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Police Representation

In support of a review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 The Drinks Seller 59 Chippenham Road Romford RM38HL

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of an application to review the premises licence for **The Drinks Seller 59 Chippenham Road Romford RM38HL** which we received by email on the 26th February 2026.

On behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, consideration has been given to this application, and Police wish to make the following representation in support of the review:-

Police are concerned to read that the licence holder and DPS left the business around 2025 and that no transfer application appears to have been received by the local authority which implies the venue have been supplying alcohol for sale without the appropriate authority in place.

However, even more concerning is a staff member being witnessed by a Council Licensing Officer openly selling alcohol when they were advised against it and were advised of the consequences if they were to. This clearly demonstrates the venue have no understanding whatsoever of the Licensing Act and are irresponsible when supplying alcohol for sale.

Police enquiries into a recent proposed DPS arrangement showed contact details provided did not relate to the proposed female DPS and that the proposed female DPS resided in Southall, West London some 60 miles suggesting this was a DPS transfer by proxy.

For the reasons outlined above Police have no confidence in the premises being able to operate in accordance with the licence and raises serious concerns around transparency, compliance, and the integrity of the licensing regime.

In conclusion Police do not have confidence in the venue being able to uphold the licensing objectives and support the Local Authority's application to review the premises licence.

Submitted respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Stockman'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PC Chris Stockman - East Area Licensing Team