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Dear Sir/Madam

LICENSING ACT 2003 - REPRESENTATION

Vary Premises Licence Application – Dolphin Inn, Bury Road, Wortham IP22 1PX

As a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, Suffolk Constabulary has received a copy of an application for a new premises licence at the above premises. After consideration, we wish to make a representation against the granting of this application in respect of 'The Prevention of Crime and Disorder' and 'The Protection of Children from Harm' Licensing Objectives.

Section M (parts 'a, b, and e' covering Licensing Objectives) of the application, in our opinion, does not contain sufficient information for us to make an informed decision as to whether measures would be put in place to negate any possible risk or indeed promote the Licensing Objectives.

We would expect that consideration needs to be given to the inclusion of specific and sufficient detail for each of the licensing objectives. Current concerns include, but are not limited to, the following:

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder Protection of Children from Harm

This has been a problem premises in the past for reports of assaults. The most recent being January 2014 whereby a drunk male was asked to leave and assaulted a customer with a knife, he was charged with S18 GBH with intent. Witnesses to the assault and victim were also intoxicated at the time of the assault.

This is in an affluent residential area which has been impacted upon by the premises. We would therefore look to the applicant to promote the crime and disorder licensing objective by including some enforceable conditions.

We would not support the extension of licensable activities during weekdays in such a residential area.

The Constabulary recognises the good intention and positive community nature of this application for the use of the site in the way requested by the applicant. For this reason we would like to contact the applicant in order to mediate a position to negate the requirement for a hearing and will be proposing amendments and/or additional conditions, which will, in our opinion satisfy and further promote the Licensing Objectives. If a representative of the licensing Authority is not available we will refer back to you with the results of these mediations.

Yours sincerely,

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