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Our Ref JGC 27842/107

Hi Carole,
As you will be aware, I act for Punch Taverns Plc in this matter.

Please consider this e-mail as a representation by the Premises Licence Holder pursuant to section 53B (6) of The Licensing Act 2003.

As you will be aware the Premises Licence Holder was not present at the interim hearing that took place yesterday. The Premises Licence Holder only became aware of the interim hearing yesterday.

Concerning the interim steps imposed by the Licensing Committee, the Premises Licence Holder believes the following are unnecessary and/or disproportionate in all the circumstances :

1. Condition 1. "That no persons under the age of 21 shall be permitted to enter the premises."

It is submitted that this condition should be removed.

2. Condition 2. "That a "Challenge 25" proof of age scheme shall be in operation in relation to all sales of alcohol."

It is submitted that this condition should be replaced by a "Challenge 21" proof of age scheme.

Concerning the other interim steps imposed, the Premises Licence Holder, in recognition of the Police's concerns and those of the Licensing Committee are not at this stage seeking to remove them but reserve the right to make submissions at the full review hearing to be held pursuant to section 53C of The Licensing Act 2005 that they should not be imposed as permanent conditions on the premises licence.

You will be aware that the Authority must now hold a hearing within 48 hours to consider this representation. It would be most appreciated if the hearing could take place tomorrow.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards.
John G. Coen
for Ford & Warren

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