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Dear Emma,

## Review of premises licence - Red Lion, 261 Chatsworth Rd, Chesterfield

On behalf of Chesterfield Borough Council, a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003, I would like to make a representation in support of the review document submitted by Mrs V Carty from Environmental Health on 11/11/15.

I chair a monthly meeting of responsible authorities and the Red Lion has been of concern to us for some time. A review of the premises licence was being considered earlier this year but was not pursued as the pub was offered for sale at auction, finally being sold on 10 September 2015. After that date the pub did not appear to be trading until last weekend when council officers found after hours sales were taking place.

My concerns regarding the Red Lion are that it operates on the very edge of legitimacy and that the premises licence holder, Mr Mark Anglesea, has frequently breached the terms and spirit of his premises licence.

## My concerns include:

- 1. 08/11/15 -Seen trading at 02.43 when sales of alcohol should have ceased at 00.30.
- 2. 29/06/15 the annual fee is paid at the last possible moment and only on threat of suspension.
- 3. 07/04/15 The premises licence holder, Mark Anglesea, accepts a formal caution for selling alcohol without having an appointed DPS on 19 and 21 December 2014.
- 4. There has been ongoing police concern regarding drug activity within the premises.

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- 5. A succession of premises supervisors have resigned at short notice but will not elaborate on the reasons. There have been five DPS's since July 2014.
- 6. 17/11/14 Warning letter sent after the rear yard of the pub was used for the consumption of alcohol and by customers after 10.30pm, both of which breach the premises licence. The rear yard leads from the pub to Barker Lane.
- 7. 02/11/14 Premises still open at 01.05 when should have ceased trading at 00.30. There is a disturbance and the police are called.
- 8. 09/06/14 The annual fee is paid at the last moment on threat of licence suspension.

Yours sincerely,

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