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Dear Sirs

Re: Licensing Act 2003 – Section 53B
Suspension of Premises Licence in respect of Bar Centro, 5 Holywell Street, Chesterfield

We refer to the expedited review hearing held at the Chesterfield Town Hall on the 17th December 2013. This arose on the application by the Derbyshire Constabulary for an expedited review pursuant to Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

Whilst our clients were appreciative of the comments made by the Licensing Committee in respect of our clients' previous track record in respect of the premises and the intervention which had taken place, they are concerned at the decision and its effect.

Our clients would therefore wish to exercise the right to review the decision of the Licensing Authority to suspend the premises licence with effect from 9.00pm on the 17th December pursuant to Section 53B of the Act. The representations are, but not exclusively;

- a) That the step authorised by the Licensing Authority by suspension of the licence is excessive and unwarranted on the evidence.
- b) That the representations made by the Derbyshire Constabulary exaggerated, without sufficient evidence, the reasons put forward for the suspension of the licence against any other interim step provided for by Section 53B.
- c) That further and fuller consideration should be given to the alternative steps put forward by the premises licence holder. The reasons put forward by the Derbyshire Police for seeking a suspension of the licence were unreasonable given the level of co-operation and good track record of the premises licence holder. The necessary steps required can be put into place speedily and effectively without the suspension of the licence. The suspension of the licence gives no added value to the use of the expedited process. There is no opportunity to put effective preventative measures into effect.

We reserve the right to expand upon these brief representations in due course.

We would be grateful therefore if you would kindly arrange for a hearing in accordance with Section 53B(6) of the Act and inform us of the arrangements.

Yours faithfully



Banner Jones Solicitors

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