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Police Representation - Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) & Premises Licence Transfer Application - The Drinks Seller 59 Chippenham Road Romford RM38HL

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of a DPS & Premises Licence Transfer Application for The Drinks Seller 59 Chippenham Road Romford RM38HL which we received by email on the 27th February 2026.

The applicant is shown as a:-

Hashveen Kaur Hakimzada
Date of birth 01/11/2003
Of 32 Crosslands Avenue Southall UB25Q
Email address of gshakimzada@hotmail.com
Telephone number of 07950999999

On behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, consideration has been given to this application and Police object to the application under the following licensing objectives:-

The prevention of crime and disorder

Police enquiries into this application have identified significant concerns regarding the legitimacy of the proposed DPS arrangement.

Firstly, the contact details provided within the application do not relate to the proposed female DPS. The telephone number and email address listed correspond to a male by the name of Gurmeet Singh Hakimzada.

Mr Gurmeet Singh Hakimzada appears on Police investigation reports along with the above email address & telephone number (**Appendix I & II**).

Mr Hakimzada had his premises licence revoked in 2018 when quantities of illegal tobacco were seized. This decision was appealed & resulted in a six-week suspension whereby during that suspension the sale of alcohol continued as demonstrated by a test purchase carried out by Ealing Council officers. The licence was finally revoked in March 2019 (**Appendix III**).

Members will be aware that a revocation of a premises licence is a serious step, taken where someone is deemed no longer suitable to hold a licence.

Secondly, the proposed female DPS resides in Southall, West London which is 60 miles & anywhere from around 1hr 30mins - 2hrs away from the venue. This raises the concern that the applicant may not intend to exercise, genuine day-to-day control over the premises.

Taking all the information into consideration Police believe this application represents a DPS transfer by proxy. In other words, that the proposed DPS is being put forward in name only, while another individual exercises influence or control behind the scenes. If that is the case, it would fundamentally undermine the safeguards built into the Licensing Act 2003.

The purpose of specifying someone as a DPS is to ensure accountability. It also cannot be right that an individual whose premises licence was revoked is able to continue operating through another person.

This arrangement raises a real risk to the prevention of crime and disorder objective & also raises concerns about transparency, compliance, and the integrity of the licensing regime.

The Police submit that the Committee must be satisfied that the proposed DPS will exercise genuine and effective control over the premises & that Mr Hakimzada has no involvement whatsoever in the management or operation of licensable activities.

For the reasons outlined above, the Police object to the proposed DPS & licence transfer & respectfully invite the Licensing Sub-Committee to refuse the applications.

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