, the DPS was issued with a formal written letter and actions to prevent a sale occurring again were discussed and again a document signed by the DPS.

As the DPS was no longer in day-to-day control of the premises, an application was submitted to change the DPS to his Daughter. Also, a minor variation application was submitted to update the premises licence and add conditions.

On 23 July I sent to the premises Challenge 25 Posters, Refusal and Incident Register and an Age Restricted Sales Training Book.

On 21 October 2021 the premises were visited as part of an underage test purchase, however it was closed.

On 9 December 2021 a further visit was carried out to re-test for underage alcohol sales. At the time of this visit a 16-year-old male purchased a single can of Country Choice, Dry Apple Cider. No Challenge was made. The seller was the same lady who had previously sold.

Also, at the time of this visit a licensing inspection was carried out. The premises were noted to be breaching some their conditions and was advised at the time. These breaches have been provided in the Review submitted by Sussex Police.

The Licensing and Trading Standards Team fully support the application of Sussex Police seeking to the revocation of the premises licence to promote the licensing objective of Protecting Children from Harm.

Yours sincerely

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