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The Licensing Technical Support Officers
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**RE: APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF THE PREMISES LICENCE FOR KARENS DINER, UNIT 3B
BROADWALK LEVEL WATERFRONT, BRIGHTON MARINA, BRIGHTON, BN2 5WA TO CALLUM
VELLA.**

NOTICE OF OBJECTION under Section 42 (6) of the Licensing Act 2003.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Notice is hereby given on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Sussex that the exceptional circumstances of this case are such that it is considered that the granting of this application would undermine the crime prevention objective.

The reasons for this objection are that Sussex Police have concerns about the applicant's suitability due to a 53A Review being applied for against the above premises where Callum VELLA has been a manager and worked there since the premises opened which are relevant time periods and therefore linked to concerns raised in the resulting 53A application.

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The 53A review was applied for due to concerns over the current PLH but also inclusive of

Concerns over the current management due to:-

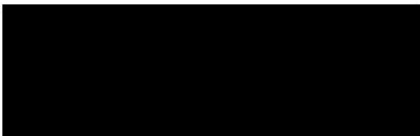
- A Police Licensing inspection on 2nd February 2024 found many breaches of the premises licence conditions set out within Annex 2, with possible removal of the CCTV by the current management being very concerning.
- Police conducted drug swabbing of the premises with high readings for Cocaine found in the men's, ladies, and accessible toilets. There is also a high reading on the baby changer, an area where a baby could touch with their hands while being changed and then put in their mouth.
- Inappropriate actions taken by a staff member towards a minor by placing a hat on their head with handwritten sexual connotations on it.

Further to the above we have been advised that the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is not in day to day control of the premises, therefore all the above has been allowed to occur under the current management control of the premises/

Sussex Police have concerns that if Callum Vella, a current member of management is transferred into the responsible position of Premises Licence Holder that the above will continue and undermine the crime prevention Objective.

It is contended that the above constitutes exceptional circumstances and therefore Sussex Police invite the committee to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely,



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