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Your ref:

Our ref:

Date:

23rd February 2006

By Post and Fax: 01264 368005

Dear Sir/Madam

Application for review of premises licence – Chick-o-Land, 7 Winchester Street, Andover

We act for the holder of the premises licence for the above premises

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We have seen a copy of the application by Hampshire Constabulary for a review of the premises licence, and we comment as follows, in relation to the alleged facts put forward in support of the application:-

- 1. The application states that on New Years Day at 03.25 there was a fight "outside or near to the premises". This incident was not in any way connected with the operation of the premises, and it should be noted that there is a taxi office and other takeaway premises in the vicinity, which attracts groups of people late at night.
- 2. The Chick-o-Land door supervisors who were seeking to deal with the incident (although it was not on the premises for which they were responsible) had ceased their period of duty at 03.00 hours and they were therefore not required to wear the fluorescent jackets which are mandatory wear during their periods of duty.
- 3. It is incorrect to state that the absence of their fluorescent jackets "made them difficult to identify" as they were wearing dark suits and ties which distinguished them from the other persons who were present at the time.
- 4. As Hampshire Constabulary well know, it is extremely difficult for a food outlet such as Chick-o-Land, to deal with persons who have left nearby club premises at 3.00am and who arrive at Chick-o-Land just as the premises are closing. It is for this reason that the premises licence holder recently submitted an application to remain open until later which would have prevented that particular problem. It is

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worth bearing in mind that prior to the coming in to force of the Licensing Act 2003, such premises were able to remain open until 5.00am without a licence.

- 5. It is stated in the application that the staff were unable to produce a copy of the premises licence and that a summary of the licence was not displayed. The reason for this was that the agent of the premises licence holder, Mrs Elizabeth Bilgic was using these documents in order to prepare an application for variation of the opening hours. At all other times the premises licence has been held at, and displayed on, the premises.
- 6. The premises licence holder and his family have a long history of operating takeaway premises, both in Andover and towns in the south of England, very successfully and entirely within the law. It is considered that on the occasions referred to in the application, matters were aggravated by the presence of individuals who were waiting for taxis, having recently left a local night club, and were not customers of Chick-o-Land.

It is not considered that a review of the premises licence is required, for the above reasons.

Yours faithfully

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