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Dear Sir or Madame,

RE: Summary licence review application – THE RAILWAY STEAMER 142 CLIFTON ROAD SHEFFORD SG17 5AH

On behalf of the Chief Officer of Bedfordshire Police, I wish to submit the following additional information in relation to the summary review application made on 17/07/2017, with regards to THE RAILWAY STEAMER SHEFFORD.

It is the opinion of Bedfordshire Police that THE RAILWAY STEAMER is associated with serious crime, namely the supply of class A controlled drugs, and its operation is undermining the prevention of crime and disorder as a result. This activity is also likely to undermine the protection of children from harm, through controlled drugs being on-site at a pub that advertises 'families welcome' on its signage and has a bouncy castle in its beer garden. The location is also 50 metres away from a large school, Samuel Whitbread Academy.

Bedfordshire Police holds pieces of information and intelligence suggesting that the owners and bar staff at THE RAILWAY STEAMER are involved in the supply of class A controlled drugs and deal to customers on location, as well as the handling of stolen goods taking place there.

This information was used to secure a search warrant of the location and attached accommodation under S8 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. This warrant was executed on 14/07/2017. Multiple small bags of suspected cocaine and cannabis were recovered from private accommodation upstairs, as well as several thousands of pounds in cash, six mobile phones, jewellery, a set of electronic scales, and apparent 'deal list' documentary evidence. Three people found upstairs were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply class A controlled drugs. All three have since been released under investigation.

A stun-gun device, a prohibited weapon under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968, was recovered from one of the arrestee's home addresses.

The designated premises supervisor and her partner were not present at the time, and efforts to

arrange their interview in relation to the matter are underway at the time of writing.

Appendix 1 contains photographs of key items seized.

Drugs expert Sergeant 75 GURR has seen the white powder exhibits documented in Appendix 1, and has provided a statement confirming that in his opinion the white powder seized is cocaine powder. This statement is submitted as Appendix 2.

The highlighted evidence recovered is consistent with the supply of drugs taking place at the premise, as the information and intelligence suggested.

At the time of writing, no explanation has been provided for the presence of the suspected drugs seized. As such Bedfordshire Police cannot see a way forward where anything other than a licence revocation would be sufficient to prevent illegal activity at the premise, beyond a complete disassociation of the designated premises supervisor and arrested persons with the location.

Yours Sincerely,



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