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Subject: The Chequers PH, Hornchurch - s.53A expedited review of a premises licence

**Representation from the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)
In Support of the Police Application for a Review of the Premises Licence – The
Chequers Public House**

As the Local Authority Designated Officer and a safeguarding lead for Children's Services, I am submitting this representation to support the Police application for a review of the premises licence for The Chequers public house. My comments relate specifically to the licensing objective concerning the protection of children from harm.

While the incident under consideration occurred late in the evening and involved adults, it is my understanding that children are routinely permitted on the premises under supervision. This makes it essential that the premises operate in full compliance with licensing conditions and demonstrate robust safeguarding practices. Based on the information available, there are several matters of concern:

Absence of SIA-Licensed Door Staff

At the time of the incident, there were no SIA-licensed door supervisors on duty. This left bar staff without appropriate support to safely manage what became a serious incident.

Failure to Contact Police

Staff did not report the incident to the Police. Instead, the call was made by a member of the public who was sufficiently alarmed by what they witnessed. This raises concerns about the premises' ability and willingness to report incidents in line with their responsibilities.

Lack of Cooperation with Police Enquiries

Staff did not meaningfully assist attending officers and did not complete any incident logs. This demonstrates poor record-keeping and a lack of understanding of statutory expectations placed on licensed premises.

Failure to Seek Appropriate Medical Assistance

Despite a head injury occurring, there is no record that an ambulance was called. Instead, staff attempted to manage the injury themselves, which is inappropriate and potentially unsafe.

Non-Compliance with Licensing Conditions

My understanding is that alcohol continued to be served after licensed hours, which constitutes a breach of the premises' own licence conditions.

In isolation, each of these issues is concerning. Taken together, they represent a pattern of inadequate management, poor safeguarding practice, and failure to uphold key licensing objectives. If an incident of this nature were to occur while children were present, the lack of appropriate reporting, escalation to emergency services, or adherence to licensing requirements could place children at significant risk of harm.

I therefore support the Police application for review and recommend that the Licensing Committee give serious consideration to the adequacy of the current management arrangements at The Chequers, particularly in relation to safeguarding and the protection of children from harm.

Kind Regards

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