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Dear Mr Hunt,

Police Supporting Representation to the Application for a review of a Premises Licence at

Costcutter, 196 UPMINSTER ROAD SOUTH RAINHAM

In relation to the application made by Trading Standards in respect of the above premises police have no further evidence to add to the application. Police do consider that there is a significant risk of harm to children with the premises operating in its current guise.

It is worth noting that the premises was visited as a result of intelligence received regarding youths attempting proxy sales of alcohol and cigarettes at the venue. This highlights the fact that the venue and its location in a residential area provide a draw for youths wishing to consume alcohol.

The fact that the premises failed two test purchases in relatively quick succession would indicate that the venue have not treated their responsibilities under the Licensing act with due regard.

11.30 of the Sec 182 Licensing Act guidance details the Home Office guidance on persistent sales of alcohol. The guidance states that a review should be the norm in these circumstances and that the licensing authority should consider revoking the licence if it considers this appropriate.

The venue had already agreed to undertake Challenge 25 as well as agreeing other actions as a result of the first underage sale, these actions were clearly ignored or loosely enforced by the management at the venue.

It appears that the management at the venue has not shown due diligence in relation to underage sales and police would ask that the committee give serious consideration to revocation of the licence.

There are already conditions relating to training and age verification on the licence which have not been adhered to.

If the sub-committee were minded to not revoke the licence then they may wish to give consideration to the following conditions:

- The DPS or premises licence holder to be present at the premises between the hours of midday and 22:00hrs on Friday and Saturdays and any bank holiday Sunday.

(The two failed test purchases were made on a Saturday afternoon, traditionally Friday and Saturday evenings have been the periods of risk involving youths wishing to purchase alcohol)

- The premises licence holder to employ an external agency, to be approved by Havering Trading Standards, to conduct training at the premises for all new staff and refresher training on a quarterly basis with training records sent by email to Havering Trading standards and Havering Police Licensing upon completion.
- The premises licence holder to employ an external agency, to be approved by Havering Trading Standards, to conduct test purchases at the premises on a quarterly basis with results of test purchases to be sent to Havering Trading Standards and Havering Police Licensing upon completion.

If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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