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Sir/Madam

On behalf of the Cheshire East Public Health Department (a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act ), I am writing to support the review of the Licence (LAPRE/0956/05) for the Mill bar and Restaurant in Sandbach. This is particularly in relation to the licensing objectives to prevent crime and disorder and to protect children from harm, as defined in the Cheshire East Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-2019 Sections 7 and 9.

With regard to the Objective to prevent crime and disorder, the Review evidence suggests that this is not being (and has not been for a couple of years) adhered to, with examples of under age drinking, violent incidents and drug use all described. Supporting the Police in their work to investigate incidents has also been hampered by a failure to use and supply CCTV images in line with the requirements of the Licence.

With regard to the Objective to Protect Children from Harm, the evidence gathered to support the Review, demonstrates that under age drinking has taken place at the Mill and that boys and girls under the age of 18 have been employed in the mill and supplied alcohol whilst on the premises. With regard to the employment and supply of alcohol to girls, there is a strong suspicion that this has also been used as an opportunity for sexual exploitation when girls have been incapable of looking after themselves. The suggestion that 'it also enjoys a reputation as somewhere where young girls can trade sex for alcohol or drugs' (Appendix A page 4) should be a particular concern for the Committee.

The Cheshire East area is in the worst quartile nationally for a number of alcohol consumption indicators for young people:

From the Health Behaviours in Young People – What about YOUTH survey (published by Public Health England January 2016)

- Percentage of regular drinkers – worst quartile
- Percentage who have been drunk in the last four weeks – worst quartile

From the Local Alcohol Profile for Cheshire East (published by Public Health England March 2016)

- Alcohol specific hospital admissions – worst quartile
- Alcohol specific hospital admissions (female)- worst quartile

The actions of Licence holders impact upon the performance in relation to these indicators and, of course, have negative impacts on the lives of the young people affected.

We would urge the Committee to seriously consider the implications of not responding to the concerns raised within this Review.

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