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Subject: The Black Bull – 257 King Street (New Premises Licence Application)/ Supporting Document for Licensing Sub Committee – Withdrawal of Public Safety Objection.
Attachments: Re: Black Bull: Notification of raising an objection on the grounds of Public Safety.

Dear Licensing Sub-Committee Members –

RE: The Black Bull – 257 King Street (New Premises Licence Application)/ Supporting Document for Licensing Sub Committee – Withdrawal of Public Safety Objection.

As you will see from the correspondence between us and the Applicant uploaded on the Council's website (Appendix 6, pages 48 - 66), we as a Public Safety Team objected on 14 July 2025, owing to the ongoing failure of the Applicant to provide evidence of the following public safety measures:

- **Confirmation of adequate fire safety arrangements with all necessary measures in place to prevent fire and evacuate people safely if fire does occur.**
- **Measures and policy pertaining to safety and admittance for disabled customers within the premises.**
- **Confirmation that checks on equipment are carried out at specified intervals, e.g., gas safety checks and Portable Appliance Testing.**
- **Confirmation that standards are maintained, e.g., Fixed electrical installations to comply with British Standards and carried out in the required timescales.**
- **Confirmation that Health and Safety risk assessments, accident reporting procedures and staff training protocols are in.**

In the lead up to the hearing, on 02 September 2025, the Applicant (Gaston Baldoncini) provided the Local Authority with statutory compliance records, including Fixed Electrical Wiring record, Gas/boiler safety record, PAT testing records, fire detection and fire fighting equipment records.

A site visit was carried out on 03 September 2025 to the Black Bull, which was facilitated by Mr Bashar Gregorian. The condition of the premises structure, including floors, walls, lighting and electrical plug sockets appeared to be in a satisfactory condition. This was further supported by reviewing of the statutory compliance records provided. It is on this basis that the Objection based on Public Safety has been withdrawn.

It must however be formally noted that the applicant has indicated that the Fire Risk Assessment will only be completed and handled by the new tenant once the premises is leased.

Please note that it is critical that a Fire Risk Assessment be completed by a competent Fire Risk Assessor with significant findings addressed (where identified) before the premises is allowed to open to the Public.

As mentioned above, this representation is hereby withdrawn, but I will be available for the first hour of the hearing on 09 September 2025 for any questions that may arise in relation to the Public Safety element of this application.

Sincerely.

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