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**Date:** 14 June 2012

Dear Ms Guy

**Re:** Mambo/The Beach Hut, 7 The Strand, Torquay – License number: PLO652

I write in my capacity as the designated officer authorised to execute the statutory duties of the Torbay Local Safeguarding Children Board under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 in respect of the protection of children from harm.

I am aware that the above named premises had their license suspended on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 following a number of incidents relating to serious crime / disorder involving under 18's, including the sale of alcohol.

Young people are less well equipped than adults to cope with the effects of alcohol, physically and emotionally. The same amount of alcohol will have a much greater effect on the body of a child or young person than on an adult, because their bodies are still growing and developing. Also, a young person does not have the experience needed to deal with the effects of alcohol on judgement and perception.

In the short-term, drinking and getting drunk can be dangerous for young people. They may do or say something they regret later, and they are much more likely to have an accident or get into trouble such as a fight.

As a board we expect to see adequate conditions in place to safeguard children and young people. In this instance it is of particular concern that the premises have failed to adhere to their existing licensing conditions in respect of the protection of children from harm. In view of the serious nature of the incidents leading up to the suspension, if the license were to be re-instated the board would want to see the following additional conditions imposed:

- Adequate CCTV recording system which covers all of the building and meets police standards
- A limitation on the number of people allowed to be on the premises at any given time
- A proof of age policy of 25 with training for all staff with regard to application

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I would be grateful if this could be brought to the attention of the licensing committee when it meets to review the suspension on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012.

Yours sincerely



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