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Subject: Notice of hearing decision and interim steps to be taken following summary review -

The Vine - ref 286431/HH1

Dear Sir / Madam

The Licensing Act 2003 (Summary Review of Premises licences) Regulations 2007

Notice of decision re interim steps to be taken with regard to the Summary Review of a Premises Licence

Following consideration by the Licensing Sub-committee on 15/03/2023, I write to formally advise you of the sub-committee's decision regarding:

The Vine Glendower Drive Manchester M40 7TD

The decisions and reasons were communicated verbally to the premises licence holder following the hearing.

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GMP made an application to the exclude the public from the hearing on the grounds that there were ongoing investigations into multiple serious offences, these investigations were at an early stage and if information from the hearing was made public this may prejudice the investigations. The MEN opposed the application and told the Committee that the incidents were already in the public domain and further information could be redacted to prevent damage to the investigation.

The Committee decided it would be in the public interest to exclude the public from the hearing under Regulation 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 as there was a possibility that representations made and evidence presented would prejudice the ongoing police investigations. The public would not be excluded from the part of the hearing when the decision was announced to the parties.

Decision:

To suspend the licence pending the review hearing on 6 April 2023.

Reasons:

The Committee carefully considered the content of the report and the oral representations of both parties. The Committee took into account the fact that a serious incident involving serious violence had occurred in the outside area of the premises and potentially began inside the premises. The Committee heard that GMP were at a very early stage of a number of investigations into serious offences arising from the incident which took place on 12 March

2023. The Committee also heard that the CCTV which had not been secured was removed from the premises with no credible explanation being offered by the management as to how and when that had occurred. The Committee also heard that pool cues had been removed from the premises potentially to be used as weapons in the disorder which occurred outside the premises and that a member of staff had gone out to retrieve the pool cues and yet no phone calls had been to GMP from the staff or management of the premises to report the incident.

The Committee heard that GMP had a real fear that if the premises were to remain open pending the review that reprisals and further violence would take place. Therefore, in all the circumstances the Committee considered it necessary and appropriate to suspend the licence pending the review of the licence on 6 April .

The premises licence holder has a right to make representations against the decision. There is no time limit for representations to be made though please note that the full review hearing will take place before 11/04/2023. On receipt of any representation the licensing authority must hold a hearing within 48 hours of receipt.

Should you require any further information, please reply to this email.

Yours faithfully

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