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Dear Sir/Madam

Off Licence TQ Ltd, 15 Lucius Street, Torquay, Devon, TQ2 5UW

I refer to our application for the Review of the Premises Licence in respect of the above named premises.

In advance of the hearing on Thursday 31 May 2018 I would like to provide you with the following additional information in relation to this premises:

- 1) On 10 April 2018 my Licensing Department received an application to vary the DPS at Off Licence TQ Ltd to Mr Karol Lapa. The last date for consultation was 24 April 2018. At 1242 hours on 16 April 2018, Sgt Mike Norsworthy, Licensing Sergeant for Devon, contacted Mr Lapa and discussed the matter with him. At that time he stated that he was working at Travelodge and Off Licence TQ Ltd. Sgt Norsworthy asked him how much time he would be spending at Off Licence TQ Ltd and Mr Lapa advised him that the majority of his working week would be spent there. Sgt Norsworthy advises me that he told Mr Lapa that in light of the serious concerns in respect of the management of this premises, he would not be satisfied if the DPS was only at the premises on an ad hoc basis. Based on the information provided, the police did not make representation and the application was subsequently granted.
- 2) On 21 May 2018 my Licensing Department received an application to appoint Mr Karol Lapa as the DPS at Travelodge, Newton Road, Torquay, the last date for consultation in respect of this matter is Thursday 31 May 2018. Mrs Smart

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has spoken to Mr Lapa and he has indicated that he has been helping Ms Mankowska introduce new policies and improve the management of her business 'during his spare time'. However he is actually employed at Travelodge for between 30-40 hours per week and therefore Travelodge must be his priority. Mr Lapa further indicated that ideally he wished to be DPS at both premises for at least the summer period to ensure that staff at Off Licence TQ Ltd are able to run it in accordance with his policies and in a manner which does not impact on the licensing objectives. However, he further advised Mrs Smart that if he could only be DPS at one premises, he would have to remove himself from DPS at Off Licence TQ Ltd.

I do not consider it appropriate that the DPS of Off Licence TQ Ltd is employed elsewhere and only physically at this premises during his spare time. Mrs Smart has advised Mr Lapa of my concerns and informed him that I shall make a decision as to whether to object to him being DPS at Travelodge immediately following the Review hearing, once a decision has been made regarding Off Licence TQ Ltd's future. Mrs Smart will notify him accordingly.

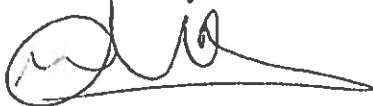
- 3) A check on the Companies House website reveals that on 5 April 2018 Ms Iwona Elzbieta Mankowska resigned from the roles of director and secretary of Off Licence TQ Ltd and she also relinquished her position as a person with significant control of the company.
- 4) The check on the Companies House website further reveals that on 5 April 2018 Mr Piotr Marcin Dryja was appointed as sole director of Off Licence TQ Ltd and he now has significant influence or control of the company. Mrs Smart has advised me that Mr Dryja is the male she knows as Pete, who sold a single can of alcohol to a male who subsequently consumed this within the cemetery of St Andrews Church, St Efrides Road, Torquay on Wednesday 5 July 2017 (referred to in letter from the police dated 21/07/17). Furthermore Mr Dryja is the partner of Ms Mankowska.

From the above information it appears that Ms Mankowska is attempting to distance herself from the management of this premises. However I have concerns about the long term management of this premises, particularly should Mr Lapa cease to be DPS. In addition, please find attached to this letter a document showing the logs recorded at St Andrews Church, St Efrides Road, Torquay for 2018.

As this letter contains confidential personal information which is relevant to the Review of the licence at Off Licence TQ Ltd; I request that paragraph 5 of this letter is only shared with appropriate members of the Licensing Authority/Committee but is not placed in the public domain.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Smart on 01803 218900.

Yours faithfully



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