

**NOTICE OF INTERIM STEPS DECISION**

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – SUMMARY REVIEW HEARING (Interim Steps)  
7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

**LICENSING ACT 2003 (AS AMENDED)**

**JEET FOOD & WINE, 61 THE GREEN, SOUTHALL, UB2 4AR**

**DECISION**

At the interim steps hearing the sub-committee carefully considered the papers before it including, the written representations from the West Area Licensing Police Authority (the Applicant) and verbal representations from their legal representative, Ms Heather Oliver.

From the premises, the sub-committee carefully considered verbal submissions made by Mr Thomas Griffin, of counsel; Mr Surendra Panchal, agent for the premises; and Harjeet Singh Talwar, premises licence holder (PLH) and designated premises supervisor (DPS).

The Sub-Committee considered the Home Office (April 2018) Revised Guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and, in particular:  
Paragraphs 8.41 – 8.49 - the Steps to Promote the Licensing Objectives  
Para 11.27 - Reviews Arising in Connection with Crime Section  
Para 12 - Summary Reviews and  
Section 53A-C Licensing Act 2003 Summary Review guidance

The sub-committee also took into account Ealing Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (2020).

The sub-committee considered the range of powers available to it, including:

- the modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
- the exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail from the scope of the licence;
- the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence; and
- the suspension of the licence.

The decision of the sub-committee was to suspend the premises licence, with immediate effect, pending the full review hearing, within 28 days.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The reasons for the sub-committee's decision are:

1. They were satisfied that a serious and violent incident did occur on 3 May 2021 and this was not disputed.
2. There were serious allegations against Mr Harjeet Singh Talwar, premises licence holder (PLH) and designated premises supervisor (DPS). Police were concerned that: he was intoxicated whilst carrying out his duty as DPS; he made lewd comments to a female; and violently attacked a male victim (husband of the female recipient of the lewd comments).

The sub-committee were informed by Mr Thomas Griffin that he had received an email from the female who had accused Mr H.S. Talwar of making sexual comments towards her, purporting to withdraw her complaint. The sub-committee had sight of the email but it did not alleviate their concerns, particularly as the name of the email address did not match the name of the female victim and it did not match the name of the male victim either. Mr Thomas Griffin did not explain the background to the email, for example whether it was solicited or had been sent spontaneously.

The sub-committee felt that given the nature of the allegations and due to there being at least 2 witnesses who saw Mr H. S. Talwar attacking a male victim, including stamping on his head, that the license be suspended immediately until a full review hearing.

### **Right to Make Representations Against the Interim Steps**

The Premises Licence Holder may make representations against the interim steps taken by the licensing authority at any time before the full review hearing (which will be held within 28 days of the Police's application). Where such a representation is made, a hearing will be held to consider such representations within 48 hours (excluding non-working days). Where the licensing authority has already held a hearing to consider representations against the interim steps, the Premises Licence Holder may only make further representations if there has been a material change in circumstances.

**Date:** 10 May 2021