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18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Application for Review of Premises Licence: Moonraker, 199 Three Bridges Road, Crawley, RH10 1LE.**

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Public Health Department wishes to support the application by Sussex Police to review the licence of Moonraker, 199 Three Bridges Road, Crawley, RH10 1LE.

WSCC Public Health concurs that the licensing objectives of The Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety have been undermined.

Serious questions have been raised over whether the current Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), (who is also the Premises Licence Holder) is fit and proper to be trusted with the responsibility of being the DPS and of selling alcohol.

Based on the information available and after consideration, Public Health fully supports the request by Sussex Police for the Licensing Committee to impose an eight week suspension of the licence and apply additional conditions to the premises licence.

**Supporting information**

It seems clear that there has been a consistent and sustained failure on the part of the PLH/DPS, Mr Martin Radmall, to actively promote the licensing objectives in relation to the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

Assault 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The evidence from Sussex Police evidence regarding the assault of 'M' on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 is of particular concern. The assault occurred during a pool league match, which should not have been taking place as no prior notification had been made to police, and no member of SIA staff was on duty. Had these two conditions been adhered to, the assault may have been prevented.

The assault itself was sufficiently serious to require 'M' to be transferred to St Georges Hospital, London, for specialist treatment.

New Economy Manchester unit costs estimate that in 2015/16 the average cost *per incident* of serious wounding is £20,269.00<sup>1</sup>. This incorporates fiscal, economic and social costs and includes a range of costs such as ambulance call-out, hospital treatment, police time and the impact on the victim.

#### Drug testing 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018

The evidence provided by Sussex Police, of high readings for cocaine throughout the public areas of the premises (30<sup>th</sup> May 2-18) concern, particularly when combined with the examples of intoxication of the patrons.

Cocaine is a highly addictive drug which has adverse effects on the heart and circulatory system. This is exacerbated when combined with alcohol as it produces a toxic substance called Cocaethylene. Even for healthy people, the increase in heart rate and blood pressure can increase the chance of seizure, heart attack and stroke. Cocaethylene also puts a strain on the liver and, over time, can cause serious damage<sup>2</sup>.

Cocaine's stimulant effect is reported to reduce a drinker's feelings of intoxication allowing greater quantities of alcohol to be consumed. The combination of the disinhibiting effect of alcohol and confidence inducing cocaine with the addition of Cocaethylene, leads to a heightened possibility of impulsive or reckless behaviour and violence<sup>3</sup>.

#### Not adhering to conditions

The lack of drug policy is of concern, particularly given the evidence of cocaine use throughout the public areas of the premises.

The admission by Mr Radmall that they have 'never used door staff' is very worrying, especially as the presence of an SIA registered member of staff may have prevented the assault of 27<sup>th</sup> April.

In conclusion, WSCC Public Health Department support the assertion by Sussex Police that the licensing objectives of The Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety are not being promoted by the DPS of Moonraker.

Public Health therefore concurs with the view of Sussex Police that applying the proposed additional conditions to the premises licence and imposing an eight week suspension of the licence would be a reasonable and necessary course of action in this instance.

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<sup>1</sup> New Economy Manchester (2015). Unit Cost Database. Available online at: <http://www.neweconomymanchester.com/our-work/research-evaluation-cost-benefit-analysis/cost-benefit-analysis>

<sup>2</sup> Alcohol Education Research Council. (2010). *Cocaethylene: Responding to combined alcohol and cocaine use*. Available online at: [https://ranzetta.typepad.com/files/cocaethylene\\_academy-briefing-paper-april-2010-8.pdf](https://ranzetta.typepad.com/files/cocaethylene_academy-briefing-paper-april-2010-8.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Pennings, J.M., Leccese, A., de Wolff, F.A. (2002). *Effects of concurrent use of alcohol and cocaine*. *Addiction*, Volume 97, Issue 7, July : 773-783.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Yandall".

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**On behalf of the Director of Public Health**