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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Application to Vary DPS to Mr Mark Morrison, Jungle Bar, 20 Vine Place, Sunderland, SR1 3NA

Northumbria Police are in receipt of the above application and wish to place a representation to the application to vary a premises licence to specify Mark Morrison as DPS on the grounds of Crime and Disorder and The Protection of Children from Harm.

Mr Morrison's involvement with Jungle Bar commenced on 30th July 2021, whereby an application was submitted by Jade Mulley to vary the DPS to Mark Morrison with immediate effect.

During a meeting held on 3rd August 2021 Mark was asked by Sgt 1305 Ord to outline his involvement in the premises along with his previous experience. Mark advised he had previously worked in Josephs bar, however it was noted this was not in the position of DPS. Mark had been working at Josephs recently but only for a few days a week. His intention at Jungle Bar was to make sure things initially went ok and then he would look to take a back seat after a month or so. Mark advised he had known Stan Johnston for a few weeks and was asked to be DPS on a temporary basis. Jade Mulley advised she had spoken with Tony Shipley who is the premises licence holder of Josephs and also Marks step son and this is how he had become involved. Jade advised she would have been DPS if she held a personal licence. Mark knew a very brief history of Jungle Bar but advised he was fully aware of his responsibilities as DPS and he was confident he could turn the premises around. He advised he would be at the premises every night for the first month. Further details of this meeting are detailed in the statement of Sgt 1305 Ord.

An email was received from Council Licensing on 12th October 2021 advising Mark had surrendered his position. Mark was spoken to by Council Licensing and stated he had left the position as of 3rd October 2021.

A further application was submitted by John Kerr on 22nd October 2021 to vary the DPS with immediate effect to Mark Morrison. The application was however submitted incorrectly. Mark Morrison was advised of this by Council Licensing on 25th October 2021 and advised the premises could not trade until a further completed application was received.

A further application was submitted by John Kerr on 26th October 2021 to vary the DPS with immediate effect to Mark Morrison.

A meeting was held on 29th October 2021 with Mark in attendance alongside Tony Shipley. Tony Shipley was in attendance due to moving forward the plan was for Tony to transfer the premises licence into his name. Tony said he had been approached by Jade Mulley to be the license holder but confirmed he had never spoken to the actual license holder, John Kerr. Mark was asked why he wanted to be DPS at the premises again after he had removed himself from the position 17 days prior. Mark said he would perform the role of DPS at the premises due to the fact Tony was involved and that he felt they could make the relevant changes. Mark was asked what changes he had made at Jungle Bar during his initial period as DPS but was unable to list any specific detail of any improvements which had been implemented. Mark confirmed he could not dedicate any time to the premise for the next 3 weeks due to his wife recuperating from an illness. Mark confirmed when he took over the role as DPS originally he was unaware of the extent of the



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issues and had not been given all of the facts. Further details of this meeting are detailed in the statement of Sgt 1305 Ord.

On 2nd November 2021 Northumbria Police advised Council Licensing they were objecting to the application to vary the DPS to Mark Morrison and further information would be sent in due course

During the periods of Mark holding the position of DPS a number of licensed visits have been carried out to the premises and a number of issues have been found as detailed in statements submitted by Sgt 1305 Ord. During the visits carried out Mark was not on site and officers were either advised that he had 'popped out' or that he was not present but contactable. It is clear no improvements had been made to the premises or any policies and procedures implemented to assist in the effective running of the premises.

During the periods of Mark holding the position of DPS there have been a number of incidents at the premises as detailed in statements submitted by Sgt 1305 Ord. The incidents include sexual assault, a 15 year old found unconscious in the toilets, assaults, theft, criminal damage and threats.

During the periods of Mark holding the position of DPS a disclosure was made to SIA regarding unnecessary force by door staff resulting in the males' badge being suspended. Unlicensed door staff have also been found to be operating at the premises during a licensed visit carried out on 7th November 2021.

Northumbria Police believe Mr Morrison is not a suitable person to carry out the role of DPS. The role of the DPS is to effectively manage the day to day running of the premises and is crucial to ensuring that the licensing objectives are promoted. The DPS is also an essential point of contact so that any problems or issues can be dealt with swiftly and effectively. Northumbria Police believe Mr Morrison has failed to demonstrate he can uphold the responsibility of the role of DPS.

Northumbria Police believe the licensing objective of Crime and Disorder and The Protection of Children from Harm will be undermined should this application be granted in its current form.

Yours faithfully

Chief Inspector Stuart Liddell
Southern Area Command

Cc: Mr J Kerr