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Police Representation

**Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) & Premises Licence Transfer Application
Candy News 5-7 Boxmoor Road Romford RM52SH**

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of a DPS & Premises Licence Transfer Application for Candy News 5-7 Boxmoor Road Romford RM52SH which we received by email on the 12th March 2026.

The applicant is shown as a:-

Gurmeet Kaur Hakimzada

Date of birth [REDACTED]

Southall UB25Q

Email address of gshakimzada@hotmail.com

Telephone number of [REDACTED]

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 & premises licence holder arrangement.

Firstly, the contact details provided within both the DPS & Premises licence transfer application do not appear to relate to the proposed applicant. 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 Gurmeet Singh 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 applicant of the DPS transfer resides in Southall, West London which is some 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 the DPS application to be 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