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Mr David Knowles-Ley Licensing Unit Chichester District Council East Pallant House 1 East Pallant Chichester PO19 1TY

Dear Mr Knowles-Ley,

RE: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE FOR FLIP OUT CHICHESTER LIMITED, ATLAS HOUSE, GLENMORE BUSINESS PARK, CHICHESTER, WEST SUSSEX, PO19 7BJ. 20/000545/LAPRE. UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003.

Further to our representation of the 21st April 2020, I have subsequently been advised that there has been a representation from Chichester District Council Environmental Health Department. I have read the representation and note that the key points in the representation relate to public safety and the protection of children from harm.

The representation submits that there will be a risk to children if adults supervising them have access to alcohol and thus the risk of intoxication, which then gives rise to concerns regarding the protection of children from harm. Also the risk to adults who have consumed alcohol (and thus the risk of intoxication) then participating in trampolining, which is potentially a high risk activity and thus gives rise to public safety issues.

As you will be aware from our application we have already agreed a number of new and revised conditions with the applicant, which we have communicated to you in our subsequent

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representation of the 21st April. Sussex police withdraw their representation subject to the new and revised conditions being added to the new licence, should it be granted in due course.

Having given the matter serious consideration and read the representation from Chichester District Council Environmental Health Department, I honestly do not think there is really anything that we can add to the Sub Committee hearing by attending in person. As already stated, we have agreed new conditions with the applicant. We are also particularly short staffed at present due to staff moving to other areas, and not being replaced for the foreseeable future due to the demands on our organization by the current Covid-19 national emergency.

I am therefore formally writing to you as a point of professional courtesy to forewarn you that we do not propose to attend the committee hearing. However I would like to make it clear that having read the representation from Chichester District Council Environmental Health Department, they do raise some valid points. Accordingly their representation should be heard and debated on its own merits, and it should not be inferred by the applicant or indeed the Council Licensing Committee panel that Sussex police either approve of the application as amended or disapprove of the Environmental Health representation because on balance we submit that there is no real value in us attending the hearing personally.

As a point of courtesy to all parties involved, I thought it only appropriate just to make our position clear in advance of the forthcoming hearing.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Lovell Licensing Inspector