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Date: 16th August 2023

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Dear Mr Craig

**APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED (SUMMARY) REVIEW - MJs  
BAR LTD, 38 BRIDGE STREET, WEDNESBURY, WS10 OAQ -  
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023 SANDWELL  
COUNCIL HOUSE 11.30AM - SECTION 53A LICENSING ACT  
2003**

Thank you for attending the hearing this morning with your client, Director [REDACTED]. The hearing was heard in private session, the reason being it was in the public interest to do so for intelligence reasons as there was an ongoing police investigation into serious crime and the sub-committee resolved accordingly.

This is an application by West Midlands Police for an expedited review on the basis of what appeared to the sub-committee to be a serious incident that occurred in the early hours of August 13<sup>th</sup> 2023, falling within the definition of "serious crime" - the threshold needed to bring such a review.

In order to promote the Licensing Objectives, specifically the prevention of crime and disorder, it had been agreed between yourselves and the Police that the appropriate interim step to take pursuant to the review was to suspend your client's premises licence pending inquiries, leading to a full review.

Whilst this did not remove the discretion of the sub-committee it was in agreement with this view and clearly a view that had been agreed by both Premises Licence Holder and responsible authority carried significant weight. Accordingly, it suspended the

Premises Licence with its power under Section 53B (3) (d) of the Licensing Act until the full review has been determined.

Your client has a right to make representations against this interim step should he think it is no longer appropriate. Should they do so the Licensing Authority must hold a hearing within 48 hours to consider these representations.

The full hearing will be heard on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10am at Sandwell Council House. A copy of this decision notice has also been sent to the Licensing Section at West Midlands Police but otherwise remains confidential.

Yours sincerely

D. [REDACTED] Elliott

Solicitor

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