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Dear Sir/madam

**Re: Application to Vary a DPS, Qs Sports lounge, Blackpool, to MR DANIEL THOMSON**

I am in receipt of an application for a DPS variation at Q's Sports Lounge, Lytham Road, Blackpool, to Mr Daniel Thomson. On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, I make a formal objection to this application.

Police had cause to visit the premises on 17<sup>th</sup> September following reports from young females that a male who has told them he is the owner of Qs snooker club called 'Danny' is letting them in after closing and supplying them with alcohol and drugs. One female ended up requiring hospital treatment. According to police and council records the DPS and Premise Licence Holder was listed as Mr Karl Bowman.

Police arrived after hours and the door was locked. A male came to the door and identified himself as Daniel Thomson and claimed he had been running the premises since April 2016 when Mr Karl Bowman left. This means that for five months Mr Thomson hasn't informed the Council, police or any responsible authority that he is the DPS of the premises. The only reason the application has come in now is that police contacted Mr Bowman and informed him of the situation leading him to resign as DPS.

Full details of the visit can be found in the attached sheet but in summary, whilst present two males who were non-members were still drinking and two 17year old females turned up banging on the door stating their phone had been left inside. There were also issues with the day to day running of the premises in that there was not a 'non-members signing in book' and Mr Thomson wasn't aware of the conditions on the licence in relation to non-members. Mr Thomson was given suitable advice regarding sorting out the licence and warned not to let these females into the premises.

A further investigation was then made by officers later that night after the females in question had reported that Mr Thomson had invited them back to their club after police had left giving them alcohol and drugs. Both females were taken to hospital that night. Although no formal charges are being made against Mr Thomson this matter was investigated by Blackpool CID and DC Mark Hartley from Child Protection Unit has seen for himself messages sent from Mr Thomson's mobile to these females inviting them round drinks and asking for mobile number of their friend. Some of these texts were made between 04:00 – 05:00hours.

Due to these reports Q's Sports Lounge has been served with a Community Protection Warning from Community Safety Officer at Blackpool Council due to the concerns police and council have with the activities at Q's Sports Lounge.

If this application is granted, it is our belief it would seriously undermine the crime and disorder objective and also will put children at risk from harm. Also seriously undermine the status of Designated Premises Supervisors both within the licensed trade and to members of the public, police and media.

Yours faithfully

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pp Chief Superintendent