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Dear Madam

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We act on behalf of McMullen & Sons Limited, the holders of the Premises Licence for the above premises.

We are aware that the premises were subject to a Summary Review under the s.53A of the Licensing Act 2003 and that a hearing was held this morning to consider under s.53B any necessary interim steps pending the determination of a Review of the Premises Licence.

We are instructed by our client that a suspension of the licence was considered to be the interim step.

Under s.53B (6), please accept this letter as a representation against the interim steps taken by the Licensing Authority and, as you are aware, under that Sub Section the Authority must, within 48 hours of the time of its receipt of the representations, hold a hearing to consider the representations.

Accordingly, we would be grateful if you could please contact Miss Clare Eames, the Solicitor dealing with this matter, as a matter of urgency to confirm the hearing date.

In addition we would be grateful if you could please provide written notification of the Authority's decision this morning and the reasons for that decision.

Finally, under s.53A(2)(b), a full Review hearing must also take place and once a date has been confirmed for that, please notify us of the date.

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In relation to the representations against the interim steps undertaken by the Licensing Authority this morning, we are of the view that the steps taken were unnecessary and disproportionate, given the factual circumstances of the case and that more appropriate measures should have been considered.

We reserve the right to raise further issues with the Committee, given that we have only just been instructed by our client and have not have the opportunity to fully consider all the paperwork provided.

Yours faithfully



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