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Subject: Notice Of Objection, New Premise License: Cobra Creative Studios

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West Midlands Police object to the grant of a Premise Licence at Cobra Creative Studios.

We believe all four of the licensing objectives will be undermined.

A multi-agency site visit took place on Thursday 12th August.

A number of concerns were raised by responsible authorities during this site visit which undermined the public safety licensing objective. This was based on the physical layout of the proposed building. Further details will be submitted in the full evidence bundle.

Furthermore there are only two toilets in the venue, WMP have been informed by the DPS that temporary toilets would be erected outside when hosting larger events. Having patrons leave the venue to use these facilities will have a further impact on public safety, public nuisance and crime and disorder. This is further aggravated by the timings that have been applied for, increasing the likelihood of public nuisance in the early hours of the morning.

The venue have explained to the responsible authorities that they are asking for a licence that gives them flexibility in what they can host. There is a broad range of activities applied for, long hours and for licensable activity to occur inside and outside of the venue. It is therefore very difficult to determine that the proposed conditions are appropriate to prevent crime and disorder as the operator is so vague about exactly what the operation will look like. A business model has been spoken about but there is no evidence of this.

The premises and location is known to police for police incidents and intelligence is held on police systems which undermines the Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and the Protection of Children from Harm licensing objectives.

We believe building regulations at this location would not permit the types of activity requested. After the multi-agency meeting, a Council Planning visit has been requested which will be conducted on Thursday 26th August. The outcome of that meeting and any actions, will be included in the evidence bundle is relevant to our objection.

Full details including photographs, officer statements, redacted intelligence and an Impact Statement from senior officers will be provided prior to the hearing.

Kind regards

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