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Dear Sir/Madam

**Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003:
11A Church Street, Tamworth Staffordshire B79 7DH**

I am in receipt of an application for a premise licence at Ephesus Takeaway, 11A Church Street, Tamworth. Staffordshire Police wish to make representations in relation of this application on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

For reference, Mr Palas submitted an application to be the premise licence holder with Mr Mehmet Darioglu in August 2014, that application was refused by the sub-committee on 1st October 2004.

This venue has had the benefit of a premise licence with Mr Darioglu, the joint tenant of Mr Palas being the interim premise licence holder (PREM/05/0129). In 2013 and 2014 Mr Darioglu submitted a number of applications to transfer the premise licence into his name. Staffordshire Police objected to each and every application and at the licensing subcommittee hearings our concerns were confirmed with all the applications being rejected. Copies of the Notice of Determination for each hearing will be provided. Furthermore during the time when Mr Palas was a tenant at Ephesus a number of licensing checks were carried out by Staffordshire Police. The checks on 9th and 24th November 2013 and 11th and 26th January 2014 evidenced breaches to the licence. The premise licence was revoked in May 2014. Again for reference, in June 2014 Staffordshire Police received confirmation from the freeholder of the property that Mr Abdullah Palas has been a tenant of theirs since 25th September 2013 with a Mr Mehmet Darioglu.

Prior to October 2014, the date of the hearing for the last application, we believe the applicant, without any authority, had continued to provide late night refreshment after the hour of 23:00 without a premise licence in place. Mr Palas had knowingly allowed a licensable activity namely the provision of late night refreshment to be carried on from the premise, this is contrary to section 136 of the Licensing Act 2003. I obtained CCTV footage of this premise being open and trading after the hour of 23:00 hours with what appears to be customers leaving the venue with hot food and will include a statement from PC Evans who has viewed this footage should this application progress to a hearing. I have further footage from the Tamworth Town Safe CCTV evidencing customers leaving the venue after 23:00 hours with what appears to be pizza boxes on Saturday 9th August 2014. This activity shows a total disregard of the law and the Licensing Act 2003 and as mentioned previously the licensing sub-committee refused Mr Palas a premise licence in October last year.

As the decision to refuse Mr Palas a premise licence was only made 4 months ago Staffordshire Police believes the applicant is still not fit and proper to hold this position. Should this application progress to a licensing hearing, Staffordshire police will provide full details prior to the date in accordance with policy.

Should you require any further information relating to this objection, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely



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