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Date: 11 September 2024

Dear Sir,

Re: <u>Licensing Act 2003 – Review Proceedings</u>

<u>McGettigans, 1 Fulham Broadway, London, SW6 1AA</u>

Premises Licence number: 2023/02072/LAPR

We act on behalf of Ei Group Ltd. Our client is the long leasehold owner of these premises and we have received a copy of the application for summary review of the premises licence issued by the Metropolitan Police dated 4th September 2024.

We would be grateful if you would accept this letter as a formal representation on behalf of our client.

Ei Group Ltd owns around 4000 public houses in England and Wales. The vast majority of these premises are the subject of lease/tenancy agreements through which the tenant operates his/her/its own business out of our client's premises. The lease/tenancy agreement makes it clear that all operational responsibility for the premises lies with the tenant. McGettigan's is operated under a 30 Year Lease to McGettigan Holding 2015 Ltd, the premises licence holder, who has been operating these premises since January 2016.

The review papers relate to a serious incident, poor management practices and failure to provide the Police all the relevant information during the course of their investigation. Our client fully understands the Police's concerns which mirror their own. It is clear that the issues that having given rise to the review relate to poor management practices. The s182 Guidance issued to Licensing Authorities states at para 11.20, "In deciding which of these powers to invoke, it is expected that licensing authorities should so far as possible seek to establish the cause or causes of the concerns that the representations identify. The remedial action taken should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response to address the causes of concern that instigated the review."

Our representation is that in these circumstances, an appropriate and proportionate response would be removal of the current designated premises supervisor.



We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this representation and advise as to the date of the hearing as our client may wish to expand upon it at the hearing.

Yours faithfully

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