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**Police Representation**

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

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of a DPS & Premises Licence Transfer Application for Bestone/Candy News 5-7 Boxmoor Road Romford RM52SH which we received by email on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The applicant for both applications is shown as a:-

**Arwin Singh Sareen**  
**Date of birth 01/01/2000**

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 checks into this application have identified no concerns with the applicant.

Enquiries however show the proposed applicant of the DPS transfer resides in Hayes, West London which is some distance and 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.

Significant concerns still exist regarding the involvement of Mr Gurmeet Singh Hakimzada will have with the venue.

Mr Hakimzada is named as the tenant on the lease with the Council (**appendix I**) and has previously been connected with another premises in Ealing where the licence was revoked in 2018 (**Appendix II**).

Mr Hakimzada is also listed as the landlord on a separate lease agreement, with the applicant, Arwin Singh Sareen, named as the tenant (**Appendix III**). As noted in correspondence from Council Property Services (**Appendix IV**), this arrangement is not permitted under the terms of the lease and may raise concerns around the transparency and integrity of the application. Why hasn't the applicant Mr Sareen approached the Council to become the leaseholder.

The Police consider this association to be highly relevant when assessing the suitability and legitimacy of the proposed management arrangements. Whilst the application proposes Arwin Singh Sareen as both the premises licence holder and DPS, the Police remain concerned that Mr Hakimzada may continue to exercise influence or control over the operation of the premises behind the scenes.

The Police note that the Licensing Sub-Committee is entitled to consider the wider circumstances surrounding the operation and management of the premises, including the identity of persons with a financial or controlling interest, and whether the proposed arrangements are genuine and transparent.

Police do not have sufficient confidence that the licensing objectives would be effectively promoted if the applications were granted. In particular, we have concerns about who would have genuine day-to-day control and management of the premises, and the level of the leaseholder's ongoing involvement.

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